

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"City of Sylvania COVID-19 Update"

Our Sylvania community's journey through this COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as Governor DeWine and the State of Ohio allow more businesses to reopen and activities to resume. Here are the latest updates as we look ahead:

The City of Sylvania continues to provide essential police, fire, water, sewer, trash and recycling services. Both our service workers and our police are returning to normal operation schedules. City Hall remains locked, but all office functions are available via telephone or internet.

The Unlimited Spring Pick-up by Republic Services has been rescheduled for the week of July 27th through July 31st on your regular pick-up day. The normal rules apply for this unlimited pick-up.

Sylvania City Council meetings will continue to be live streamed on YouTube for the public to watch. Some City Councilmembers are choosing to join the meetings via Zoom. City Council meetings remain open to the public.

City revenues are lower because of the many business shutdowns. We are monitoring our financial situation, but no reduction in City services or employment is currently being planned. We continue to coordinate with Lucas County and the State of Ohio to maintain all services and to receive all federal and state emergency funding available.

The City of Sylvania has closed Maplewood Avenue between Main Street and Richard Becker Place to provide more area for a safe outside public gathering space downtown. The Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) is reopened, as are downtown restaurants and shops.

The Farmers Market will be held this year on Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. for at-risk customers) in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church at 7000 Erie Street beginning June 2nd.

Unfortunately, there continue to be cancellations of community activities due to the pandemic. The Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District (SAJRD) has announced the following, which can be reviewed on their Facebook page and website for updates:

- After consulting with the City of Sylvania and Sylvania Township, SAJRD cancelled the Independence Day fireworks. Like Memorial Day, we will want to recognize the day in a smaller ceremony outside, yet to be determined.
- The five Centennial Terrace national tour concerts have been cancelled for this year. Other local events are being evaluated for safety, with planning underway for restarting when permitted by Ohio safety guidelines.
- Plummer Pool and Centennial Quarry will not open for swimming this year. SAJRD Day Camps are also cancelled this year.
- On a more positive note, Youth and Adult Baseball and Softball will restart following State of Ohio guidelines. The Pickleball Courts at Veterans Memorial Field are also open.

The LPGA announced the Marathon Golf Tournament at Sylvania Highland Meadows Golf Club will be delayed and possibly held two weeks later July 20th through July 26th. It would be the first tournament of the LPGA Season, this year with a \$2,000,000.00 prize purse. Governor DeWine has been asked for approval to hold this Tournament and he is also considering the PGA Memorial Tournament to be held the week before in Dublin, Ohio.

We all need to be careful and safe as we reopen our community activities. Physical distancing and the use of a face covering helps protect the health of others, not just ourselves. Monitor and help those in need in your neighborhoods. Best wishes to all here in Sylvania! Be healthy! Be safe!

