

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough 11/19/2020

"Being Thankful"

At this Thanksgiving time of the year, it is good to reflect on and be thankful for all we have and enjoy while living here in Sylvania.

Yes, we are in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and facing new challenges for the holidays. Our Sylvania community is responding to this new reality, and working to keep all of us safe. All City services – police, fire, refuse collection, recycling, leaf collection, utilities – continue to be delivered.

We are fortunate to enjoy peace and safety. The National Election for President continues to be in the news, but in Sylvania the election went smoothly and properly with no polling place issues or security problems. Our two City Charter update issues passed by wide margins.

We are fortunate to have health care systems here in Sylvania providing excellent care. People travel miles to come to Sylvania and utilize what we have right here in our City. Flower Hospital is a key provider for COVID-19 patients who need care.

COVID-19 has caused disruption to the everyday lives of students, teachers, parents and administrators. We have excellent schools in Sylvania and they are working to keep everyone safe and still offer the best educational experience possible. The Sylvania Schools continue to draw new residents to move here to Sylvania, helping to keep our neighborhoods a place people want to live, and our property values high.

Our neighborhoods remain safe to live in and raise our families. We have excellent safety forces in our police and fire departments who respond quickly when needed. Our police have adopted new safety standards and updated procedures, and are now certified by the Ohio Police Collaborative. Our Sylvania Township Fire Department recently passed a levy to maintain their already high level of safety and service.

Our usually active and vibrant downtown, our area businesses, the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District, Senior Center, social service agencies, and churches have all adapted to the new pandemic realities. They continue working to keep us all safe while providing dependable services and helping to maintain our quality of life.

One of the best things about Sylvania has always been the quality of the people living here and volunteering all around the community. We may not be seeing as much of each other right now, but that volunteer spirit hasn't changed and continues to enrich our lives.

Yes, I am thankful to be here in Sylvania. It is a great place to live, work and raise a family. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Downtown Sylvania



Olander Park