

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough 1/5/2023

"City of Sylvania Ready for 2023"

The City of Sylvania is ready for 2023! Equipped with a balanced budget and a busy schedule of community activities and major street and infrastructure improvements, the City is looking forward to the excitement and challenges of the coming year.

Sylvania City Council unanimously approved the 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets during their November 21st meeting after several weeks of Finance Committee review and meetings. The Operating Budget is balanced with current revenues. The Capital Improvements Budget is supplemented with many State of Ohio construction grants. The books for 2022 were closed without any additional allocations.

City operations continue to be more efficient with fewer employees than fifteen years ago. Overtime is being monitored, equipment life is being extended and budgets are regularly reviewed for greater efficiency. Following the end of COVID-19 restrictions, income tax revenue increased last year as businesses continue to invest in Sylvania. City services have not been curtailed and tax rates have not been raised.

The 2023 Sylvania Community Calendar "On The Move" was mailed to all residents in mid-December and includes a complete schedule of City services collection dates and meetings. Also included on the Calendar are the dates for many of the community events and activities that make Sylvania such a great place to live, work and raise your family in.

This year also has a busy schedule of major street and infrastructure improvements planned:

- Safety improvements at the busy Monroe Street / Harroun Road intersection
- Improvements and widening of the Monroe Street / Silica Road intersection
- Replacement of the Silica Road / Ten-Mile Creek bridge
- McCord Road and Tantallon resurfacing and Altara Drive reconstruction
- New LED street lights citywide
- Updated school zone flashers

Planning will continue in 2023 for both the 2025 Downtown Main Street Transportation / Streetscape Improvements and for the 2025 US 23 / Monroe Street Intersection reconstruction. We are also continuing to envision the entire downtown area redevelopment.

And, while not a City construction project, the Verizon Cellphone tower behind Northview High School is now under construction and will provide improved cellphone service in the downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods.

2023 promises to be an exciting and constructive year for Sylvania! I wish everyone a Happy New Year and invite everyone to enjoy all that Sylvania has to offer in 2023!



2023 Sylvania City Council: Front Row Lyndsey Stough, Mark Frye, Mary Westphal; Back Row Doug Haynam, Patrick Richardson, Brian McCann, Marcus Hansen