

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough 1/4/2024

"City of Sylvania Ready for 2024"

The City of Sylvania is ready for 2024! Equipped with a balanced budget and a busy schedule of community activities and infrastructure improvements, the City is looking forward to the excitement and challenges of the coming year. During City Council's January 2nd Organizational Meeting, Mark Frye was re-elected as City Council President.

Sylvania City Council unanimously approved the 2024 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets during their December 4th 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 2023 were closed without any additional allocations in all operating and capital funds.

City operations continue to be more efficient with fewer employees than sixteen years ago. Overtime is being monitored, equipment life is being extended and budgets are regularly reviewed for greater efficiency. 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 2024 Sylvania Community Calendar "Gem of a City" 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.

Last year had a busy schedule of major street and infrastructure improvements planned and completed, including reconstruction of the Silica Road Bridge and the improvements of the Monroe Street/Harroun and Monroe Street/Silica intersections.

2024 will see fewer traffic disruptions. However, planning will continue in 2024 for both the 2025/2026 Downtown Main Street Transportation / Streetscape Improvements and for the 2025/2026 US 23 / Monroe Street Intersection reconstruction. We are also continuing to envision the entire downtown area redevelopment.

2024 promises to be an exciting and active year for Sylvania! I wish everyone a Happy New Year and invite everyone to enjoy all that Sylvania has to offer in 2024!



2024 Sylvania City Council: Front Row Lyndsey Stough, Mark Frye, Mary Westphal; Back Row Doug Haynam, Patrick Richardson, Brian McCann, Marcus Hansen