

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Arbor Day, Shred Day & Unlimited Pickups"

The City of Sylvania will have its annual Arbor Day Celebration in conjunction with the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, April 3rd during their 12:00 p.m. meeting at Sylvania Country Club. The City of Sylvania has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 42nd consecutive year.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

The Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce and Sylvania Rotary Club are again donating trees, as they have for many years. Since 1975, over 7,700 street trees have been planted by the City of Sylvania Parks and Forestry Division. City forestry programs not only plant new trees, but also prune and take care of trees in our parks, public lands and street right-of-ways. Trees that are removed for street or utility improvement projects are also replaced.

The City of Sylvania will be hosting its annual "Shred Day" on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. AccuShred LLC will bring their document destruction equipment to the Sylvania Municipal Court parking lot at 6700 Monroe Street and offer on-site shredding of documents. AccuShred is a certified information document destruction company, and will also be accepting electronic items for recycling.

Residents can bring up to 50 lbs. of personal paper documents in boxes or bags for free shredding, courtesy of AccuShred without cost to the City. That is about three medium bags or banker's boxes full of documents. Additional documents beyond 50 lbs. will also be shredded, but at a cost of \$3 per container. Staples do not need to be removed, but paper cannot be in binders nor have binder clips. At last year's Shred Day, 17,540 lbs. of paper was dropped off and shredded.

Shredding offers a practical way to recycle paper rather than bury it in a landfill and is a natural extension to the City of Sylvania's curbside materials recycling and green yard waste recycling programs. Shredding is also a safe way to dispose of personal documents that contain identity and financial information such as account numbers, social security numbers, names and addresses. Identity theft has become a bigger problem in recent years and shredding is one way to reduce your exposure to this problem.

In addition, electronic items including computers, printers, copiers, fax machines, small appliances, telephones, cell phones and DVD/VCR/CD players will again be accepted for recycling during this year's Shred Day. Computer monitors will cost \$15.00 each and televisions will not be accepted. Visit the City's website, www.cityofsylvania.com, for a complete list of electronic items that will be accepted for recycling. Last year, 3,400 lbs. of electronic items were recycled.

Also scheduled is the City's Annual Spring Green Yard Waste Special Pickup for the weeks of 4/15 (Schedule A) and 4/22 (Schedule B) on your regular green yard waste pickup day. City green yard waste bags or stickers are not required. Any type of brown bag, open container or cardboard box may be used.

And for those items not able to be recycled and appropriate for the landfill, the Spring Unlimited Household Refuse Collection is scheduled for the week of May 6th on your regular refuse collection date. Please refer to the flyer recently included with your water bill or visit the City's website for allowable items.

Please join with the City in these efforts to improve our environment by planting more trees, recycling and limiting waste that goes into landfills.