

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Sylvania Spring Update"

Once again, Sylvania is emerging from winter with a beautiful spring season. Every spring, Sylvania has a great show of flowering trees and flowers, and 2024 is proving to be another magnificent one. Sylvania is a great place to enjoy spring as the days lengthen and the weather warms.

Along with the beautiful blooms, Sylvania is entering Graduation Season. Our Sylvania area educational institutions are a primary reason people choose to raise their families in Sylvania. As the academic year comes to a close, commencements are scheduled for May 4th at Lourdes University and June 2nd for Northview and Southview High Schools.

Work on public infrastructure projects, delayed over the winter, have resumed. New school zone flashing light upgrades and replacements started last fall are now mostly complete. Street and intersection improvements at Monroe/Harroun and Monroe/Silica have also resumed, with final traffic light installations and cleanup taking place.

Also resuming is work at Harroun Park Stream Restoration Phase 2. Though slowed by flooding following heavy rains in mid-April, the contractor is back at work improving the banks of the Ottawa River to reduce erosion and improve water clarity downstream and out to Lake Erie. These improvements are mostly paid for with State of Ohio Water Quality grant money.

Starting this spring are paving and sewer improvements to Main Street between Ten Mile Creek and Convent Boulevard. Some sewer lining and pipe replacements have already taken place. Paving improvements won't start until summer after the schools are out.

Another pavement improvement this summer will be McCord Road between Sylvania Avenue and Brint Road. Thanks to Ohio grant money, this resurfacing project is being completed almost entirely without local tax dollars.

A very well-attended public meeting about the upcoming 2025 and 2026 Downtown Sylvania streetscape improvements was held in City Council Chambers on April 17th. Many interested people were on hand to view the latest designs, ask questions and make comments for the engineers. The latest designs are on display in City Hall.

Finally, April 20th saw another busy and successful Shred Day. Hundreds of residents dropped off records for safe shredding and recycling. Shred Day has proven to be an annual success for our residents.

Yes, Sylvania is a great place to be in the springtime! As the weather improves and activities increase, get out and enjoy life here in Sylvania.

