

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough 6/27/2024

### "Independence Day Events Planned"

On July 4, 1776 John Adams, signer of the newly written Declaration of Independence and future second president of the United States, publicly predicted that July 4<sup>th</sup> would be celebrated with festivals and parades, athletic competitions, oratory and fireworks forevermore. From what was a very dangerous and uncertain future 248 years ago, his words were truly prophetic.

His message is still clear here in Sylvania. Independence Day, 2024 is nearly upon us, and Sylvania has a large public event planned to honor America and celebrate our freedom on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Centennial Terrace. Starting at 7:00 p.m. there will be entertainment, live music and food. And once it gets dark, we will have one of the biggest and best fireworks display in Northwest Ohio. Thousands of people will be on hand to enjoy them. The fireworks can also be viewed very well from Pacesetter Park.

Our thanks to Sylvania Township for helping to sponsor these fireworks along with the City of Sylvania. Thank you also to the many volunteers for this very special event, and also to SAJRD for their hard work and planning. Proceeds from this event go towards the continuing improvements and operation of Centennial Terrace, a wonderful asset for the entire community.

Other major activities planned this summer in Sylvania are the Dana LPGA Golf Tournament held at Highland Meadows Golf Club during the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Sylvania Pizza Palooza is scheduled for the same week on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Terrace.

There are summer First Friday Art Walks in downtown Sylvania on July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Plein Air Festival is returning to downtown Sylvania for a second consecutive year the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Well done Sylvania Redbird! And downtown Sylvania continues to have a DORA, or Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, available every night.

There are concerts scheduled throughout the summer at Centennial Terrace. There are Farmers Markets every Tuesday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Olander Park until September 10<sup>th</sup>. Centennial Terrace and Plummer Pool are open every day for swimming, and the beach is open at Olander Park Wednesday thru Sunday.

Riding Late in County 48 will take place on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The Sylvania Triathlon/Duathlon is scheduled for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Olander Park.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer – Sylvania is a great place to enjoy it.

