

MAYOR'S MESSAGE – Arbor Day, Shred Day & Pick-up

"Arbor Day, Shred Day & Unlimited Pickups"

The City of Sylvania had its annual Arbor Day Celebration in conjunction with the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, April 2nd during their noon meeting at Sylvania Country Club. The City of Sylvania has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 43rd 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 have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

For many years, the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce and Sylvania Rotary Club have donated trees. Many thanks for that continued community support. Since 1975, over 7,800 street trees have been planted by the City of Sylvania Parks and Forestry Division. But that is just one task of many that they perform. The Forestry Division also prunes and take care of trees in our parks, public lands and street rights-of-way. They plant and maintain many of the beautiful flowers you see around the City as well.

The City of Sylvania will be hosting its annual "Shred Day" on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AccuShred 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.

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. If you have more to shred AccuShred will charge of \$3 per container. Staples do not need to be removed, but paper cannot be in binders nor have binder clips. We typically see between 8 and 10 tons of paper shredded.

Shredding offers a practical way to keep your personal information on various documents like bank statements, credit card and investment statements confidential. This helps avoid one route for identity theft. Shredding these documents allows that paper to be recycled rather than burying it in a landfill. Like the City's curbside recycling and green yard waste programs, shredding is a simple and inexpensive way to help our environment.

In addition, AccuShred will also be accepting electronic items such as computers, printers, copiers, fax machines, small appliances, telephones, and cell phones during this year's Shred Day. Computer monitors will cost \$15.00 each but 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, over 3,000 lbs. of electronic items were recycled.

And for those items not able to be recycled and appropriate for the landfill, the City's Spring Unlimited Household Refuse Collection is scheduled for the week of April 28th 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.