

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Downtown Sylvania Update"

Downtown Sylvania continues to be a major focal point for our community. The Fall Festival was held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 with thousands of people in attendance on a cool autumn day. The Chamber of Commerce reported a record number of 174 vendors, up greatly from previous years.

The main feature of the Festival was the parade. The Festival also featured live entertainment, food vendors, pumpkin carving, pie baking, donut eating challenges and dino races. My thanks and congratulations to Michelle Sprott and the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce for their wonderful efforts again making this a great event for Sylvania.

Also that same day, the blacksmith barn at the Sylvania Historical Village was named for Joy and Bob Armstrong, recognizing all they have done for the Historical Village just north of the downtown. Their efforts were critical to the success of establishing and growing the Historical Village into what it is today.

There is a Downtown Delight Shopping night scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018, a 5K Run on Sunday, December 2, 2018 and the Miracle on Main weekend including the Red Bird Art Walk the weekend of December 7-9, 2018, and the arrival of Santa Claus.

The City will be lighting a new Holiday tree this year for Downtown. The official tree is moving from the corner park at Maplewood and Main Streets to the Historical Village next to the train barn. That lighting will take place the evening of Friday, December 7, 2018.

Soon we will again see the wonderful holiday lights that the Chamber of Commerce helped add to our downtown last year. The lights will be turned on for the season at the Red Bird Art Walk on Friday, November 2, 2018.

New businesses continue to move into downtown Sylvania, most recently Wildwood Anglers and Sunika Shoe Store. Further, downtown building owners continue to invest in and improve their properties. Haymarket Square just improved their parking lot and Element 112 is planning on some improvements in their banquet space. Inside the Five is looking at ways to improve and expand their successful new venue.

The intersection of Main and Monroe and the new street scape look great after the reconstruction work undertaken this past summer. Except for installing the crosswalk markings and painting the traffic light poles, the work is nearly complete and should be done soon.

All in all, our Sylvania downtown continues to grow in vitality and appeal, drawing more and more people into our community for festivals, art walks, special events, shopping, dining, services and more. Thank you to all the downtown organizations and downtown businesses for making Sylvania a better place to live, work and raise a family.



2018 Fall Festival Parade