

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"Back to School in Sylvania"

Yes, can you believe it? It is time to go back to school in Sylvania. The Sylvania City Schools are scheduled to open on August 19th for grades 1 through 6 and 9, August 20th for grades 7, 8 and 10 through 12, and August 26th for Kindergarten.

Public education is perhaps the biggest contributor to the high quality of life in Sylvania. Many families, including my own clear back in 1961, moved to Sylvania for the quality of the Sylvania City Schools. Add to that our excellent private and parochial schools, and Lourdes University, and it is clear to see education is very important to the success of Sylvania.

Beginning August 19th, keep your eyes open for more traffic on the roads, children walking and biking to school and school busses in the neighborhoods. Keep a safe distance from all, including school busses stopped for loading and unloading.

City of Sylvania street construction is winding down for the year. Two-way traffic has resumed on Sylvania Avenue giving full access to Southview High School. Final pavement surfacing and striping is not scheduled for completion until September 14th, but will not obstruct school day traffic.

In case you haven't heard yet, our City Police Department has a new Community Affairs Sergeant, Sgt. Stacey Pack. She has been employed with the Sylvania Police Department for 22 years. She began her career as a patrolman, but was also a School Resource Officer at Northview High School for approximately 5 years and taught D.A.R.E. at Sylvania Franciscan Academy in the early 2000s. Sgt. Pack oversees her staff of two Student Resource Officers, one at Northview (Ptln. Gallup) and the other at Southview (Ptln. Beadle) along with the Sylvania Schools D.A.R.E. officer for the elementary and middle schools (Ptln. Pooley) located in the City.

Also new this year, Sylvania Schools welcomes their new Superintendent, Jane Spurgeon. Ms. Spurgeon previously served the district as a Counselor, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Human Resources, and Assistant Superintendent from 2001-2016. She continued a relationship with the district as a substitute principal through the spring of 2019. She will lead the district for the 2019-2020 school year.

August 19th is the first day of school, always a big day in Sylvania. We wish all students and staff a great school year. As schools reopen and we return to fall schedules, come out and enjoy all that Sylvania has to offer!

