

The City of Niles



CITY OF NILES

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Park/Cemetery.....1140
Wellness Center.....1300
Law Dept.....1501
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Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. I would like to thank The Avenue & Main community group for their hard work with the Fourth of July parade and Harry Stevens Day, as well as those involved in the Miss Niles Pageant. A special thank you goes out to all of our residents and businesses who participated in the parade. You are the reason Niles is such a strong city. As we move into construction season, please remember to use caution while traveling through construction zones and be aware of walkers, joggers, and bicyclists on our streets and sidewalks. We are excited about the many improvements that the city is taking on this summer. Information about our park and library events are highlighted within this edition of the Mayor's newsletter. Also, I am happy to announce that our dog park is officially open. We still have additional features planned, so please be patient as they come along and as always, feel free to stop in the Mayor's Office to say hello...

~ Mayor Mientkiewicz

The Niles Historical Society will host their annual Heritage Day on Sunday, August 18, 2019. The event is set to begin at 11am. at the Ward-Thomas House. Come join the fun!



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CITY ORDINANCE:

Residents shall not place trash receptacles or rubbish at the curb prior to noon before regularly scheduled trash pick-up. Receptacles or bulk items need to be removed from the curb no later than 12 hours after pick-up per Niles City Ordinance 951.07. To schedule bulk pick-up, please contact Republic Services.

Important Reminders:

- Niles City Council will hold one meeting in the month of August, due to summer recess. Council will meet on August 21st at 6:00p.m.
- The dates for the city-wide garage sale will be August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Permit fees have been waived for Niles residents.



Please log-on to www.thecityofniles.com to view our website. Our new site is more user friendly, more professional, and contains more useful information.

Neighborhood Stabilization

It is our goal to act aggressively and enforce ordinances that will allow us to stabilize our neighborhoods. This is a “team” approach between the city and our residents, who strive to hold Niles to a higher standard. The Housing Department is actively monitoring and citing rental properties that pose code violations. 766 housing inspections have been completed up to this point in the year. Please forward any complaints to our Housing Department. We also have our vacant property registration program underway. Any vacant residential or commercial property that is vacant and has code violations will be cited, placed on the registry, and issued fines until the issues are rectified. Sixty-five residential Vacant Property Registration (VPR) letters have been mailed up to this point in the year and forty-one properties were registered, generating \$8,600.00 in revenue.

What To Look For On Your Monthly Utility Statement?

When reading your monthly utility bill, take a glance at the back of the bill to verify whether you received an actual or estimated reading. Typically, utility customers will receive an actual reading. If actual, you will see the abbreviation **ACT**. If estimated, you will see the abbreviation **EST**. All actual readings reflect the accurate amount of electric or water usage for that billing period.

Occasionally, customers may receive an estimated bill. If you received an estimated reading for the billing period, it is an estimated amount from of your previous statements. Please contact the utility billing office immediately, so that our customer service technicians can make sure your meter or MIU is functioning properly and take an actual reading. Adjustments to estimated bills will be made on the following months statement.

For more information call the utility billing office at 330-544-9000 ext.1150.

Mosquito Control

Because we are in mosquito season, and the emergence of mosquito borne illness, such as West Nile Virus, Chikugunya, and Zika Virus may be present, the city recently completed one of two applications of mosquito spraying throughout the city. Mosquito spraying was completed on June 25th and a second application will occur on July 22nd. at a cost of \$2,983.00. Please keep children and pets indoors during the evening hours while spraying occurs. The City of Niles and Trumbull County Combined Health District have teamed up to reduce the mosquito population in the community and protect residents from mosquito bites. As such, the TCCHD will be providing, at no cost to the residents, a mosquito larvaciding service, which are tablets dropped into stagnant water to inhibit mosquito breeding. Please contact the Mayor’s office for mosquito tablets.



Are you signed up for NIXLE???

Niles residents can register to receive text alerts for severe weather, community events, and emergencies including power outages, water break/boil alerts, traffic delays, and AMBER alerts. To sign up, visit the homepage of the city website.

Updates from the Safety Departments

Niles Police- Chief Jaison Holland

Please be mindful when driving on city roadways of children playing outside, bicyclists, and pedestrians walking/jogging this summer. Please adhere to city speed limits.

As of July 15th, the Niles Police Department has handled 7,382 calls for service.

Officer Andrew Hacker has been hired as a new patrol officer in the city. He is a recent graduate of the Youngstown State Police Academy. Officer Hacker was sworn in on July 10th by Mayor Mientkiewicz. His hire brings the department to our full authorized strength of 36 Officers.

We soon expect delivery of four 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility models. Look for this completely redesigned Explorer to be patrolling the streets by late summer. With this vehicle purchase, we will only have 9 older model Crown Victoria sedans still in service in our fleet of 37.



Niles Fire- Chief Dave Danielson

Fire hydrant flushing has been completed. All hydrants have been flushed and tested by the Niles fire department. The City of Niles website has the burning ordinance for all to read. We have been busy the last three months with annual maintenance to equipment and vehicles making sure everything is in working order. Station 8's interior was painted; a new HVAC unit was installed at station 7 and various repairs are currently underway at the safety service building. Lastly, we are in the final stages of hiring a new firefighter to bring the department up to the authorized staffing level of 33 firefighters.

RECYCLING:

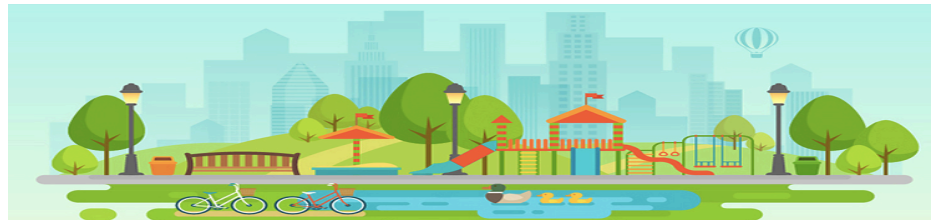
Recycle stations are located behind the Safety-Service Complex. Please recycle responsibly and be sure all recyclables are placed in the bins and not in areas outside of the recycle bins. Visit the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste website, www.gottagogreen.org, for more information.



Park and Cemetery News

Music & Movement is scheduled for July 26th and Aug 23rd and the annual dog show will be August 16-18th. Both events will take place at the Niles Wellness Center. Please contact the wellness center for more information. Summer movie night in the park will continue on August 9th (Spiderman-Into the Spider Universe) and September 13th (Goosebumps) at Waddell Park. Movies begin at 9pm.

Niles Farmers Markets will be held on the front lawn of the McKinley Memorial from 4-7pm. The summer dates are July 25, August 15, 22, 29, and September 5, 12, 19, 26. Come join our local vendors for fresh food and live music!



Phase II of the columbarium project will include new concrete sidewalks around the columbarium's this summer. The 48-niche columbarium's are currently for sale. Information and pricing can be found on the city website or by calling 330-544-9000 ext. 1140.

The City of Niles

>Vision

>Planning

>Success

As the city continues to move into the 21st century, we are currently exploring various fiber runs throughout the city, providing high-speed internet access at a lower cost. The city is looking to run its own fiber line from City Hall to the waste water treatment plant & new water department building, allowing for future cost savings. The project is slated for the end of summer at a cost estimated at 90k.



Updates from the Service Departments

The 2019 Street resurfacing program will commence in August. Streets to be resurfaced will consist of the following: Belmont, Henry, Clinton, Niles Vienna, Taft, Lantern Lane, Brentwood, Morningside, Emmet, Washington, Lakeview, West, Church, Brown, Shaker Blvd, Robbins Ave., and Shadowridge Dr.

ODOT will be resurfacing portions of SR 169 and SR 422 within Niles city limits. The two areas will consist of SR 169 from Cleveland Ave. to McKinley Heights and SR 422 from Niles Vienna to McKinley Heights. A twenty percent match was required by the city at a cost of \$48,870. The projects are scheduled to take place in the late summer.

North Road waterline replacement has been approved. The engineers total estimate for this project is approximately \$267,680.00 with \$144, 547.00 covered by a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission. McKee's Lane sanitary sewer project is set to begin mid-August and Difford Drive waterline replacement will commence in early September.

Niles City Council approved the purchase of a 37ft. aerial bucket truck for the light department. The total cost including accessories is \$117,760.00. The unit will be purchased through state purchasing and replace a 2010 bucket truck.

Construction of the new 35 million-dollar renovation to the wastewater treatment plant is now complete. The city will begin to repay a twenty-year low interest OWDA loan with bi-yearly installments of \$958,000.00. The payments will be divided between Niles, McDonald and Trumbull County. An open house for Niles residents will be scheduled toward the end of the summer.

Annual fire hydrant replacement will begin in August. The Niles water department will be replacing twelve inoperable hydrants throughout the city. This is another progressive step that the city is taking to upgrade its' aged infrastructure. Please be patient as water service can be temporarily affected.

Auditor
Giovanni Merlo

Treasurer
Stephen Telego

*Visit the Ohio online
checkbook to see all city
expenditures.*

Niles Wellness Center

Yearly membership fees for
Niles residents are as
followed:

General (Track/Court) \$35
Fitness (Individual) \$140
Family Fitness \$240

Quarterly Financial Report

As we continue to grow our general fund, we finished ended the half way point of the fiscal year with a positive fund balance of \$7,130,659.26 with an encumbrance of \$205,349.27. The general fund pays for our safety forces, parks, cemetery, building, housing, zoning, and streets.

Niles City Council recently adopted a resolution allowing the City of Niles to participate in the 2019 RITA subpoena program, which will allow RITA to recover delinquent city income tax. RITA will notify residents before sending the subpoena. Should you receive a letter from RITA about delinquent taxes, please contact them at your earliest convenience at 1-800-860-7482 EXT: 5002. Approximately 4,000 letters have been mailed out by RITA, effective July 15, 2019 to Niles residents who failed to file municipal income tax returns and have ignored or disregarded previous notification attempts.

City wide overtime for the first half of the year came in at \$210,604.39, which is within budget. This number reflects emergency services for snow and ice removal, water break repairs, sewer backups, power outages, and police/fire overtime.



NILES BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Ultimutt Pet Pawlour

312 North Main St.
Niles, OH 44446

330-989-2599

Hours: Tues-Sat 9-5

ULTIMUTT PET PAWLOUR is a Niles business that specializes in professional dog grooming. Elena Jones opened her business in 2016 and since then it has grown into one of the many thriving businesses in downtown Niles.



Located on North Main Street, Ultimutt is a professional all breed pet grooming business, offering full-service grooming packages, nail trim packages, bath & brush packages and more... Ultimutt specializes in using soap free-cruelty free shampoos and has skin regimens available. Its large, clean environment caters to all breeds from puppy to senior. Visits are by appointment only, so please call ahead of time and speak to one of their friendly groomers for scheduling.

Ultimutt offers a clean and relaxed environment for every dog and their pet parent. Using only soap free-cruelty free products, they offer an array of shampoos to help you achieve the desired outcome for your pet. For those with skin conditions that need a little more TLC; they offer a skin regime that will help to alleviate sores, hot spots, as well as, working with your vet to take great care of your pet.

With a combined grooming experience of 25 years, each groomer offers a unique set of skills to make your dog's visit a pleasant one. Being a one-on-one grooming salon, Ultimutt offers an individualized experience and always strives to be open and honest with their clients, helping to achieve a more genuine rapport for the overall health and well-being of your pet.

When deciding on where she should open her pet grooming business, Elena said that she felt confident in opening up her salon in Niles because her husband's family also had a successful business in the city. She felt that giving back to the community and helping it to prosper was very important to her family.

"The growth of a community and its people are dear to our hearts. We love the people and the dogs of our little town!"

- Elena Jones, Ultimutt owner

To find out for information about Ultimutt Pet Pawlour, please visit their website at www.UltimuttPetPawlour.com or check them out on Facebook @UltimuttPetPawlour.

TIRE DROP-OFF:

Annual tire drop-off will take place the first week in September. Niles residents will be permitted to drop-off an unlimited number of tires near the recycling bins during that week. Tires only, NO rims. More information about the program will be available on the city website.

2020 Census

Please be aware of the 2020 census and take the time to participate. The upcoming census data is critical for the city to obtain federal funding. More info can be found at www.census.gov.

Niles residents can join the 2020 Census team by becoming an official Census Tracker. Those who are interested must apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. The 2020 Census positions provide great pay, flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020.