

Quarterly
Newsletter
Fall 2020

The City of Niles



CITY OF NILES

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Park/Cemetery.....1140
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Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz



Niles residents,

Fall is in the air and that means spending some time outdoors with our families and enjoying the season together. Have fun this Fall at the Stevens Park tennis and pickleball courts. The courts were recently resurfaced and are ready for play! We are noticing high amounts of speeding on many of the newly paved roads. Please be cautious of children playing and obey speed limit signs at all times. As we continue to navigate our way through the COVID-19 situation, make sure to help prevent the spread of the virus by wearing a mask in public, washing your hands, and staying home if you are sick. It is my hope that we can curb this virus together so that all of our residents have a safe and healthy holiday season. Finally, I would like to recognize all of our Niles men and women who have served, this Veteran's Day. Thank You! Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

~ Mayor Mientkiewicz

The City of Niles will hold Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will follow guidelines and orders set by the Ohio Department of Health. Please review safety guidelines found within this issue.



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CITY ORDINANCE:

Metal roofs shall be permitted in residentially zoned areas and shall be installed in compliance with all requirements of the OBC... NCO 1157.13

Important Reminders:

- Election Day is November 3rd.
- Veteran's Day is November 11th.
- Fall hydrant flushing is underway. Check the city website for details about the program.
- Online bill-pay is available through the city website (fee associated). You can pay online through your personal online banking to avoid a fee.
- City Hall remains open for appointment only. Please use the West entrance to access the building.
- The Niles Wellness Center is open to members only. To join, please contact the Park Office.



SKIP THE RAKE. LEAVE THE LEAVES.

MAKE YOUR YARD AND GARDENS HEALTHIER WITH FALL LEAVES.

- MOW THEM SEVERAL TIMES AND LEAVE THEM ON THE LAWN AS MULCH.
- ADD THEM TO YOUR COMPOST PILE AS LAYERS TO COVER FOOD WASTE.
- SPREAD A THICK LAYER AROUND TREES AND FLOWER BEDS.

Did you know... according to the U.S. EPA, leaves and other yard debris account for more than 33. Million tons of waste in landfills every year! Leaving the leaves on your lawn benefits wildlife and mulching the leaves into your lawn provides free fertilizer and suppresses annual weeds like dandelions. One place that leaves never belong is in a storm drain, so put your leaves to work or dispose of them properly.

Did you know... leaf and branch pick-up are included with your trash service through Republic Services. During the autumn season we are all hard at work to make our yards are looking great. Make sure to bag your leaves and place them at the curb on trash day. Try to limit your bags of leaves to ten per household, to avoid a special pick-up. Cut branches no longer than four feet and bundle them with the cut ends toward the street. Piles of branches should not be longer than four feet

TIP: purchase paper biodegradable bags from your local hardware store.

For more information on yard waste & debris removal please visit:

www.republicservices.com



Waterline Replacment

The North Road waterline project will begin near the end of the year. This project is funded by an OPWC grant, in the amount of \$144,547.00. The project will consist of replacing 1,210 feet of waterline, 2 hydrants, 6 valves, and 2 services.

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Niles residents can register to receive Nixle 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.



Niles City Hall will be CLOSED on the following days in observance of the holidays listed:

Thanksgiving
Nov. 26, 27
Christmas
Dec. 24, 25
New Year's
Dec. 31, Jan 1



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Celebrating Halloween



Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to use caution and plan ahead for Halloween festivities. Decisions on whether to participate should be made by local communities, individuals, and parents/ guardians. Always follow current state public health orders and rules/regulations established by your local community and check the Ohio Public Health Advisory System to determine COVID-19 risk levels in your county before making decisions about Halloween activities. Some communities may choose to cancel Halloween events, so check with local sources before making plans.

- Always wear a face covering and stay 6 feet away from people who are not from your household, whether trick-or-treating, passing out treats, or attending attractions or events. Stay home if you are sick.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- If taking your children trick-or-treating, limit the number of houses you visit and ask your children to stay as far from treat-givers as possible. For small children, consider holding the bag for them.
- Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes when you arrive home. (
- Refrain from having children select their own treats from a bowl/common container or set up a hand-sanitizing station. Consider placing treats on porch steps or a table in the driveway with a sign asking children to take only one. Or use other creative ways to distribute treats, such as using a candy "slide" made of PVC pipe, or hanging treats from a wall or fence.

For more information on safe Trick-or-Treat please visit:

www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

City Cemetery News

Fall paving will begin in October. The city has allocated approximately twenty-five thousand dollars for cemetery road resurfacing. Please use caution while driving in the cemetery while work is being performed.

The Fall "clean-up" takes place from October 1-November 1. All decorations and affixed flowers should be removed within the above dates or they will otherwise be disposed of by cemetery personnel. Winter holiday decorations and flowers including wreaths on wire easels and winter grave blankets are permitted after November 1.

Grave restorations will take place throughout the Fall months. Cemetery personnel is responsible for leveling and seeding individual burial sites.

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Message from the Planning & Permitting Department...

You can now apply for, purchase, and receive building and zoning permits through our new online permitting portal. Contractor registration can be completed by viewing the Planning & Permitting page of the city website.

Voting Information

The 2020 General Election is on Tuesday, November 3rd. Please visit the Trumbull County Board of Elections website for voter information.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Niles, you can vote in-person at the following locations:

Precinct	Location	Address
1-A	Niles Christian Assembly	672 North Road
1-C	Fairhaven School	420 Lincoln Way
1-D	Fairhaven School	420 Lincoln Way
2-A	Rhodes Administration Building	309 Rhodes Avenue
2-B	Rhodes Administration Building	309 Rhodes Avenue
2-C	Rhodes Administration Building	309 Rhodes Avenue
2-E	Rhodes Administration Building	309 Rhodes Avenue
3-A	First United Methodist Church	608 Crandon Avenue
3-C	First United Methodist Church	608 Crandon Avenue
3-D	First United Methodist Church	608 Crandon Avenue
4-A	First Baptist Church	26 Church Street
4-C	First Baptist Church	26 Church Street
4-D	First Baptist Church	26 Church Street

Did you know... Early voting will take place at the Early Voting Center, 2911 Youngstown Rd SE, next to the Board of Elections. The in-person early voting calendar can be found on the BOE website.

Auditor:
Giovanni Merlo

Treasurer:
Stephen Telego



Visit the Ohio online checkbook to see all city expenditures.

Quarterly Financial Report

As we continue to monitor our general fund, we ended the third quarter of the fiscal year with a positive fund balance of \$8,731,420.06, with an encumbrance of \$322,037.54. The general fund pays for our safety forces, parks, cemetery, building, housing, zoning, and streets. All enterprise accounts remain positive, including electric, water, and sewer.

City wide overtime through the third quarter of the year came in at \$281,090.84, 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.

The Auditor and Treasurers offices are working very close with R.I.T.A to monitor income tax collections and evaluating how the COVID-19 situation will affect general fund revenues. The City continues to make cost-saving adjustments to the overall budget in an effort to make sure that our finances remain solvent due to income tax loss or delay. As we move toward the end of the fiscal year, we will see actual dollars lost or delayed due to the COVID-19 situation. The city has already realized approximately \$650,000.00 worth of budget cuts up to this point.