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Newsletter  
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# The City of Niles



## CITY OF NILES

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### Departments by extension:

Administration.....	1100
Auditor.....	1120
Billing.....	1150
Treasurer.....	1130
Light.....	1160
Development.....	1170
Planning/Permitting.....	1180
Street.....	1190
Water/Sewer.....	3101
Park/Cemetery.....	1140
Wellness Center.....	1300
Law Dept.....	1501
Senior Center.....	2555
Human Recourses.....	1115

## NILES CITY COUNCIL

President of Council:  
Robert Marino, Jr.

Council At Large:  
Michael Lastic  
Barry Profato  
Jimmy Julian

1st Ward: Doug Sollitto  
2nd Ward: Sheri Smith  
3rd Ward: Linda Marchese  
4th Ward: Al Cantola

Clerk of Council:  
Nicole Bacak

## Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz



Niles residents,

As we turn the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic, I am certain we all are looking forward to brighter, longer and warmer days as we enter the Spring season. The “new norm” is upon us and now is the time to enjoy some of the great amenities around town, including the Stevens Park Story Walk and Pickle Ball courts, the Niles-Greenway Bike trail, or the Waddell Dog Park. We are continuing to keep the promises made to our taxpayers with many improvements coming your way throughout the Spring and into Summer, from street paving to LED lighting to neighborhood demolition. I want to thank the Trumbull County Health District and those who took the time to complete our online active transportation survey. We are now in the planning phase and I am excited to finally begin to incorporate an Active Transportation Plan for the City. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

~Mayor Mientkiewicz

During Spring clean-up, Republic will dispose of yard debris and tree branches. Please do not leave bulk waste at the curb without scheduling a special pick-up. If you have questions regarding trash collection, visit the Republic website for more information. Drop-off recycling is available in the bins located behind the police station.



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## CITY ORDINANCE:

The Ohio EPA requires that the City of Niles implement a backflow prevention program in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-95. The City of Niles administers the annual Backflow Program in accordance with City Ordinance 921.07. State regulations place the responsibility on the water customer to properly maintain and ensure that cross-connections are not created and that backflow prevention devices are tested annually under the City's backflow program. All device inspection reports should be sent to The City of Niles for tracking [aking@thecityofniles.com](mailto:aking@thecityofniles.com) or 330-544-9000 ext. 1101. Visit the Water page of the City website for more backflow information.

## City-Wide Street Sweeping Program

The Niles Street Department is responsible for the removal of dirt and debris from the city's 87- miles of street and preventative maintenance on the city's storm sewer system. Routine street sweeping occurs throughout the year, except for the months of December, January, February, and July. Sweeping occurs in each precinct for one period each month. Inclement weather, holiday's, or additional departmental assignment may delay sweeping operations in a precinct. Make-up sweeping will take place on Friday's, when necessary. Sweeping occurs each week, from 7:00am. to 3:00pm. on the following schedule:

Week 1- Ward 1 (1A-Monday, 1C-Wendesday, 1D- Thursday)

Week 2- Ward 2 (2A-Monday, 2B-Tuesday, 2C-Wendesday, 2E- Thursday)

Week 3- Ward 3 (3A-Monday, 3C-Wendesday, 3D- Thursday)

Week 4- Ward 4 (4A-Monday, 4C-Wendesday, 4D- Thursday)

*\*For questions about the street sweeping program or to report a street that was missed, contact the Mayor's Office at 330-544-9000 ext. 1101.*

*\*Do not blow grass clippings, leaves, or rubbish into the street.*

*\*Do not park vehicles on the street during routine sweeping times.*

*\*Do not place portable basketball hoops or trash receptacles on the street during routine sweeping times.*

**A clean swept street means a more attractive neighborhood and less pollution down the storm drain. Thank you for your assistance.**

## Earth Day 2021:

- Earth Day is April 22 of each year. The theme for Earth Day 2020 is **RESTORE OUR EARTH**. Please consider doing something environmentally friendly on this day. For ideas or info visit [earthday.org](http://earthday.org).

## Niles Wellness Center

The City recently updated the entire wellness center fitness room with new cardio and weight training equipment. This includes new treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, and weight training machines. The equipment was included in the 2021 budget and replaces outdated equipment that was installed when the facility was first built. The fitness room is clean, quiet, and family friendly. Contact the wellness center office at 330-544-9000 ext. 1140 for membership information or other questions regarding the wellness center.



## The City of Niles

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### 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.

### Save the Date...

The Am. Legion Post 106 and the Mayors Veteran Advisory Board will host a Memorial Day ceremony at the Niles Cemetery on May 31. Contact the Mayor's Office for details.



## Important Notices

Help reduce neighborhood flooding throughout the Spring months. Please refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street and make sure that catch basins are clear of debris.

The Niles Fire Department will be conducting Spring hydrant flushing, in an effort to help maintain the water quality and evaluate the effectiveness of all hydrants serviced by The City of Niles. The flushing program will begin on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Keep your property up to code by ensuring residential lawns are maintained to a height of not more than six inches. Grass or weeds in excess of six inches may be declared a public nuisance.

Niles Municipal Court received a grant from the state to put towards upgrading computer hardware. The Ohio Department of Public Safety awarded \$16,606.00 to the court. The money will be used for new computer hardware, curved monitors, virus protection software and Microsoft Teams.

Now that Spring has sprung, citizens will be spending more time outdoors and enjoying backyard fires. Please remember that Niles has an open burning policy. For more information, visit the "Fire" page of the city website or contact the Niles Fire Department. Use caution, be safe, and have fun!

National Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please express your utmost appreciation to the Niles Light Department for always keeping your power on, especially during times of inclement weather.

## New City Council Member

Jimmy Julian was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on Niles City Council. He replaces Councilman Ryan McNaughton, who accepted a position with the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber. Councilman Julian assumes the at-large role, serving city residents in all four wards. He is a life-long Niles resident, graduate of Niles McKinley (2011), and works as a commercial recruiter for Nesco Resource. Councilman Julian is excited to serve the citizens of the city, is pleased to see the direction Niles has been moving over the past few years and would like the opportunity to contribute to the momentum as a representative of Council. He is a board member of the Avenue & Main and an officer in the Niles Democrat Club. You can email the Councilman by visiting the "Council" page of the city website.

*Councilman Julian accompanied by his parents and sworn in by the honorable Judge Shaker.*



## Was your yard or sidewalk damaged?

*Restorations from Winter waterline repairs will begin this Spring. If your property was affected by excavation due to a water break, please contact the Director of Public Service and the City will schedule the repair.*

## City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale

*The annual city-wide garage/yard sale will be held on May 28,29,30. All permit fees have been waived for Niles residents. Enjoy!*

## Construction Season

The City will continue its annual street resurfacing program throughout the Spring and Summer months. Please use caution and be aware of traffic delays in work zones. You can report potholes on your street by calling City Hall or by visiting the homepage of the City website.

The local street resurfacing program will consist of the following streets: Gypsy Lane, Difford, Pepperwood, Black Oak, North Crandon, Summit, Beaver, Gilbert, Pearl, John, Wilson, Maple, West Park, and East State. Alternates will consist of the following streets: Meadowlark, Liberty, Battles, and Thomas.



The LED street lighting program will continue with the installation of 300 LED lights within the residential neighborhoods. This is a continued effort by the City to upgrade its aged infrastructure and become more sustainable. The \$60,000.00 annual project will consist of the following streets: Sunny Estates, Baldwin, High, Peffer, Scott, Ann, Kearney, Clark, Youll, Wilson, Wade, Helen, Gypsy, Lawnview, and Mistletoe.

Hydrant and valve replacement will continue throughout construction season. Please be patient as this work may temporarily affect water service. This program allows the City to preform preventative maintenance to the Public Water System and meet Ohio EPA guidelines.

## Auditor:

Giovanni Merlo

## Treasurer:

Stephen Telego



*Visit the Ohio Online Checkbook to see all city expenditures.*

## Quarterly Financial Report

The city continues to maintain strong fiscal oversight, in regard to income tax collections and expenditures of tax-payer dollars. The General Fund balance after the first quarter is at \$10,872,846.00. The enterprise funds include utility revenue from water, light, and sewer customers. The current balance for the Light fund is approximately 14.1 million dollars, the Water fund balance is approximately 3.4 million dollars, and the Sewer fund balance forward is approximately 3.7 million dollars. Our goal is to continue to grow these funds, while aggressively reinvesting back into our aged infrastructure and keeping our utility rates stable for Niles utility customers. Total net income tax revenue throughout the first quarter of 2021 is \$2,071,119.80.

City wide overtime through the fourth quarter of 2020 came in at \$98,185.83, 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.