

Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2021

#### CITY OF NILES

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#### **NILES CITY COUNCIL**

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# Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz



Niles residents,

You will notice repaying of cemetery roads this Fall. This is the second year in a row that the roads are being repaved in the cemetery. Moving into the Fall season means spending some time outdoors with our families and enjoying the season together. Have fun this Fall at the Kennedy Park basketball courts. The courts were recently resurfaced with lines, new nets and are ready for play! I would like to recognize all our Niles men and women who have served, this Veteran's Day. A small ceremony will take place in the cemetery and at Veteran's Memorial Park. Please join us in honoring our Veteran's. American Rescue Plan Act funds are being allocated to the city in an amount of approximately 1.8 million dollars. It our plan to utilize these dollars on mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and upgrading our aged infrastructure. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call

#### ~ Mayor Mientkiewicz

The City of Niles will hold both the parade and trick-or-treat on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The parade will begin at noon and trick-or-treat will be held from 5:00-7:00, rain or shine. Enjoy!

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#### **CITY ORDINANCE:**

Each and every sidewalk or part thereof shall be constructed or repaired by the owner of the property abutting thereon within such time after legal notice of the passing of a resolution requiring the same, or legal notice to repair the same, as is or may be fixed by statute. NCO905.03

#### **Important Reminders:**

- -Election Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact the Board of Elections for voter location information.
- -Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will take place in the Cemetery.
- -Online bill-pay is available through the city website (fee associated). You can pay online through your personal online banking to avoid a fee.
- -The Niles Wellness Center is open to members only. To join, please contact the Park Office.

Census Population: The City of Niles 2020 census resulted in a population finding of 18,443.



# 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

## **Notify Me...**

We encourage all residents to sign up for electronic text alerts to keep abreast of special announcements, boil alerts, power outages, severe weather warnings, etc. If you wish to be added to receive city communications via text, sign up under the "Nixle" tab on our website's homepage.

### The City of Niles

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- >Success

The Cemetery Fall "clean-up" takes place from October 1st-November 1st. 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 1st. Grave restorations will take place throughout the Fall months. Cemetery personnel is responsible for leveling and seeding individual burial sites.

# From The Light Department



\*Holiday Tip- Make sure to place holiday lights and decorations on timers to limit electric usage. Leaving lights on during the day and throughout the night can cause an increase in monthly usage, which means an increase in electric bills. Try to reduce usage by setting timers to a few hours each night throughout the holiday season.

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

Nov. 11
Thanksgiving
Nov. 26, 27
Christmas
Dec. 24, 25
New Year's
Dec. 31, Jan 1





Mayor Mientkiewicz and Chief Stevens congratulate Lieutenant Andy Bickerstaff on his promotion in rank and welcome firefighter Haden Rupnik to the Niles Fire Department.

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Message from the Planning & Permitting Department...

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

# Sponsor a Veteran Wreath

# **★ December 18, 2021 ★**

# National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Wreaths for Niles City Cemetery honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Niles City Cemetery.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online. Or visit our website at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/OH0286





# #LiveTheirLegacy2021

For more information on this program or to sponsor a wreath for a Veteran, visit the Cemetery page of the city website.

#### 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, regarding income tax collections and expenditures of tax-payer dollars. The General Fund balance after the third quarter is at \$12,018,492.84. 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 third quarter of 2021 is \$7,277,413.08.

City wide overtime through the third quarter of the year came in at \$\frac{\$413,001.56}{},\$ 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.