

Quarterly  
Newsletter  
**FALL 2022**



# The City of Niles

## CITY OF NILES

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Niles, Ohio 44446  
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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 Resources.....	1115

## NILES CITY COUNCIL

President of Council:  
Robert Marino, Jr.

Council At Large:  
Michael Lastic  
Stephen Papalas  
Jimmy Jullian

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

Clerk of Council:  
Nicole Bacak



## Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz

Niles Residents,

As we move into a season where we begin to gather with friends and family, I would like wish each of you a happy holiday! Both the Maple Street Waterline and Bellevue Ravine Outfall projects are scheduled to commence within this quarter of the year. For the third year in a row, we will be improving the cemetery roads with new pavement. The cemetery was also awarded a grant through the Ohio Department of Commerce for upgraded section signage, in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Park Department was awarded a \$12,000.00 grant through the

Trumbull County Combined Health District for new basketball hoops at Kennedy Park, which will be installed in October. Finally, I am extremely proud to announce that the city-wide comprehensive plan is underway. This plan will outline a vision for future development, growth, and stabilization in Niles. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

~ **Mayor Mientkiewicz**

### SAVE THE DATE:

The City of Niles will hold the annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The parade will begin at 1:00pm. Trick-or-treat will be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm, rain or shine. Enjoy!



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**City Ordinance:**

*All garages attached and detached, and porches, open and closed, must be constructed within the required setback lines and the ten-foot building separation requirement.*

*The purpose of this revision is to clarify the point at which the distances are measured.*

*-Per N.C.O. 1157.09*

**WE ARE HIRING:**

Please check the City of Niles website or contact Human Resources for all job openings and info. Come join our team!

**Storm Water Notice**

Every Fall season, The City of Niles receives complaint calls regarding street flooding and standing water within the roadway and ditch line. Most often the water is being detained by storm inlets whose grates are covered with leaves. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves into the roadway or ditch line.

According to City Ordinance, no person shall cause or allow trash, garbage, waste, rubbish, refuse, or any other noxious or offensive materials or substances to be placed or disposed of in any manner into a natural watercourse, drainage ditch, manhole, inlet or catch basin.

Residents should contact the City of Niles to report the depositing of leaves, grass, and illegal dumping of materials into the City's storm sewer system,. This is part of our ongoing efforts to reduce flooding in the City of Niles. This can be achieved with your help! Leaves will only be picked up by our local garbage agency.

Please contact the City of Niles if you have any further questions:  
330-544-9000 ext. 1172.

**Important Reminders:**

- Online bill-pay is available through the city website (fee associated). You can pay online through your personal online banking to avoid a processing fee.

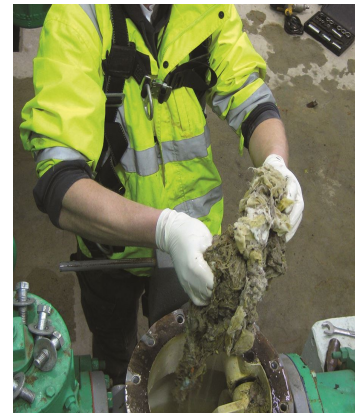
- Remember to check carefully the back of your utility statement to be sure your bill is labeled actual (OACT) and not estimate (OEST). If you receive an estimated (OEST) bill, immediately contact the Niles Utility Billing Office.

**Sanitary Sewer Notice**

The label might say "flushable, disposable, sewer/septic safe, or biodegradable." It makes no difference, because wipes can still clog your toilets and possibly cause a sewer backup into your homes, businesses or streets. They also cause us problems at the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and in the sanitary lines.

We often see items such as sanitary wipes, diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, dental floss, wads of hair, toys, cotton swabs, food waste and grease, cigarette butts, and other debris in our sewer system. Please don't flush these items, they should be placed in the trash!

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific, biodegradable things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products will often result in blockages. The drains that connect your home or business to the main sewer line are only meant to carry water, toilet paper and human waste.





Election Day is November 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Board of Elections for voter location or voter registration information. Your vote is your voice!

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.



## FLOCK Camera System

The city has recently installed a proactive-policing camera system. The license plate reading cameras provide 24/7 monitoring for every home, business, and neighborhood. They protect against property crime, violent crime, stolen vehicles, and more. The network design includes numerous cameras, placed in strategic locations. We have partnered with the Eastwood Mall Complex and the Niles City School District to reduce crime and keep the community safe!

## New Police Officers

Two new Patrol Officers were recently sworn-in by Mayor Mientkiewicz. We would like to welcome Krysta Wedge and Blake Davis to the Niles Police Department. These hires bring the department up to 37 authorized officers.



## Sponsor a Veteran Wreath

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on December 17, 2022.

You can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a Veteran's grave in the Niles City Cemetery.

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

#FINDAWAY





> **Vision**

> **Planning**

> **Success**

-For more information on yard waste & debris removal please visit:  
[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

-The city is currently working with AMP Ohio and New-Gen Strategies to develop a solar rate for customers who want to convert their electric service to solar power. More information about this program will be released in the months ahead.



## 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.

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

**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 in length and bundle them with the cut ends toward the street.

## 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 third quarter is at \$13,010,360.32. The enterprise funds include utility revenue from water, light, and sewer customers. The current balance for the Light fund is approximately 17.1 million dollars, the Water fund balance is approximately 4.8 million dollars, and the Sewer fund balance forward is approximately 4.7 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.

City wide overtime through the third quarter of 2022 came in at \$464,924.05, which is within budget. This number reflects emergency services for snow and ice removal, water break repairs, sewer backups, power outages, and police and fire overtime.