

The City of Niles

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Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz

Niles Residents,

Spring is in the air! The Niles Senior Center is being upgraded for not only our seniors, but to serve as a permanent Council Chambers. The interior renovation is mostly cosmetic and will include new paint, flooring, and lighting. It will also include new furniture and technology. The city has partnered with the Trumbull County Combined Health District to apply for an AARP grant for outdoor fitness equipment that will be installed at the Greenway bike trailhead. The total project cost is estimated at \$50,000 and is geared toward healthy living and outdoor recreation. Two new comfort station restrooms will be installed at Waddell Park this Spring. One will be located at Wilder Field and the other near the large pavilion. Phase IV of the Greenway bike trail expansion is slated to commence this year. Two train bridges crossing both Main St. and Robbins Ave. will be painted in the early stages of the project. The funding to paint the bridges is earmarked in the Ohio Capital Budget. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

~ Mayor Mientkiewicz



The City of Niles has scheduled city-wide mosquito spraying for the following dates: June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 7. Spraying is weather dependent. Register for NIXLE Alerts to keep up to date on spraying information.

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City Ordinance:

Swales are to be maintained by the owners of the parcels which they are located, and at no time will anyone discharge, empty, or place material, fill, or waste into any swale so as to divert or impede drainage flow.

Niles City Ord. 1395.10

Important Reminders:

- The city-wide garage/yard sale will occur on: *May 26th, 27th, and 28th*. All permit fees have been waived for Niles residents. The city will host another event in August.
- The American Legion Post 106 will host the annual Memorial Day ceremony on *May 29th* at 11:00am. in the Niles City Cemetery.

City-Wide Street Sweeping Program

The Niles Street Department is responsible for the removal of dirt and debris from the city's 88- 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, holidays, 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-Wednesday, 1D- Thursday)

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

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

Week 4- Ward 4 (4A-Monday, 4C-Wednesday, 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.

Municipal Income Tax:

During income tax season, please contact RITA Ohio for any income tax concerns:

www.ritaohio.com

or

1-800-860-7482



For the quickest, easiest filing methods, use **Fast File** and **MyAccount** at ritaohio.com!

Municipal Tax Filing Deadline is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Grass Maintenance:

Each Spring the Housing Office issues code violations for overgrown, unkept property. Please be sure to adhere to city code and keep grass and landscaping maintained.

We Are Hiring:

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

Did You Know:

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.

City-Wide Improvements

The 2023 street resurfacing program will consist of the following streets:

North Road, Fairlawn, Old Forge, Potomac, North Cleveland, North Rhodes, Spruce, McDonald, Kearney, High, Cedar, Cherry, Pepper, Helen, Fourth, West Second, Dakota, Clover, and Belle Terre as an alternate street.



The 2023 LED streetlight replacement program will consist of the following streets:

Cherry, South, Hillcrest, Oak Knoll, Clinton, Orchard, Taft, Isaac, Sandalwood, Black Oak, Knob Hill, Pine Oak, Indiana, Fourth, Nebraska, Highland, Ohio, Mill Creek, Moreland, George, Camrose, and Summerberry.



The City of Niles is continuing to make substantial investments into the public water distribution system. Recently, the Water Department has identified a need to replace a failing waterline on Salt Springs Road. Phase I of the project will be related to a Critical Infrastructure Grant, consisting of the replacement of 1900ft of waterline. Phase II of the project will be related to an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant, consisting of the replacement of 1350ft of waterline. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,117,000.00.



PD Utility Sport Vehicle:

The Niles Police Department is now equipped with an off-road vehicle that will be used to patrol the Greenway bike trail, abandon railroad beds, and special events.



Downtown Demolition

The City of Niles, in conjunction with the Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation has secured an Ohio Department of Development, Demolition and Site Revitalization grant to raise two buildings on South Main Street. Funding from the state program, as well as local dollars have allowed for a public-private partnership agreement. Following demolition, the site will be identified in the city-wide comprehensive plan for redevelopment. Ideas for the site include new construction for retail, entertainment, or living. An urban entertainment area featuring fountains, foliage, fencing, lighting, sculptures, and an area to host small community events could also fit within the footprint. The demolition is slated to take place in June. This is yet another revitalization effort to create an appealing, vibrant downtown area.



> **Vision**

> **Planning**

> **Success**

Notice to Residents:

Was your yard or sidewalk damaged? Property restorations from Winter waterline repairs will begin this Spring. If your property was affected by City excavation due to a water break, valve, or hydrant replacement, please contact the Director of Public Service and the City will schedule the repair of your property.

Emergency Incident Preparedness

In today's world it seems as though not a day goes by without hearing of mass shooting incidents. Aside from schools, active shooter incidents have occurred at public gathering locations, such as churches, malls, gyms, clubs, restaurants, workplaces and even supermarkets.



The Special Response Team (SRT), a division of the Niles Police Department is highly trained to combat active shooter situations. The team trains, annually in collaboration with school entities and public gathering establishments to build skills needed to respond to active shooter threats. Officers set up several scenarios, in which they participate in isolating and neutralizing potential threats and coordinate with other agencies. The team works directly with the school resource officers and with the school administration to implement emergency response plans.

Recent studies indicate in 70% of threats the perpetrator made their intentions known, usually on social media. Appropriate security measures are not something to be taken lightly. Especially in public gathering locations and buildings. Proper planning and preparedness is essential for emergency incidents involving an active shooter.

Contact the Niles Police Department with any inquiries about the Special Response Team or the School Resource Officer Program.

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. All funds remain positive. The General Fund balance forward is approximately 14.6 million dollars. The enterprise funds include utility revenue from water, light, and sewer customers. The balance forward for the Light fund is approximately 15.8 million dollars, the Water fund balance forward is approximately 4 million dollars, and the Sewer fund balance forward is approximately 5 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 for Q1 was \$1,927,379.53.

City wide overtime through the fourth quarter of 2022 came in at \$152,175.12, 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.