

Quarterly
Newsletter
FALL 2023



The City of Niles

CITY OF NILES

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Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz

Niles Residents,
I hope you have noticed all the improvements that have taken place throughout the summer months. We completed the Dragon Drive sanitary sewer project, an extensive street resurfacing program, city owned sidewalk replacements, neighborhood housing demolitions, LED lighting upgrades, park improvements, and more! The city comprehensive plan is nearing completion. This has been a year-long process of putting community vision for the future of Niles on paper. The downtown theater demolition project is set commence in October. This project has been made possible through a state grant, in conjunction with Trumbull Neighborhood Partners. Our 2.5M Waddell Park Improvement grant project continues to move through the detailed design phase. You will also see new outdoor fitness equipment installed at the Greenway trailhead this fall. 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 29th. The parade will begin at 1:00pm. Trick-or-treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31st, from 5:30-7:30pm, rain or shine. Enjoy!

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City Ordinance:

No person shall install, use, or maintain an outdoor wood furnace. Any equipment, device, appliance, or apparatus that is primarily hand loaded for the purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat for any interior space or water source is prohibited.

-Per N.C.O. 1525.02

**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.

WE ARE HIRING:

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

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.

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 takes place six months of the year, throughout the following months: April, May, July, August, October, November. Sweeping occurs in each precinct for one period each month. Inclement weather, holidays, or additional departmental assignment may delay sweeping operations in a precinct. For more information about the program, visit the Street page of the city website.

**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.

Election Day is November 7th. 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.



Park Restroom Upgrades

Throughout the past year, the Niles Park Department has installed four new comfort station restrooms. The new restroom facilities replaced aged restrooms that had plumbing issues and ongoing vandalism. New double-vaulted comfort stations were placed throughout Waddell Park, in the vicinity of the large pavilion, across from the Wellness Center, and near Wilder Field. A single-vault unit was installed at Kennedy Park, near the basketball courts. Each of the restrooms are modern, clean, ADA accessible and have surveillance surrounding the outside of the structures. Please respect the new facilities. One of the double-vaulted units was funded through an ODNr-Nature Works grant. The restroom upgrades were included in the Park Department's capital improvement plan.



Sponsor a Veteran Wreath

National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on December 16, 2023.

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.

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>Vision

>Planning

>Success

-For more information on yard waste & debris removal please visit:
www.republicservices.com

-The Beaver Street waterline replacement project will commence toward the end of the year. This project consists of 1,250 linear feet of new water line, 3 gate valves, 3 hydrants, and 28 service branches. The total project cost is \$322,000.00, funded through both grant and local dollars.



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 \$15,915,346.94. The enterprise funds include utility revenue from water, light, and sewer customers. The current balance for the Light fund is approximately 16.3.1 million dollars, the Water fund balance is approximately 4.9 million dollars, and the Sewer fund balance forward is approximately 5.1 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 \$518,763.39, 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.