

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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As I retire at the end of 2024 and write my final Mayor's Message to you, here is some information I want to share.

First, the City of Sylvania continues to offer some of the best City services in the area, and is one of the few local communities that has curbside Christmas Tree pickup and recycling. Have your tree out by the curb during the first two weeks of January. Please remove all decorations, plastic bags and tree stands.

Second, as I retire I want to confirm to you that the Sylvania City Charter states that "In the event the Office of Mayor shall become vacant for any reason, the President of Council shall there upon become Mayor and shall serve for the unexpired term." Beginning January 1, 2025 President of Council Mark Frye shall become Mayor for 2025. The Office of Mayor will be on the November 4, 2025 General Election ballot for a new four-year term.

Best wishes to Mr. Frye, who has served admirably as Council President for several years, and will bring new ideas and energy to the Office of Mayor. City Council will elect a new City Council President at their January 6, 2025 meeting. City Council will also appoint a replacement to Mr. Frye's former City Council seat in the following thirty days, and that seat will then be on the November 4, 2025 ballot. The person elected in November will serve out the remaining two years of that City Council term.

Third, I wrote my first Mayor's Message on March 1, 1996 for the Sylvania Herald about the high quality of life in Sylvania, something that has only grown better and stronger since then. Topics I covered then were rebuilding and improving Plummer Pool, Centennial Terrace improvements and waterslide installation, plans for street improvements, bike paths, sidewalks, recycling, Downtown improvements, the Heritage Center, the Senior Center, and a secure water supply.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor for 29 years! The wonderful and creative people I have been privileged to meet along the way and work with, including residents, elected officials and City employees, are my best memories. Although I will be spending more time visiting family and some traveling, my wife and I are not leaving town to live anywhere else. We are already in the best place – Sylvania, Ohio!