



Sylvania's No. 1 Source for Community News

Komen brings community together to fight breast cancer

For those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, the Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure is more than a race. It is a day to remember, celebrate survivors, honor those battling the disease and come together in the fight to end breast cancer.

The annual event returns Sunday, Sept. 27, in downtown Toledo, bringing runners, walkers, survivors, families, friends and supporters together for a morning dedicated to Komen's mission.

Gretchen Awad, executive director of Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio, said the organization's mission has remained consistent through the years. "That mission is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs of our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. We have two strategic imperatives — conquer deadly breast cancer to allow people to live longer, better lives, and ensure people get the quality care they need and deserve."

The day's activities begin at 7 am with activities in Hensville Park and on St. Clair Street. A Survivor Ceremony is scheduled for approximately 8:15 am, followed by the Parade of Hope leading participants to the Opening Ceremony.

The 5K race and walk begin at 9:30 am. Participants may also choose a one-mile route.

The event will be hosted by Melissa Andrews of WTOL, with Chrys Peterson serving as the Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure honorary chair. The WTOL team will provide live coverage throughout the morning. The race morning will also feature activities designed to make the event more than a race. Survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer are invited to visit Hope Village for giveaways and pampering. Pink bagels from Barry Bagels, sponsor giveaways and other activities will add to the celebration. A Mercy Health mobile mammography unit will be available at the event for immediate mammogram screenings.

Registration is \$45 for adults and \$35 for youth under 18. Registration is available at



Participants are ready to go the distance at the 2025 Komen Race for the Cure.

komen.org/nwohiorace or by scanning the QR code in the ad below. Every registered participant will receive an event T-shirt. Survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer will receive shirts in special colors recognizing their role in the event. Shirts will be available for pickup on race morning. They will not be mailed after the race, so participants who cannot attend are encouraged to arrange for someone to pick up their shirt.

Dogs are welcome to participate in the event and on the course, provided they remain leashed at all times for the safety of the dogs and other participants.

Awad said monies raised through Komen events are placed into a central fund, allowing the organization to respond to breast cancer needs in communities of all sizes. "The money is accessible to everyone, from a small rural area to a large metro area," she said. "If you need and have challenges receiving equitable health care, Komen steps in, no matter where you live." She also emphasized that breast cancer does not affect women alone. "Men are also susceptible to

breast cancer," she said.

Participants can earn additional rewards through Komen's Fundraising Rewards Program. Registrants receive one reward point for every dollar raised, with bonus opportunities available for those who raise \$100. Points can be redeemed through the Komen Incentive Store for exclusive rewards, subject to program terms and availability. Another incentive comes from Buck and Knobby, which will raffle a riding mower to anyone who makes a donation to its team.

For Awad, however, the heart of the event isn't the race itself. It is the people who show up.

"My hope is that anyone who wants to celebrate, registers, brings family and friends, donates, and invites people to join this event to support Komen's mission," she said. "This day is for them."

On Sept. 27, the streets of downtown Toledo will once again be filled with people walking and running for the same reason — to make sure no one faces breast cancer alone.

What's Inside



Northview graduates, **Paul Devers** ('78), **Rich Crawford** ('79), and **Dave Brown** ('81), mingle at the Sylvania Reunion at Centennial Terrace.

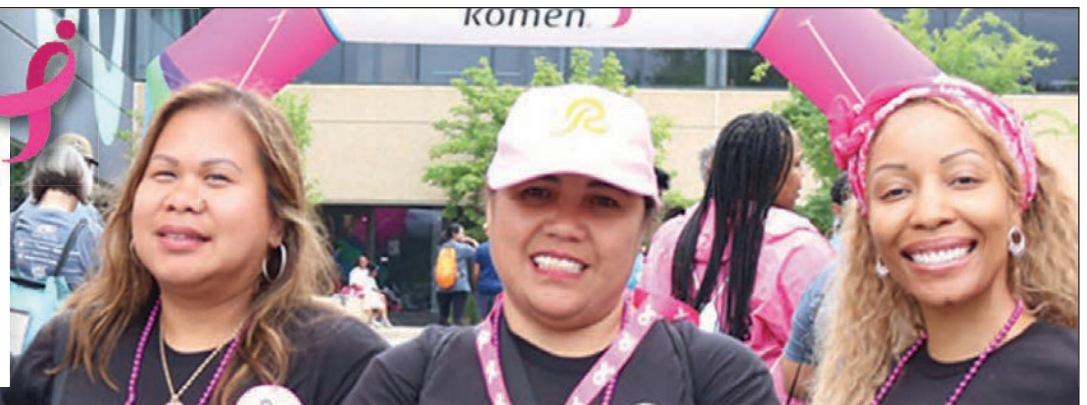
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**Race With Us
To End Breast Cancer**

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

komen.org/nwohiorace



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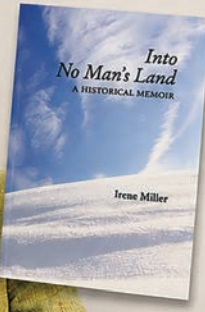
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7:00 PM	FUN DOG CONTEST	
8:00 PM	MOVIE: BEST IN SHOW	Heritage Village

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BEST IN SHOW IS RATED PG-13 • SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13

Love your neighbor



Carol Nichols and artist Steve Wipfli greet guests who came to learn about the Neighbor to Neighbor Toledo initiative she helped start with Rev. Gayle Catinella, rector of St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church, and members of the congregation, including Wipfli who created the 'Heart Your Neighbor' yard signs. The Aug. 27 talk was at Christ Presbyterian Church. In addition Nichols noted the upcoming, 'Daniel Tiger Day,' Sept. 19, at the downtown Toledo Public Library and 'An Evening with Steve Hartman,' featuring 'The Power of Kindness,' at the Franciscan Center on Oct. 6 at 7 pm. Tickets go on sale Sept. 1 at neighbor-toneighbortoledo.com.

'Come From Away' opens at the Croswell Opera House

"Come From Away" opens on Friday, Sept. 11 and runs through Sept. 20 at The Croswell in Adrian, Mich.

Come From Away is the critically acclaimed musical which tells the story of 7,000 passengers and the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. On Sept. 11, 2001, what started as an average day turned into an international sleepover as 38 planes and people from around the globe were diverted to Gander's airstrip. Through culture clashes and language barriers, wariness turned into trust, music went through the night, and enduring friendships were made. "Come From Away" is a tale of kindness, resilience, and a community rising to the challenge of helping fellow humans in need.

Throughout the show's run, the Croswell will honor first responders. First responders that are in the audience will receive a specially designed

patch made in remembrance of 9/11 with gratitude from the Croswell. Patrons will have the opportunity to write a message of thanks to these responders at one of the thank you note stations inside the theater. After each show, guests can get "Screeched In" at Farver's, the Croswell's cocktail lounge.

The cast of 12 includes Sophia Walcher of Sylvania and performers from throughout northwest Ohio and southwest Michigan. Tickets range from \$26 to \$46 for adults and \$16 to \$26 for students, and may be ordered online at croswell.org or by calling 517-264-7469. This show is approximately 105 minutes and there is no intermission.

The Croswell reminds patrons that it will never sell tickets for more than the advertised price, so any website offering tickets for a higher price is a scam.

Tree City Film Festival Film Challenge is planned

The 14th annual Tree City Film Festival's 50-hour Challenge, Halloween Edition, invites teams of professional, student, non-professional, and even "armchair" filmmakers to write, shoot, edit, and premiere their own short films in just 50 hours. Registration is open until Sept. 11 at 6 pm at sylvaniaarts.org/tree-city-film-fest. Standard team registration for a multi-person team is \$25 and student teams may enter for \$20.

Teams will start the challenge at the kickoff meeting on the evening of Sept. 11, where they will receive a series of elements that must be incorporated into their film – things like a partic-

ular genre, prop, line of dialogue, character name, and shooting location. After the allotted 50 hours of the weekend are over and the films are accepted, they are juried by a guest panel of judges. This year's films will have a special nod to Halloween as films will premier on Oct. 31. Awards will be given: first place \$500, second place \$250, and audience choice \$100.

More detailed information and the rules and regulations will be posted at sylvaniaarts@gmail.com or leave a message at 419-517-0118.

Paint the Town Rhythms on the River raises funds for Parkinson's Disease patients, research

Paint the Town Rhythms on the River is planned for Friday, Sept. 11, from 6 to 9 pm at

Toledo Country Club, 3949 River Rd.

The evening of live music, cocktails and dancing benefits thousands living with Parkinson's Disease.

More than 30,000 people in northwest Ohio are living with Parkinson's disease, and experts believe the actual number is considerably higher because many cases remain undiagnosed.

Every ticket purchased helps fund free exercise programs, education, support services and local research that directly benefits individuals and families throughout the region.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at PFNWO.org or by calling 800-438-5584, ext. 3.

Annual Moose car show scheduled

The Valued Veterans of the Sylvania Moose Lodge, 6072 N. Main St., will host their sixth annual Car Show on Sept. 6 from 11 am to 3 pm. The event is free and features hamburgers and hot dogs along with DJ music, prizes, raffles and 50/50 drawings. For more information, call Mel Harbaugh, 419-346-9192 or Dick Schuller, 567-202-7760.

Toledo Memorial Park to host annual September 11 ceremony



Sylvania Township Police Chief **Sarah Toth**, Sylvania Police Chief **Danilynn Miller**, Sylvania Mayor **Mark Frye**, Sylvania Township Fire Chief **Chris Nye**, Assistant Chief **Jeff Bennett**, and Chaplin **Randy Roberts** of American Legion Post 468 are part of the program, as is Toledo Memorial Park President and CEO Chad Albert, welcoming guests to the 2025 September 11 memorial ceremony.

Toledo Memorial Park President and CEO Chad Albert, city of Sylvania Mayor Mark Frye and Sylvania Township Fire Chief Chris Nye will lead the annual Day of Remembrance on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9 am. The ceremony honoring first responders and the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001 will be held at Toledo Memorial Park at the 911 First Responders Memorial in the northeast corner of the Park.

"Honoring service members and first responders is a mission we have always held dear here at Toledo Memorial Park. We consider it a duty and a privilege we take very seriously," Albert noted. "As a special tribute on this 25th anniversary, this year, Scouts and other community volunteers will place a flag representing each life lost on that tragic day."

September Red Bird Art Walk features dog parade, contest, movie

The Sept. 4 Red Bird First Friday Art Walk, starting at 5 pm, will include a dog parade scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm in the Corner Park at Maplewood Avenue and Main Street, followed by a canine contest with judging and prizes in five categories at 7 pm. Categories include best costume, funniest costume, best "twinsies," (pet/owner look-alikes) most distinguished, and best smile/waggiest tail.

Ohio Goes to the Movies

The fun doesn't stop there. A free movie, "Best in Show," will be screened in the Historic Village beginning at 8 pm as part of Ohio Goes to the Movies, a statewide initiative celebrating America 250.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, enjoy the lively downtown atmosphere,

and celebrate community while taking part in this special America 250 event.

As an official Ohio Goes to the Movies venue, Sylvania joins communities across Ohio in commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary through shared cultural experiences. This special movie night highlights the power of film to bring people together while celebrating the spirit of community that has defined America for generations.

The event is presented through a partnership of Red Bird Sylvania, Starlite Theater Group, Sylvania Arts, and Heritage Sylvania, with support from the Ohio Arts Council, The Arts Commission, Lucas County, and the city of Toledo.

The evening is free and open to the public.

Beatlemania returns to Centennial Terrace

Beatlemania returns to northwest Ohio when 1964 The Tribute, internationally recognized as The #1 Beatles Show in the World, will be at Centennial Terrace on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The evening opens with a performance by special guests The Skoobie Snaks Band beginning at 7 pm. The main performance begins at 8 pm.

For more than four decades, 1964 The Tribute has recreated the excitement, energy, and sound of The Beatles' touring

years, performing the classic hits that helped define a generation. Audiences can expect faithful renditions of beloved songs from the Fab Four's early years, complete with period-correct instruments, vintage attire and stage presentation.

Tickets are available through Etix.com. Patrons may also purchase tickets without service fees at the Stranahan Theater Box Office.

For additional information, call Midwest Entertainment at 419-215-1966.

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MemoryLane Care Services launches 10th anniversary year with celebration

MemoryLane Care Services, a nonprofit organization serving individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and the families who care for them, invites the community to celebrate its 10th Anniversary Year during a 10-Year Kick-off Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 5:30

to 7 pm at MemoryLane Care Services, 2500 N. Reynolds Rd.

"For 10 years, our community has come together to ensure that individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders—and the families who care for them—never have to walk that journey alone," said

Salli Bollin, President & CEO of MemoryLane Care Services. "This celebration is an opportunity to thank the people who have supported our mission and to look ahead as we continue expanding services and strengthening support for caregivers throughout our region."

Since opening in 2016, MemoryLane

Care Services has expanded its programs to include Adult Day Centers, caregiver education and support, care coaching, respite services, care transitions, and community outreach—helping families navigate Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The 10-Year Kick-off Celebration is free and open to the public.

Workshops, native plant sale planned

An educational workshop to Build a Backyard Habitat Native Plant Container Workshop will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Pearson Metropark, Macomber Lodge, 4701 Navarre Ave., Oregon. Participants will learn about the Oak Openings Region and local resources for native plants and seeds. They will plant their own native plant container gardens with two to three plants each. Registration is now open, visit the Metroparks Toledo website to sign-up.

This is sponsored by the Green Ribbon Initiative (GRI) along with partners Metroparks Toledo, Wild Ones Oak Openings Region Chapter, and Oak Openings Region Conservancy (OORC); and volunteer landowners.

The workshop will also be held on Sept. 12 from 10 to 11:30 am at Side Cut Metropark, Lamb Center, 1025 W. River Rd., Maumee.

The Wood County Plant Sale will take place Sept. 12 from 11 to 1 pm at W.W. Knight Nature Preserve, 29530 White Rd., Perrysburg. A native fall plant sale will be

held Sept. 19 from 11 am to 2 pm at Blue Creek Metropark, in the big white barn, 7790 Schadel Rd., Whitehouse. Native plants, grasses, shrubs, and trees priced from \$7 to \$25, all are locally grown. For more information, visit Wild Ones Oak Openings Region Chapter.

Clean Your Streams 30th annual cleanup is planned for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 am at Westwinds Metropark, 9918 Geiser Rd., Holland.

Retired Teachers luncheon planned

Lucas County Retired Teachers luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from noon to 2 pm at Stone Oak Country Club.

The cost is \$30 and reservations are due by Thursday, Sept. 10.

Community Partner Read for Literacy and AI Specialist Christopher Brunt will be featured.

Reservation forms can be found on pg 2 of the Slate or on the LCRTA website: lcrtawebby.com.

John S. Kountz Camp 14 opens

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW.org) has opened a camp named after John S. Kountz, a Lucas County resident and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient from Maumee. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Toledo.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is not a re-enactor society, rather it includes men who are interested in their own historical past related to the Civil War period 1861-1865. It also includes those who are interested in that historical period as related to Lucas County, but with no ances-

tors.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is for males only, however the auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is for females. The group meets every third Wednesday at the Dorr Street Library at 7 pm. They are currently planning programs for 2027.

Those who have an ancestor or an interest in the Civil War, can call Dr. James N Phillips Jr., 216-536-2640 or email at camp_14@ohiosuv.com.

TMA displays senior art work

The Toledo Museum of Art's annual Vitality Arts Show, a celebration of creativity and lifelong learning, will take place Sept. 3 from 5 to 7 pm in the Green Building, Education Hallways. Organized by the Museum's Community Outreach Department, the exhibition showcases artwork created by older adults participating in the Vitality Arts Program, which brings high-quality arts experiences to senior centers throughout the Toledo area.

Featuring a variety of media and artistic styles, the exhibition highlights the talent, imagination, and dedication of artists who have spent the past year exploring new techniques, building connections, and expressing their unique perspectives through art. Family, friends, and community members are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of these artists and the power of creative aging.



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ACTIVITIES

Sept. 1

Art as Power • Traveling Holocaust Exhibit, The Church at Lion of Judah, Toledo, 6pm, more pg. 2

Sept. 6

Valued Veterans of Sylvania Car Show • Sylvania Moose Lodge, 11am-3pm, free

Sept. 10

Active Older Adult Health Fair • Francis Family YMCA, Temperance, 9am-1pm, free, open to all, ymcatoledo.org

Sept. 11

Paint the Town, Rhythms on the River • Toledo County Club, 6-9pm, tickets PFNWO.org

Sept. 12

Rosary Care Center Car-nival • To benefit Alzheimer's Assoc., Franciscan Center lot, 10am-2pm

Falling for Local • A celebration of small businesses, Franciscan Cen-

ter, 11am-4pm, free admission, treecitymarket.com

Sept. 13

Pooch Plunge • Plummer Pool, 12:30-5:15pm, \$5 per dog

Sept. 20

Golf Outing • Giant Oak Golf Club, Temperance, to benefit ALS, register at charlineschampions.com

Mom to Mom Sale for Baby & Teens • Tam-O-Shanter, 12:30-3pm, \$3 cash entry

Sept. 27

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure • Downtown Toledo, komen.org/nwohiorace

Celebrate the Senses • Psychic healing event, The Pinnacle, 8:30am-4:30pm, \$7 cash entry

COMMUNITY

Sept. 1

Township Trustees Meeting • Trustee Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania, 5pm, open to the public

Sept. 8, 21

City Council Meetings • Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood, 6:30pm, open to the public

Sept. 9, Oct. 21

Sylvania Schools Town Hall Meetings • Sylvania Senior Center, 6-8pm, more pg. 11

Sept. 11

Annual 9/11 Ceremony • A Day of Remembrance, Toledo Memorial Park, 9-10am

Sept. 14-18

City and Township Unlimited Pick up • Items must be at curb by 7am

LIVE MUSIC

Sundays

Bobby May and Friends • The Sodbuster, 7pm

Mondays & Tuesdays

Chris Brown and Candace Coleman • Ciao!, 6-9pm

Tuesdays

Bobby & Frankie • Fuzzy's, 5pm

Aug. 31

Frank Lars • Inside the Five, 6pm

Brad Tober • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 1

John Pickle • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 2

Rick Flores • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 3

Meghan From Texas • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 4

Mizer Vossen • Bier Stube, 6pm

Sept. 5

Chris Shutters • Bier Stube, 8pm

Sept. 8

Jim McKennie • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 9

Whitehead Mac • Fairways, 6pm

Jamie & Dan • Olander Park, 7pm

Sept. 10

Bordine Loar • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 11

Lady K • Fairways, 7pm

Madison Avenue • Bier Stube, 6pm

Sept. 12

Electrick Mayhem • Bier Stube, 8pm

1964 The Tribute • Centennial, 8pm

Sept. 14

Matt Goodrich • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 15

Something to Talk About • Fairways, 6pm

Sept. 16

Baja Fog • Fairways, 6pm

Bands and events are subject to change. Please confirm with venue.

THE ARTS

Sept. 4

Red Bird Artwalk • Downtown Sylvania, 5-8pm; dog parade - 6:30pm; fun dog contest - 7pm; movie "Best in Show", Heritage Village - 8pm, more pg. 2

Sept. 11-13

Black Swamp Arts Festival • Downtown Bowling Green, Fri. 5-11:30pm, Sat. 9am-11:30pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, blackswampfest.org

Sept. 11-20

"Come From Away" • Hit musical based on a true story, The Croswell, tickets - croswell.org

Sept. 19 & 20

Glass Harvest • TMA Glass Pavilion, shop for handblown glass pumpkins, glassblowing demos, 11am-5pm, free entry & parking, toledomuseum.org

FOOD & DRINK

Tuesdays

Sylvania Summer Market • Olander Park, growers, food artisans, small businesses, live music, food trucks, 5-8pm

Sept. 16

Wine Tasting • Sofo's Market, 6-8pm; 6 pours, food and live music, \$25; RSVP at shopsofos.com

Sept. 17

Jiggs Dinner • Fairways, offered every 17th of the month

TRIVIA

Mondays

VI Pub Quiz • 6:30 & 7:30pm

Tuesdays

Voodoo Brewing • 6:30-8:30pm

The VI • Music Bingo, 6:30-8pm

Sidelines Sylvania • 7-9pm

Bier Stube • 8-10pm

Frogtown Johnnie's • 9pm

COMEDY

Mondays

The Barn Bar & Grill • 7-9pm



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Township talk ...



Sylvania Township Fire Chief **Chris Nye**, left, and Assistant Chief **Jeff Bennett**, right, congratulate new members of the department, **Jonah Babcock**, and **Michael Tolles** who receive their pins and meet the Sylvania Township Trustees at the Aug. 18 meeting.

According to Roads Superintendent Rob Nash, Sylvania Township residents should mark their calendars for several fall cleanup services, including household pickup, storm-damaged brush collection and leaf pickup.

Household pickup

Household pickup begins Monday, Sept. 14. Crews will make one pass through the community, so residents should place eligible items at the curb or roadside by Sunday, Sept. 13, to ensure collection.

Items accepted include bicycles, toys, bundled books and paper, carpeting cut and rolled to no more than five feet, empty containers and drums, appliances without refrigerants, furniture, mattresses and box springs with legs separated and more than 12 inches, and miscellaneous nonhazardous loose materials placed in disposable containers or bags.

Construction and demolition materials will not be collected.

Brush pickup

Fall brush pickup begins Monday, Sept. 21. The one-time service is intended to remove storm-damaged brush, including branches and tree limbs. Tree removal is not included.

Limbs must be no longer than six feet and no more than six inches in diameter. Residents

should place storm-damaged brush along the edge of the roadway, not in the roadway or gutter.

Because crews cover more than 174 miles of township roads, the brush collection is expected to take seven to 10 days.

Leaf pickup

Leaf pickup begins Monday, Oct. 19, and will be conducted on a patrol basis. During peak periods, one complete cycle through the township is expected to take about 15 days, depending on weather. The township's goal is to complete at least three cycles.

Residents should place leaves at the curb, separate from brush and other waste. Leaves mixed with other materials cannot be collected.

To help crews work safely and efficiently, residents should keep mailboxes, fire hydrants, landscaping, and other obstacles clear of leaf piles.

Leaves should not be placed in containers or plastic bags.

With several seasonal collection programs beginning in September and October, township officials are reminding residents to prepare materials according to the guidelines and place them at the curb on time for collection.

City beat ...

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Washington, D.C., Boy Scout Aston Hughes, Mayor Mark Frye introduced Sylvania City Council members to the city's new finance director, Sullivan Nicholls, who attended his first council meeting Aug. 17.

Council President Mary Westphal presented three ordinances establishing annual assessments on property owners where applicable. Council approved assessments for ditch construction, maintenance, repair, cleaning and enclosing open drainage ditches; tree planting, maintenance, trimming and removal of shade trees along streets and within the public right-of-way; and street lighting.

In other business, council approved Service Director Joe Shaw's request to file a petition for the appropriation of 0.006 acres at the corner of

Old Post Road and Monroe Street for the Erie Street/Monroe Street roundabout project.

According to Shaw, the city offered property owners James and Ann Magers \$2,995 for the parcel, but the parties have not reached an agreement. He said good-faith negotiations will continue, but the property is essential because the Ohio Department of Transportation must certify control of the right-of-way to the Federal Highway Administration by Dec. 4.

Council also approved Shaw's recommendation to accept an \$8,700 proposal from DGL Consulting Engineers to oversee coordination of the Harroun Road traffic signal at Flower Hospital with the signal at Monroe Street.

At Shaw's recommendation, council accepted Fisbeck's \$78,752 proposal for professional en-

MARK FRYE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Remembering September 11

Twenty-five years later, the memories of Sept. 11, 2001, remain etched in the hearts and minds of the Americans who lived through that terrible day.

That morning, the United States came under attack when four commercial airplanes were hijacked by terrorists. Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, another struck the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew members attempted to regain control of the aircraft. Nearly 3,000 people were killed.

For those of us old enough to remember, the day began much like any other. Then, within minutes, I, along with the rest of the nation, was confronted with images that seemed impossible to comprehend.

I was at work when the first tower fell and watching television as the second tower collapsed. I was filled with incredible anger and a sense of helplessness. Like so many others, I wondered, "How can I help?"

That day, first responders did what they always do — they leaped into action. They ran up the stairs as others were running down, putting their own lives at risk in desperate attempts to rescue those trapped inside.

In the days that followed, grief was accompanied by an extraordinary outpouring of compassion. Americans gathered in churches, donated blood, supported first responders and reached out to neighbors and strangers alike. For a brief time, political differences seemed to fade as people focused on what united us.

Regular citizens helped in any way they could, each in their own way. More than 500,000 people donated blood. More than a quarter of a million people volunteered for military service in the following year, far exceeding the number in any year since the end of the draft in 1973. Many who volunteered for military service went on to

shed their blood, sweat and tears in the war on terror. Too many gave their all.

The lessons of Sept. 11 are not limited to the tragedy itself. They include the courage of first responders, the bravery of the passengers and crew members of Flight 93, the strength of families who lost mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandparents and friends, and the kindness shown by ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

Today, a new generation has grown up with Sept. 11 as history rather than personal memory. That makes remembering even more important.

In honoring that memory and keeping it alive, I encourage you to join me, our first responders and others at the annual Day of Remembrance memorial at the 9/11 Memorial in Toledo Memorial Park at 9 am. This year marks the 10th year for the gathering at the memorial, which was constructed to hold a steel beam from the World Trade Center. Former Toledo Memorial Park President and CEO Jeff Clegg worked tirelessly to bring the beam to Sylvania.

During the brief ceremony, we will remember the victims of that day, the incredible first responders and the spirit of togetherness that pervaded our nation — a spirit that emerged from shared tragedy and pain.

This is no ordinary year. As we mark the 25th anniversary of 9/11, major national and local commemorations are planned. They include the traditional reading of names and the Tribute in Light at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, a special FDNY ceremony on Staten Island, a nationwide tour carrying World Trade Center steel by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and extensive broadcasts across multiple platforms.

The details of that September morning may become less familiar with each passing year. The images may fade. The memories may become less immediate.

But the responsibility to remember remains.

We remember not only the lives lost, but the courage displayed, the sacrifices made and the compassion that brought Americans together.

Twenty-five years later, we must never forget.

As always, if you have questions about city services or would like to share an idea or concern, please call my office at 419-885-8926 or email cwtkowski@cityofsylvania.com.

City beat ...

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gineering services for the Highland View, San Benito and San Reno Drive waterline improvement project.

Contract Modifications

Council also approved a \$3,178 change order for The Jennite Co. for the 2026 sidewalk replacement program. Shaw said six additional sidewalk slabs were replaced beyond the original 84 included in the project.

Council authorized a third contract modification of \$7,950 for DGL Consulting Engineers for the Downtown Transportation Improvement Project Phase I. The modification provides construction-phase services by landscape architecture subconsultant EDGE. He said the original contract with DGL did not include those services for EDGE.

With council members' affirmative vote, Shaw will offer various obsolete office furniture and equipment for sale on Gov.Deals.com.

Council confirmed Mayor Frye's appoint-

ments of Bradley Menard and Wayne Kinsel to the Sylvania Tree Commission.

Public Hearings

Councilman Doug Haynam requested two public hearings on proposed zoning changes. The first involves a request from Louisville Title Agency, on behalf of Millstream Development Co., to rezone property on the south side of Brint Road west of King Road from R-1 to R-1 Planned Development. The proposal would allow construction of three single-family homes and one two-family home on four lots.

The second hearing concerns a request from Matt DeWood of Sylvania Marketplace & 851 Alexis LLC to apply for a special use permit for a convenience store and fueling station. Both public hearings are scheduled for 6 pm Oct. 5, immediately before the regular City Council meeting at 6:30 pm.

The next Sylvania City Council meeting will be held at 6:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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Finance Director brings government, corporate experience to Sylvania



Sullivan Nicholls

Sullivan Nicholls is still getting acquainted with Sylvania, but the city's new finance director already has a clear vision for his role: build a strong team, improve efficiency and remain a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.

"I knew Sylvania was a good city and I am excited to be here," Sullivan said. "I like everything about the city and the people I am getting to know."

Sylvania City Council approved Sullivan's appointment as finance director July 21, and he began his new position Aug. 10.

The position had been vacant for half a year following the retirement of Toby Schroyer in February. During that time, Finance Manager Bridgette Fisher and Tax Manager Christy Ordorica helped keep the department operating with limited staffing.

"Fortunately, Bridgette and Christy have really stepped up to keep the department running while being shorthanded,"

Sullivan said. "They deserve a lot of credit for the job they have both done."

Sullivan brings extensive government and corporate finance and accounting experience to the position. Most recently, he served as treasurer for the city of Toledo for 14 years. Before that, he worked in finance for several major corporations.

Now, he is looking for ways to apply that experience in Sylvania.

"I am very happy to have this opportunity where I can use my skill set to build a strong team and seek ways to be efficient," Sullivan said. "We want to make every effort to stay fiscally responsible and be good stewards of the taxpayers' money."

Technology will be one area Nicholls explores as he becomes more familiar with the department. "I already can see several ways we can use technology to become more efficient," he said.

Originally from Martins Ferry in eastern Ohio, Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree in human resources and an MBA in finance from the University of Akron.

He and his wife eventually moved to northwest Ohio after the birth of their son so they could be closer to her family.

"We have been so happy to be in this area," Sullivan said. "While we have enjoyed everywhere we have lived, this really feels like home."

As he settles into his new role, Sullivan said he is eager to learn more about Sylvania beyond the administration building and become involved in the community. He is also most eager to share his love of football and hockey along with his passion for cars, especially those painted yellow.

For Sullivan, the new position represents more than another career move. It is an opportunity to put his experience to work in a community he already considers home.

Sylvania unlimited fall pickup to be held

The city of Sylvania's fall unlimited pickup will be collected the week of Sept. 14 to 18 on regular refuse collection day.

Items that will be accepted include furniture, appliances, televisions, mattresses and box springs, bicycles, carpet in four-foot by 18-inch rolls tied and taped, wood no longer than four feet in length and tied in bundles with nails/screws removed or pounded down, and appliances with cer-

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Items that will not be collected include constructions materials, ceiling tiles, large pieces of glass or mirrors, liquids, chemicals, latex paint that is not dried, empty paint can that has lid on the can, oil-based paint, batteries, tires, auto parts, gas cans, pressurized tanks, anything with oil or fuel, pianos, pool tables, boats, fire extinguishers, and hazardous materials.

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PLATES AND PLACES

Orchards, Oasts and Lighthouse Views

BY JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

Catawba Island is an especially gorgeous spot to visit this time of year. There is something about the afternoon light that sparkles on Lake Erie's waves as they roll into shore, providing stunning views around every corner of the road.



The Blueberry Basil Margarita at Orchard Farm Stand.

In early fall, when the air turns crisp, the area makes an easygoing day trip packed with food, scenery and Lake Erie charm.

Start with a leisurely meal at Orchard Bar & Table.



The Vineyard at Orchard.



The kitchen gardens adjacent to Orchard Bar & Table.

a farm-to-table gift shop making it feel more like a destination than a dining stop.

Just down the road, Twin Oast Brewing adds a different kind of flavor. Set on a 60-acre farm estate, the brewery is known for its distinctive twin oast towers and relaxed indoor-outdoor atmosphere. It is a place to order a pint and share a casual bite. For wine lovers, Gideon Owen Wine Company offers another inviting stop, pairing historic Catawba Island character with vineyard views, tasting experiences and a menu suited for a slow afternoon.

No visit to the vicinity feels complete without a drive to Marblehead Lighthouse State Park. One of Lake Erie's most photographed landmarks, the lighthouse has guided mariners along the rocky Marblehead Peninsula since the 1800s. During the summer season, visitors can climb the tower for sweeping views of the lake and islands. The grounds also feature a replica lifesaving station museum, a gift shop, picnic areas and walking paths where the shoreline becomes the main attraction.

Before heading home, save time for Cheese Haven in Port Clinton, a nostalgic roadside stop stocked with more than 140 kinds of cheese, house-made meats, local wines, smoked fish, dips and old-fashioned candies. Wander in for a souvenir and leave with a tote full of Lake Erie flavors.

Cheese varieties at Cheese Haven.



The iconic lighthouse on Marblehead.

The property offers several ways to linger, from the restaurant's seasonal menus and handcrafted cocktails to the adjacent Orchard Farm Stand and The Coop cocktail bar. A stroll around the grounds reveals vineyards, produce gardens, fruit trees, and

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Quincy and Lydia Duran and their son Julian and Erica and Brandon Osborn and their son Xavier are enjoying a Tuesday night at the Summer Market in Olander Park.



Jill Sass buys a melon from Clark Dewitt of Creque's farm.



Heather Welt buys homemade dog treats from Tara Kestner and Piper Nicely of Grandwohl Road Homestead.



Kristi Hennessy and her children Ava and Nolan check out all the flavors of soap at the Summer Market.



Natalie Dower and her mother Elizabeth look over the Karyberg Fudge with help from vendors Carry and Judy Fitzpatrick.



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We're officially back to school and getting back into the swing of the new routine. I have really loved seeing all my friends back at school but I have noticed something that scares even a big dog like me. I've seen a lot of my friends not following some rules to keep them safe in the car, so I wanted to take some time to go over seatbelt, car seat, and booster seat safety.

Seatbelts: The first thing is to remember to always buckle your seatbelt. Buckling up is a really simple way to stay safe. You should check the seatbelt fit on your kids. The seatbelt should be low across the hips, below the stomach, and the shoulder belt should go over the collarbone. Remember to never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under the arm, this prevents the seat belt from doing its job properly! In Ohio, the law states drivers and front-seat passengers must wear a seatbelt or occupant restraint. Now remember, while Ohio law doesn't require those 16 years of age and older in the back seat to use seatbelts, the safest choice is for everyone to buckle up every single time!

Car seats/Booster seats: I want to start by saying the best thing you can do is to use the appropriate car seat or booster seat until your child is big enough for the seatbelt to fit properly. Children under 4 years old OR weighing less than 40 pounds, must be properly secured in a child restraint system. Any child under 8 years old AND under 4'9" tall must ride in a booster seat. If a child is no longer required to be in a booster seat, they must still be properly restrained until 16 years old. Finally, make sure the seat is installed correctly. Follow the car seat manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual to ensure they are installed properly. Not sure if you are using the right seat for your child's height/weight or simply want help either installing one or checking one already installed? If you are a city of Sylvania resident, contact our car seat technician Heather Kelso at 419-885-8902 to set up an appointment.

Seating positions: I know as we get bigger, we can't wait to ride in the front seat of the car, but the back seat is generally the safest place for children. Whenever possible, children should ride in the back seat, especially when they are in a car seat or booster seat! The safest practice is for children to remain in the back seat until they are 13 years old!

Remember friends, these rules are the minimum, we encourage everyone to make safe choices regardless. I know sometimes you aren't traveling far, so it can be easy to just break a couple little rules but accidents can happen anywhere, even in the school drop off/pick-up line! I don't want to see anyone get hurt. So, buckle up every time, use the proper safety seat, and sit in the best place to keep you safe.

Remember everyone, stay safe, the Leo way!

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Griffin Navarre

For 12-year-old Griffin Navarre, the fish story is real. After a successful season with the Northwest Ohio Junior Bass Masters, Griffin capped it off with a first-place trophy and earned "Angler of the Year" honors. His accomplishment is even more impressive considering he spent much of the season fishing with a broken leg. Griffin suffered the injury in early July, but a broken leg wasn't enough to keep the young fisherman off the water. He quickly adapted, using a scooter and fishing with his leg secured in a boot during the Wednesday night fishing club events.

According to his mother, Nicole, Griffin's passion for fishing is evident in the amount of knowledge he gained throughout the season. "He worked hard to learn different techniques and many other details relating to the sport," she said. She credits coach Corey Miller with helping make the season such a success. The 13-week program began April 29 and concluded July 29. "He was most knowledgeable and attentive, sharing his expertise and helping encourage the older members of the class to share their know-how with the younger members. They all learned so much," she said. Each week, the young anglers traveled to different fishing locations, including several private clubs. Catches were measured by weight, with Miller keeping track of the results. Weekly prizes gave the participants another reason to keep casting — and learning. For Griffin, the season was about more than trophies. It was an opportunity to sharpen his skills, learn from others, share his knowledge, and pursue a sport he clearly loves. With fishing season behind him, Griffin is already looking ahead to his next challenge: returning to the football field. Once his boot comes off, he plans to join the Arbor Hills Junior Wildcats and trade his fishing gear for football equipment.

Twirler wins twirling titles



Emerie Muczynski, age 9, of Sylvania Twirling Stars, earned seven national baton twirling titles this summer at two separate national contests. Those include the 2026 National Baton Twirling Association Juvenile Grand National Twirling Championship. She qualified to compete in the Juvenile Solo Twirling event for Team USA in Italy in March 2027. She also placed first runner up in the Juvenile 2-Baton competition. Earlier in July, she won the Juvenile 3-Baton National Title at the Twirling Unlimited International Contest in Canton, Ohio. She is coached by Rhonda Muscaro of Beverly Hills, FL; as well as her mother, Katie Muczynski, and Erin Fabilli of Sylvania.

Learn about Sylvania schools finances

Town Halls

Do you want to learn more about Sylvania Schools finances, or do you have questions about the Nov. 3 levy? These Town Halls are great opportunities to ask questions directly to Superintendent Tim Zieroff, Treasurer Adam Koch, and members of the Board of Education. The Town Halls will take place on Wednesdays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 21, at the Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 W. Sylvania Ave., 6 to 8 pm.

Coffee & Conversation

For more ways to learn about district fi-

nances and ask questions about the levy in an informal setting attend a Coffee & Conversation. These are another opportunity to ask questions and speak with Superintendent Tim Zieroff and Treasurer Adam Koch. These sessions will take place on Friday mornings at 9:30 am, Sep. 11 through Oct. 30. Note that most take place at the Sylvania Senior Center with the exception of Oct. 16, which will be at the Administration Building, 4747 N. Holland Sylvania Rd.

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Jeff Carroll, Paul Devers, John Crawford, and Clay Hepler NVHS Class of 1978 catch up at the Aug. 20 Reunion Festival.



SV grad **Chris Offenburg**, serves as the Reunion Festival emcee meets up with **Jodi Hess**, Sylvania Foundation Committee event coordinator.



Mike Nusbaum, John Mandel, and Dave Myers talk about their Southview memories.



Northview graduates **Jenny Hires Briggs** talks with **Susan Lange Micsko** and her husband **Gary**.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees



Back row: **Jason Robbins**, SV, 2000, soccer, football, basketball, track; **Chris Moore**, SV, 1994, cross country; **Brian Kezur**, SV, 2001, football; **Janelle Noe**, NV, 2013, cross country, track; **Megan Miller Holdridge**, NV, 2014, tennis. Front row: **Cary Weaver**, Jim Glase Distinguished Service Award; **Tom Jones**, Sylvania, 1976, hockey; **Jon Ulrich**, Sylvania, 1974, basketball; **Martha Chicles Adams**, Sylvania 1976, tennis, basketball, track; **Eunice White**, Sylvania, 1968, Women's pro football; **Casey Meridieth**, NV, 2008, football.



The 1976 Sylvania Hockey Team includes Coaches **Roy Vivian** and **Jim Cooper**. Players are **Mark Ashner, Randy Boehme, John Bunde, Steve Chuslo, George Cunningham, Rick Faison, Wayne Johnson, Tom Jones, Dave Kidd, Doug Kidd, Steve Lafferty, Dan Letson, Alan Mannik, Mark Mathews, Jim Moncher, Frank Narum, Jerry Prephan, Bruce Short, and Rusty Vance**. The team was also inducted into the 2026 Athletic Hall of Fame during the Reunion Festival weekend Aug. 20 through Aug. 22.

As Sylvania School graduates gather at the Reunion Festival at Centennial



John Watkins, Molly Armstrong, Jan Watkins, Keith McHugh, and Jeff Stansley share school memories during the Aug. 20 reunion.



Richard White reconnects with **Jim Locker** from the Sylvania High School class of '76 during the reunion event at Centennial Terrace.



Friends since their days at Burnham High School, **Kay Miller, Penny Armstrong Sherman and Patty Croninger** enjoy the reunion on Aug. 20.



Dave Spiess, of the Sylvania Foundation Committee, chats with former Sylvania School Board member **Mary Himmelein**.



Renee' Quiros White, Terry Kirkpatrick Rentner, Lisa Hartkopf Smith and Linda Quiros Smith recall moving to Southview High School.



Charles Ide and **Patty Crawford** congratulate event organizer **Jodi Hess** on a successful Reunion Festival.



Southview graduate **Gayleen Gindy** helped with the Heritage Sylvania display of yearbooks and class pictures.



Northview graduate **Cherie Rowe Stansley** and her dad, Burnham High School graduate **Ken Rowe** enjoy the evening.

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6409 MONROE ST.

Moving west on Monroe Street, from the previous article, we come to Lot No. 12 of the 14 lots that Ray West subdivided in the early 1900s, and named Hubbard's Addition to Sylvania. This lot was transferred from Ray and Flora (Hubbard) West's name in 1929 when Charles W. Carroll purchased it. According to an article in the Sylvania Sentinel dated Aug. 1, 1929, Carroll Motor Sales, dealers in Oakland and Pontiac automobiles, was now in its new location on Monroe Street next to the Indian Gas Station. The article said that Carroll had also purchased the lot to the east (the subject lot), which he was going to use as a used car sales lot. In 1931 he transferred the land into his wife's name, Mary Carroll, where it stayed until 1946.

In 1946 Robert Schulz purchased this used car lot, and the Jan. 24, 1946, Sylvania Sentinel reported the following: "Another new business, the Sylvania Frozen Food Locker, will be opened here in the near future. The location of the new business will be at 6409 Monroe Street, just east of Dewey's Gas Station. The building and plant will cost approximately \$23,000 and will have a capacity of 485 lockers. The new businessman is Robert C. Schulz, who was just recently released from the Army, after serving five years. He was discharged as a Captain. Mr. Schulz has a wife and daughter and is anxious to move them to Sylvania from Toledo as soon as a home is available."

On April 15, 1946, Schulz was issued a building permit for Carr & Son of Toledo to construct a 41-foot x six-inch by 50-foot, 10-inch cement block building to be used as a frozen food locker plant for the rental of food lockers.

The Oct. 3, 1946, Sylvania Sentinel reported that The Sylvania Frozen Food Locker was open for business as of September 30. Schulz, the proprietor, said that he had already rented all of the lockers, but he had ordered more which were promised by December.

In August, 1947 the Sylvania Sentinel featured an article about Schulz and his Frozen Food Locker business at 6409 Monroe St. The article said that he and his wife, Virginia, and 2-year-old daughter Barbara Lynn, had started renting the "remodeled Comstock house" located on Monroe Street at Summit Street. He had served in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama during his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

In 1948 the property transferred into the name of The Sylvania Food Locker, Inc., and then on June 19, 1950, John A and Helen J. Uhl purchased the property. In August of 1951 Uhl was issued a sign permit allowing Ross Sign Company to install a six-foot by eight-foot electric post sign.

On June 10, 1966, Marvin E. Bennett purchased the land and building and continued to use the building for frozen food storage. In July of 1974, Bennett, of Bennett Frozen Foods, was issued a building permit to add a new 20-foot by 24-foot freezer storage behind his existing structure. In June of 1976 he was issued another permit for additional freezer storage. In May of 1981 he was issued a new sign permit for a four-foot by 10-foot sign installed by B & B Signs.

In July of 2000 Bennett's obituary said that he had operated Bennett Frozen Foods in Sylvania until he retired in 1978. Although he was listed as living in Sylvania it was reported that after retirement he and his wife Wilma wintered in Palm Harbor, Fla. and summered in Coldwater, Mich.

Suburban Directories show Bennett Frozen Foods listed at this address through 1989, but not in the 1990 directory. On Dec. 31, 1990, the property transferred into the Crowner Family Partnership, with owners including David W. Crowner, John D. Crowner and Barbara A. Crowner.

July of 1992 John Crowner was issued a sign permit to replace the facing of the old "Bennett Frozen Foods" sign with a "Video Adventures" sign for his business at 6423 Monroe St.

Dentist David W. Crowner operated his dental business in the building just to the west. We will talk more about him next time.

This property stayed in the Crowner Family Partnership name until 2020. Suburban directories show that the building was used for Video Adventures storage throughout the 1990s. In 2005 Barbara Crowner was issued a permit allowing her to demolish the old building and the property then sat empty.

On Feb. 26, 2020, Ten Mile Ventures LLC purchased the land, and on March 4, 2020 it transferred to James K. House, Trustee, where it remains.

Recently the property was black-topped, and our subject property is now the exit lane for parking in the rear of the buildings at 6419 and 6423 Monroe St.



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BY JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

School may be back in session, but don't roll up the grill just yet - summer still has plenty of sizzle left. Grilled flatbread pizzas bring big flavor to busy weeknight meals or laid-back weekend dinners with crisp, smoky crusts, garden-fresh toppings and barely any cleanup. They are completely customizable - everyone can pitch in and build their own masterpiece with fresh produce, a mix of cheeses, flavored oils, jarred sauces and favorite spices.

Flatbread crusts are widely available and come in a host of different shapes - top them with one of the combinations listed here or create your own. They're a simple and flavorful way to keep dinner fun long after the school bell rings.

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Spread marinara sauce over flatbread. Top with pepperoni slices and shredded mozzarella cheese. After grilling, add a couple of dollops of ricotta cheese, a drizzle of hot honey and sprinkle with red pepper flakes.

PEACH
PROSCIUTTO



Brush flatbread with extra virgin olive oil. Top with burrata cheese, sliced peaches, and thin prosciutto slices. Drizzle with hot honey, and sprinkle with fresh basil leaves and crushed red pepper flakes.

How to Grill Flatbread Pizza:

1. **Preheat the Grill:**
Bring the grill to medium-high heat around 400 F – 450 F. Clean and lightly oil the grates.
2. **Prep the Flatbread:**
Lightly brush the bottom side of the flatbread with olive oil. This prevents sticking and creates a crispy crust.
3. **Top the Base:**
Flip the flatbread over and add your choice of cheese and toppings.
4. **Grill Over Indirect Heat:**
Place flatbreads in the middle of the grill. Turn the center burners off. Close the lid and grill over indirect heat for 6 to 8 minutes until the cheese has melted.
5. **Add the Finishing Touches:**
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THE STARS SPEAK

Lest we forget - September 11 carries profound significance as we pause to remember the lives lost during the tragic events of September 11, 2001. It is a day of reflection, gratitude, compassion, and honoring those whose lives were forever changed. We are reminded to cherish the present and appreciate the blessings we often take for granted.

Happy Birthday Virgo! The Sun and new moon in your sign illuminates you. This is your month to realign with your purpose. Trust your inner guide, allow your wisdom to shine through. Though Saturn and Uranus transiting may test your patience, it cannot overshadow the gifts the universe has given you. Release what no longer serves you, embrace your strength, and allow the stars to guide you.

Sun in Virgo - The cosmic atmosphere encourages us to slow down, organize our lives, and reconnect with what truly matters. The Sun continues its journey through Virgo from Aug. 24 through Sept. 22, placing emphasis on health, work, daily routines, responsibility, and personal growth. This is an excellent month to become more organized, simplify your life, improve your health, and focus on practical solutions.

New Moon September 11 - Every new moon symbolizes new beginnings, but in Virgo, it is especially encouraging to create healthier habits, improve our work environment, become more disciplined, and establish routines. It is a wonderful time to set goals, organize finances, begin wellness programs, or clear away emotional and physical clutter.

Full Moon in Libra - September 26 Full moons bringing emotions to the surface and encourage closure. Aries represents independ-

ence, courage, and action, while Libra seeks harmony, balance, and cooperation. This opposition may leave many people feeling emotionally pulled between taking care of themselves and maintaining peace with others. Tempers may flare more easily and impulsive reactions could create unnecessary conflict if not handled carefully.

Adding to the intensity, Mars, the planet of energy, motivation, and action, continues traveling through Cancer, where emotions often drive decisions rather than logic. Mars forms a challenging aspect with Saturn retrograde in Aries, creating periods of frustration, delays and the feeling that progress requires extra effort. Rather than becoming discouraged, this cosmic combination asks us to develop patience and persistence.

Overall, September offers opportunities for healing and self-improvement. While moments of emotional intensity may arise toward month's end, they also provide insight into what needs your attention. Balance, patience, and thoughtful planning will be your greatest allies. September reminds us that meaningful growth rarely happens overnight. The new moon in Virgo teaches us that discipline, preparation, and thoughtful planning create lasting success. The full moon in Aries encourages courage while reminding us to balance independence with compassion.

What's Your Sign?

Aries - The full moon/harvest moon on September 26, in your sign opposite the sun, places you center stage. This is a powerful month of personal realization and emotional breakthroughs. Relationships, career goals, and your own identity may all be reassessed. Saturn retrograde asks you to reevaluate, while Mars reminds you to manage emotional reactions before acting upon impulse.

Taurus - The month of September encourages you to create greater balance between work and personal fulfillment. Creative projects, romance,

and family matters receive positive attention. The new moon supports healthier habits, while the full moon reminds you to slow down and recharge emotionally. Time to release negative patterns and habits.

Gemini - Your attention turns toward family and emotional security. The new moon is ideal for organizing your home, making improvements, or reconnecting with those closest to you. Career responsibilities may feel demanding near the full moon, requiring better balance between personal and professional life.

Cancer - Mars traveling through your sign gives you motivation, confidence, and determination. However, avoid reacting emotionally under pressure. Communication becomes especially important this month. The new moon favors learning, writing, networking, and strengthening important relationships.

Leo - Financial matters come into focus. The new moon offers opportunities to improve budgeting, increase income, or reorganize investments. The full moon inspires travel, education, or expanding your horizons. Trust your abilities while remaining practical with spending.

Virgo - This is your month to shine. With the Sun and new moon in your sign, you're beginning an exciting new personal chapter. Set ambitious but realistic goals, improve your health, refresh your appearance, or begin new ventures. The universe encourages confidence and self-belief.

Libra - As your birthday season approaches later in the month, you're encouraged to complete unfinished business first. The full moon shines brightly on relationships, bringing clarity regarding partnerships, friendships, and commitments. Honest communication leads to healthier connections.

Scorpio - Friendships, organizations, and future dreams receive cosmic attention. The new moon supports networking and building stronger al-

liances. The full moon highlights work-life balance and encourages healthier routines that reduce unnecessary stress.

Sagittarius - Career opportunities continue developing throughout September. Recognition for past efforts may finally arrive. The full moon encourages romance, creativity, and enjoying life outside of work. Don't allow responsibilities to overshadow personal happiness.

Capricorn - This is an excellent month for expanding your knowledge through travel, education, or new experiences. The new moon inspires growth and long-range planning. The full moon may bring family or home matters that require your immediate attention and thoughtful decisions.

Aquarius - Transformation continues beneath the surface. Financial partnerships, shared resources, taxes, or investments may require closer examination. The full moon supports communication, learning, and resolving misunderstandings through honest conversation.

Pisces - Relationships remain your greatest area of growth this month. Whether personal or professional, important partnerships evolve under September's skies. The new moon encourages stronger commitments, while the full moon asks you to reassess finances, self-worth, and personal priorities.

Remember that while every zodiac sign experiences these planetary influences, your personal time of birth determines which area of life these transits activate most strongly. Your natal chart provides the precise blueprint for how these celestial energies unfold in your own life.

Janet Amid is a media Astrologer, Numerologist, Dream interpreter, Tarot Reader and is a columnist for the Sylvania AdVantage. For appointments or information, call her office at 419-882-5510.

Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower.

- Albert Camus



James Patrick ‘Pat’ Falvey II



James Patrick “Pat” Falvey II, born April 1, 1968, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, August 17, 2026.

Pat was the beloved son of Carol MacRitchie and William Falvey. Loyal, faithful, genuine, and deeply loved, Pat had a smile that could brighten any room. He will be remembered for his kind heart, his authenticity, and the simple joy he found in the people and places he loved.

An avid sports fan, Pat loved Ohio State football, the Pittsburgh Steelers & Pittsburgh Pirates and fantasy football—preferably with a good filet, a chocolate milkshake, and his people close by. He especially loved the camaraderie of his friends and community at Fricker’s in Sylvania, where he became a familiar and much-loved face.

Pat earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Toledo. At Churchill’s Supermarket and later at The Andersons, he became a constant, familiar, ever-smiling face, building friendships and community with the people who became part of his everyday world.

Most importantly, Pat accepted God as his Lord and Savior. His sister takes comfort in knowing he is now at peace and in the presence of his Savior, and his faith gives those who loved him hope that this goodbye is not forever.

Pat is survived by his loving sister, Robin Falvey (Paul Banner); Robin’s former husband and longtime family member, Jon Ayers; nieces, Avery and Abby; nephew, Jonathan; stepfather, Donald MacRitchie; stepbrother, Chris MacRitchie (Jen) and family, and Matt MacRitchie; aunt, Martha Moloney; cousins, Ellen, Kathleen, Maureen, and Trisha; and a host of dear friends, especially his Fricker’s family in Sylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carol MacRitchie and William Falvey; cousins, Mary Francis, Chris, and Anne Falvey; uncle, Jim; and aunt and uncle, Alice and Tom Falvey.

In lieu of flowers, Pat would love nothing more than for you to join your fantasy football league, cheer on your favorite team, enjoy a good meal and milkshake with friends, or make a donation to the American Diabetes Association in loving memory of his mom, Carol.

In true Pat fashion, guests are invited to skip the black and wear red—or their favorite spirit wear—as we celebrate him at peace and free with his Savior.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16

How firm thy friendship, Pat. Go Bucks! Go Steelers!

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SYLVANIA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Sylvania City Council in City Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood Ave, Sylvania, OH 43560 on **Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the Petition for Zoning Amendment Application No. SUP-4-2026, from Matt DeWood for 5890 Monroe Street, Sylvania, Ohio, to change current B-4 zoning to B- 4 SUP zoning for a convenience store with auto fueling; and any person or persons interested in providing testimony, may be heard.

By Order of the Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio.
Claudia Witkowski, Clerk of Council

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Sylvania City Council in City Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood Ave, Sylvania, OH 43560 on **Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the Petition for Zoning Amendment Application No. ZA-1-2026, from Louisville Title Agency for N.W. Ohio, Inc., as Trustee for Millstream Development Company for Parcel No. 8293529, 8293530, and 8293531, located at the south side of Brint Road, immediately west of the intersection with King Road, to change the current R-1 zoning to R-1 PD zoning to develop four (4) residential lots; and any person or persons interested in providing testimony, may be heard.

By Order of the Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio.
Claudia Witkowski, Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

The Sylvania Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Meeting on **Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5 pm** at the Township Hall, 4927 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560 for consideration of the following:

- 1) Conditional Use for a Residential Care Facility within an R-5 District for the properties located at 7260 & 7270 Crossleigh Court (Parcel Nos. 79-72730 & 79-72731) STZR -SECTION 600
- 2) Variance Request for the location of a monument sign from a 10' setback from the right-of-way required to 2' provided for the property located at 3423 N. Holland Sylvania Road (Parcel No. 78-48594) STZR – SECTION 1407
- 3) Exception for the sidewalk requirement for the property located at 8110 Central Avenue (Parcel No. 78-31741) STZR – SECTION 1106 – C (3)

Notice: The Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct hearings on all issues published within this agenda. All persons interested in or affected by said request will have the right and opportunity to be heard on the question of granting or denying of said requests. Information concerning said matters is on file in the Sylvania Township Zoning Office and may be seen Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm.

By Order of BZA Yuri Osterhout, Chairman

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Benner Prots and his dad, **Jay**, are ready to ride late at the annual Ridin' Late in County 48 on Aug. 22.



Brian Schroyer of Spoke Life Cycles talks bikes with **Ryan Bass** before the 2026 Ridin' Late event.



Tom Cappellini plans to be in the lead of the cyclists on the Red Bird as they make their way through Sylvania neighborhoods.



Shawn and **Rachael McCarthy**, their daughters **Lennon**, **Palmer**, and **Eloise** and friend **Emma Chamberlin** make this an annual family ride.



Heather and **Nathan Renner** and their daughters **Hadley** and **Kinsley** are eager to ride the nine-mile route through Sylvania neighborhoods.



Lucy Malczewski serves as disc jockey for the 2026 Ridin' Late crowd as her dad, **Ben**, and **Katie Cappellini** answer questions of the participants.



Mason Reinmeyer and his parents **Allen** and **Amy** gather their gear and relax before the ride.



George Bass gets some cycling pointers from **Bud Schroyer** before Ridin' Late begins.

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- Park at Tam-O-Shanter and enter Olander Park through the walk-in gates.
- Remember to dress for the weather. The Hike is rain or shine.

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