

Quarterly
 Newsletter
 Summer 2022

The City of Niles



CITY OF NILES

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 Park/Cemetery.....1140
 Wellness Center.....1300
 Law Dept.....1501
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 Human Resources.....1115

NILES CITY COUNCIL

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 Nicole Bacak



Message from Mayor Mientkiewicz

Niles Residents,

Summer is in full swing in the City of Niles! We enjoy seeing our residents utilize city amenities for outdoor activities in the parks and on the bike trail. We have many infrastructure improvements scheduled for this summer including street resurfacing, Maple Street Waterline replacement, and Bellevue Storm Outfall Rehabilitation. We continue to be fiscally responsible and transparent with your tax dollars by working within the Council approved budget. The

Fourth of July weekend in Niles was very successful and included many exciting events. I would like to extend a thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and committees who helped organize the Miss Niles pageant, annual parade, and Scrappers baseball game & fireworks. Take the time this Summer to visit the downtown area and look at the Hometown Heroes banners and hanging flower baskets, stop by the McKinley Memorial for a lawn concert, or visit the newly opened Cadence Coffee and Creperie. 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 host the City-Wide Garage and Yard Sale on August 5, 6, and 7. There is no cost for registration and all permit fees have been waived.

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City Ordinance:

All fences constructed within a residential district shall comply with the following provisions:

- All fences shall not be erected closer than the one foot to the property line.
- All types of fences shall have a finished appearance on the side facing a neighboring property, or the street.

NCO- 1157.10

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 fee.
- Signing up for utility service? Applications for new service or to transfer service can be found on the "Billing" page of the city website. Please be sure the application is completed, signed, and returned with the specified documents.

Waddell Park Grant

The City of Niles was recently awarded a federal grant for Waddell Park Improvements, in the amount of 2.55 million dollars. These funds were made available through the Office of Congressman Tim Ryan. The funding is earmarked through the 2023 federal Presidential Budget.



The City of Niles has undertaken an initiative to improve the city park system, focusing on facilities, beautification, health and safety. The goals are to enhance facility features that promote a healthy community, incorporate an attractive landscape, and allow residents to enjoy a quality-of-life activities in a comfortable setting.

The grant funding is specifically earmarked for Waddell Park Improvements with the following individual project budget breakdown:

Community Splash Pad	\$350,000.00
Gazebo/Pavilion	\$50,000.00
Comfort Station Restrooms	\$100,000.00
ADA Accessible Playground	\$850,000.00
Athletic Field Turf	\$900,000.00
Fencing Upgrades	\$100,000.00
Asphalt/Concrete Upgrades	\$100,000.00
Sanitary/Septic Upgrades	\$100,000.00
Total	\$2,550,000.00

Mosquito Spraying:

Spraying for mosquitoes will take place in the evenings of August 4th and September 1st. Though the spray is safe, please be aware of open windows, pets outside, and outdoor activity.

City Planning & Grant Writing

The city has created a new position within the administration dedicated to planning and grant writing. This position is accountable for comprehensive zoning and planning, grant writing for various departments, and capital infrastructure plans. The position is responsible for overseeing the city's GIS mapping system and will work on EPA stormwater plans. A focus on researching and exploring new revenue streams to offset local dollars is a key factor with this position. You can reach the Planner/Grant Coordinator at 330-544-9000 ext.1601.



> **Vision**

> **Planning**

> **Success**

Notice to Residents:

Niles City Council will hold one meeting in the month of August, due to summer recess. Council will meet on August 17th at 6:00pm. in the Niles Senior Center. A reminder that all meetings are available through a live Zoom stream. Information about how to log on to a City Council meeting can be found on the city website or by contacting the Clerk.

NECO Water Metering Hardware

NECO will be continuing the water meter transmitter (MIU) and register head maintenance program this Summer. If you receive a letter from NECO, please contact the company to schedule your appointment. This will ensure that you are receiving actual reads on your monthly water bill. Look closely to be sure your bill is labeled actual (ACT) and not estimate (EST). If you receive an estimated (EST) bill, immediately contact the Niles Utility Billing Office so that one of our service representatives can schedule, inspect, and replace your metering hardware.

Niles Safety Departments



Mayor Mientkiewicz most recently swore-in the City's newest firefighter, Todd Allen. Todd brings firefighting experience to the department after working with the Austintown Fire Department.

The Niles Police Department was recently awarded \$262,350 in state grant funding. This funding is associated with the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program. Funding will be used to aid in police officer retention to ensure that staffing in the department remains at full strength. It is geared toward a continuing effort to prevent and investigate violent crimes within the City of Niles.

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 second quarter is at \$12,665,990.48. 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 4.2 million dollars, and the Sewer fund balance forward is approximately 4.8 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 throughout the second quarter of 2022 is \$5,851,497.42.

City wide overtime through the second quarter of 2022 came in at \$282,324.23, 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.