



# SYLVANIA ADVANTAGE

Dec. 1 - Dec. 14, 2025  
Vol. 30, No. 17 • [sylvaniaadvantage.com](http://sylvaniaadvantage.com)



## Sylvania's No. 1 Source for Community News

### The Gift of Music Inspires a Lifetime of Magic at Forté Music School

### What's Inside



*It's That Time of the Year!*

Gift Giving Made Easy pgs. 12-13

What's Up	2-5
Government	6-7
Business	8-11
It's that Time of the Year	12-13
Schools	15
Sylvania Then & Now	16
Sizzle Simmer Sauté	17
Community	18-19
The Stars Speak	20
Lives Celebrated	21
Business Cards	22
Classifieds	23
Seen in Sylvania	24



## MUSIC LESSONS

ALL AGES  
ALL INSTRUMENTS  
(419) 471-2100  
[www.ForteMusic419.com](http://www.ForteMusic419.com)





# Winter Festival Of Crafts



**Franciscan Center at Lourdes University**  
6832 Convent Blvd. - Sylvania, Ohio

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**10:00 - 4:00**

**Free Admission & Parking**

*A beautiful setting for our last show of the year. Pick up that last minute holiday gift or decoration that will make your holiday's bright!*



Refreshments provided by several food trucks out in front of the hall.



[www.toledocraftsmansguild.org](http://www.toledocraftsmansguild.org) - 419-842-1925



## Red Bird Art Walk, Tree Lighting, Miracle on Main, begin the season

During the Dec. 5 First Friday Art Walk, Mayor Mark Frye, with help from Red Bird President Ben Malczewski, will light the community Christmas Tree in the Corner Park at 6 pm. Guests may enjoy the Hot Cocoa Bar and the Holiday Cheer tent featuring Dave Pfenning & PFAM JAM, taco food trucks and more.

Hudson Gallery will host its annual Cool Yule Jewelry Trunk Show, and Chelsea Bobulski will hold a book signing at Finch and Fern Book Company. Shoppers will find a 25 percent discount on anything on a tree at Beautiful Blooms by Jen.

A Walk at Wildwood exhibit will be on display at Fuller Art House. Fiddlestix will hold a

fundraiser for St. Joe's Parent Teacher Organization all day.

Heritage Sylvania's Children's Wonderland, with Buddy the Elf and The Grinch, will feature caroling and crafts in the Historic Village from 5 to 8 pm. Santa will make his appearance from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Miracle on Main continues on Saturday, Dec. 6 with festive shopping on Main Street.

Heritage Sylvania's Children's Wonderland is open on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Guests can also enjoy live music from students in the Holiday Cheer Tent before the Miracle on Main Holiday Parade begins at 5:30 pm.

## An evening with ...

### Local authors

An evening celebrating local authors with the Taylor Automotive Family will be held at Voodoo Brewing on Dec. 8 starting at 6 pm.

Featured local authors and their works include Steve Taylor, "Taylor Made," Tom Cole, "Back in the Pocket," Terry Cole, "Do You Have the Balls? From Toledo Icon to Humanitarian Champion," Anthony Knopps, "The No-Fail Mission: The Men and Women Behind the Presidential Service Badge," and Kate Michaelson, "Hidden Rooms."

Each \$20 ticket includes a free beverage, light snacks and a raffle ticket. Additional bar and menu items, as well as raffle tickets, are available for purchase. Finch & Fern Book Co. will be on-

site selling books by the authors, as well as other special items.

All proceeds will benefit local arts and cultural programs, Sylvania Area Family Services and Jewish Senior & Family Services Food Pantries.

### Best selling author

Bestselling author of "House of Leaves," Mark Z. Danielewski will discuss his new novel, "Tom's Crossing," on Dec. 11 at Inside the Five's Fifth Floor. The event begins at 6 pm with a VIP reception followed by a Q&A and book signing. The new novel is about two friends determined to rescue a pair of horses set for slaughter. Stephen King has called "Tom's Crossing" an amazing work of fiction.

TOLEDO ZOO

# Lights before Christmas

40 YEARS OF LIGHTS

PRESENTED BY

**Huntington Bank**

**Nov. 21 - Dec. 31**

Experience more magic as we celebrate a timeless tradition that shines brighter with each season!

See event details at [toledozoo.org](http://toledozoo.org)



## Christmas at Heritage Sylvania



Visitors are welcome every Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm through Dec. 21 to step back in time when they see the Cooke-Kuhlman House, 5717 Main St., decked in holiday splendor the way it would have been when the Cooke-Kuhlman family lived here. Wander through the rooms with twinkling lights, decorated trees, and vintage decor combined with the fresh scents of pine and cinnamon. Experience the historic Christmas charm as you learn about the ways Sylvania has celebrated Christmas throughout its history.

### Craftsman's Guild bring work to Franciscan

The Toledo Craftsman's Guild will finish their 50th year anniversary with their Winter Festival of Crafts in the Franciscan Center on the campus of Lourdes University, 6832 Convent Blvd., on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Shoppers can purchase quality hand-crafted items from a selection of holiday wreaths, floral, yard and seasonal decorations, jewelry, wood-

working, fragrances and lotions; fabric, home décor, decorative painting, photography, and more. Many of the Craftsman's Guild members will also create a one-of-a-kind gift as a special order.

Parking and admission are free and several favorite food trucks will be available.

### Children's Wonderland opens at Tam-O-Shanter


A northwest Ohio holiday tradition for over 50 years, Children's Wonderland, will open for the season Friday, Dec. 12 at Sylvania's Tam-O-Shanter and will run through Dec. 24. Dozens of classic exhibits will be on display, train rides.. Also the popular Mold-A-Matic Souvenir Wax holiday figure machines are back this year.

The exhibits will be open daily 11 am to 8 pm

through December 23 and on Dec.24 hours are 11 am to 2 pm.

Admission this year is children 2+, \$7 and adults 18+ \$9, seniors 65+ \$7.


Donuts with the Clauses is a special event offered Dec. 14 and Dec. 20 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Pre-registration is required and can be made by visiting [playsylvania.com](http://playsylvania.com).



## children's wonderland

December 12 – 24, 2025  
Open daily 11 am – 8 pm / 11 am – 2 pm (Dec. 24)  
The Field House at Tam-O-Shanter  
7060 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH

**Kids Zone | Classic Displays |  
Train Rides | Letters to Santa |  
Photos with Santa |  
Mold-A-Matic Souvenirs**



Visit [childrenswonderland.org](http://childrenswonderland.org) for more details



# Holiday Lights Kick-Off

Friday, December 5  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Nederhouser Community Hall

**Special Guest Santa Claus**

**Presented by Sylvania Hometown Hardware**



Enjoy crafts, music, and refreshments while strolling through Olander Park Holiday Lights



[www.outdoorsylvania.com](http://www.outdoorsylvania.com)



**All-Good Things**  
Art & Gifts

Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Crafted by our Sister Artisans*  
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania, OH

**December Sales**  
20% off all Nativities  
Christmas Cards - 10 for \$12

**Christmas Open House**  
Dec. 10, 2 - 7 PM  
10% off total order

*join us!*  
Mark your calendar  
December 5, 2025, 1-3 PM  
Hand-made cards, \$15.00  
December 12, 2025, 1-3 PM  
Tabletop Christmas Tree, \$15.00  
January 2, 2026, no class  
RSVP: 419-824-3749

*Reloadable Gift Cards now available!*

Local Honey available  
(to benefit SAVE)

Sylvania Franciscans  
Women of Peace  
Seekers of Justice

## Toledo Zoo celebrates 40 years of Lights through Dec. 31

The Toledo Zoo kicked off its 40th edition of its Lights Before Christmas event on Nov. 21. Presented by Huntington Bank, the milestone celebration runs through Dec. 31 and promises to dazzle visitors with over a million glittering lights, animated displays, festive activities and family fun.

Throughout the season, visitors can explore the full Lights Before Christmas experience, featuring over one million twinkling lights, more than 200 illuminated animal images and the Main Plaza Dancing Lights sponsored by Comfortline Fiber Frame. Guests can savor seasonal treats and warm beverages throughout the Zoo as they stroll among the displays and celebrate this Toledo tradition.

This year's event includes the return of

the reimagined Winter Village sponsored by Kroger in the historic Amphitheatre.

Visitors can ride down the ice slide, cozy up at fire pits with a festive drink from Twinkle Tavern, explore seasonal treasures at Enchanted Gifts and enjoy holiday treats at The Sweet Shoppe.

Santa will be available for photos and visits in the Winter Village from 4 to 8 pm daily, through Dec. 31.

During the season, the Zoo will open exclusively for Lights Before Christmas starting at 3 pm.

- Monday - Thursday: 3 - 8 pm (9 pm close)
- Friday - Sunday: 3 - 9 pm (10 pm close)
- Thanksgiving Day: 3 - 8 pm (9 pm close)



Photo by Toledo Zoo and Aquarium.

- Christmas Eve: 3 - 8 pm (9 pm close)
- Christmas Day: 3 - 8 pm (9 pm close)
- New Year's Eve: 10 am - 8 pm (9 pm close)

Reservations are now open and are required for all guests, including members. Reservations are released one week at a time.

Tickets can be purchased online at [toledo-zoo.org/events/lights](http://toledo-zoo.org/events/lights).



**SYLVANIA ADVANTAGE**  
5758 N. Main St., Ste. 1, Sylvania, Ohio 43560  
Telephone: 419-824-0100  
Email: [sylvaniaadvantage@gmail.com](mailto:sylvaniaadvantage@gmail.com)

### PUBLISHER

Suzanne Crawford  
AdVantage Communications, LLC  
**FOUNDER & PUBLISHER EMERITUS**  
Sharon Lange

### EDITOR

Jennifer Alexander Ruple  
**GRAPHICS/PRODUCTION**  
Kayla Pittenger

### ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES

Suzanne Crawford, Ron Shnider, Matt Wiciak

### COPY EDITORS

Sarah Groves, Bobbie Ziviski

### CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Janet Amid, Mark Frye, Gayleen Ginday, LEO.

Views expressed by advertisers or contributing writers do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher or staff.

**G.F. HANDEL'S MESSIAH**  
THE ORIGINAL TOLEDO TRADITION FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS

*hallelujah*  
*hallelujah*  
*hallelujah*

*Wonderful Counselor*

*Messiah*

*MIGHTY GOD*

Richard Napierala | Conductor • Andreea Lee | Harpsichordist

**SUNDAY • DECEMBER 7, 2025 • 3 PM**  
**GESU CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**2049 PARKSIDE BOULEVARD • TOLEDO 43607**

\$35 Presale tickets available at [toledochoralsociety.org](http://toledochoralsociety.org) • Tickets will also be available at the door



Find us on Facebook

SCAN FOR EVENTS



**JOY!**

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

IN LIEU OF TICKET SALES, WE ASK THAT ATTENDEES BRING A NON-PERISHABLE PANTRY ITEM OR PAPER PRODUCT TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

*A Freewill Offering Will be Appreciated*

Richard Napierala | Conductor • Andreea Lee | Accompanist

**7 PM • FRIDAY**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2025**  
**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
8330 LEWIS AVENUE  
TEMPERANCE, MI, 48182

**3 PM • SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
**MAUMEE UNITED**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**  
405 SACKETT STREET  
MAUMEE, 43537

**2 PM • SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2025**  
**HISTORIC CHURCH**  
**OF ST. PATRICK**  
130 AVONDALE AVENUE  
TOLEDO, 43604



THE BIG TO DO IN SYLVANIA

ACTIVITIES

Through Dec. 12

Sylvania Schools FFA Sale • Wreaths, grave blankets and pillows, poinsettias. Order at 419-824-8738

Through Dec. 21

Christmas with the Cookes • Heritage Museum, Saturdays 11-6, Sundays 1-4, displays of Christmas past for all ages, free admission

Dec. 5

Holiday Lights Kickoff at Olander • Nederhouser Community Center, crafts, music, refreshments, 6-8pm, outdoorsylvania.com

Dec. 5 - 7

Heralding the Holidays • Artist Village at Toledo Botanical Garden, gifts and art, Fri. 4-8pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4pm

Dec. 5 & 7

Miracle on Main • downtown Sylvania, Dec. 5 tree lighting and holiday events, Historical Village - Winter Wonderland 6-8pm, Dec. 7 holiday parade, and cheer tent, redbirdsylvania.org

Dec. 6

Christmas at the Peristyle • with the Toledo Symphony, Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, 4pm, tickets liveart-stoledo.com

Dec. 6-14

Holidays at the Manor House • Wildwood Metropark, 10-8 daily, free admission for all ages

Dec. 8

Celebrate Local Authors with Taylor Automotive • Voodoo Brewing, 6pm, tickets \$20 available at starlitetheatergroup.org

Dec. 12-24

Children's Wonderland • Tam-O-Shanter, 11am-8pm, 11am-2pm (Dec. 24) more on pg. 3

Dec. 14

Festival of Crafts • Toledo Craftsman's Guild, Franciscan Center, 10am-4pm, more on pg. 2

Dec. 15

Orchard Christmas Holiday Market • Bennetts Orchard, 10am-4pm, Ottawa Lake, Mich.

Dec. 15

Holiday Trunk Show • St. John's Jesuit High School, 5901 Airport Hwy., 12-4pm

COMMUNITY

Through Dec. 31

Lights Before Christmas • Toledo Zoo, tickets toledozoo.org, more on pg. 3

Dec. 2 & 15

City Council Meetings • Council Chambers, 6635 Maplewood, 7:30pm, open to public

Dec. 2 & 18

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

Dec. 13

Natl. Wreaths Across America Day • Toledo Memorial Park, noon-2pm, free and open to all

LIVE MUSIC

Sundays

Bobby May and Friends • The Sodbuster Bar, 7pm

Mondays & Tuesdays

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

Tuesdays

Tacos with Bobby & Frankie May • Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 5pm

Dec. 5

Ross & Orlando • Te'kela, 5pm

Mizer Vossen Project • Bier Stube, 6pm

The Ladies Night • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 6

Lucky Penny • Te'kela, 6pm

Not Fast Enough • Bier Stube, 8pm

North of Nashville • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 12

Gypsy Luvin • Te'kela, 6pm

Aftershock • Bier Stube, 6pm

The 25's • Bar 145, 8pm

Dec. 13

May & Barile • Te'kela, 6pm

Frank Lars & Friends • Bier Stube, 8pm

Pop's Garage • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 19

Elixer • Te'kela, 6pm

The Cheeks • Bier Stube, 6pm

Distant Cousinz • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 20

Johnny Rod • Te'kela, 6pm

Graveyard Daisies • Bier Stube, 8pm

The Skittle Bots • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 26

Rob Storm • Te'kela, 6pm

Madison Avenue • Bier Stube, 6pm

Andi Jo • Bar 145, 9pm

Dec. 27

Caroline • Te'kela, 6pm

Pop's Garage • Bier Stube, 8pm

Decade Divide • Bar 145, 9pm

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

THE ARTS

Dec. 7

The Messiah • Toledo Choral Society, Gesu Catholic Church, 3pm, tickets toledochoralsociety.org, more on pg. 4

Dec. 7, 14, 21

Joy Holiday Concert • Toledo Choral Society, bring canned good for admission, more on pg. 4

Dec. 15

Holiday Concert • Charter Senior Living of Oak Openings, 1:30 pm, Sunshine Community Bell Choir, SSC Chorus, refreshments, RSVP 419-885-3913

Dec. 21

A Weary World Rejoices, a Cantata for Christmas • Olivet Lutheran Church, by the Olivet choir, 10am, free and open to community

FOOD & DRINK

Dec. 3

Wine Tasting • Sofo's Italian Market, wine and food sampling, 6-8pm, \$35, RSVP required: 419-882-8555

Dec. 12

Sister Gretchen's Holiday Bake Sale • Regina Conference Center, Sisters of St. Francis campus, 9:30am-4pm

Dec. 13

Christmas Festival and Cookie Walk • Zion Lutheran Church, Ottawa Lake, Mich., 9am-1pm

Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Dinner Party • Borderline Grill, 7pm tickets \$75 at borderlinegrill.com

TRIVIA

Mondays

Village Inn Pub Quiz • 6:30 & 7:30pm

Tuesdays

Sidelines Sylvania • 7-9pm

Bier Stube • 8-10pm

Frogtown Johnnie's • 9pm

SYLVANIA  
ADVANTAGE

5758 N. Main Street, Ste. 1 | Sylvania

FOR MORE PICTURES,  
STORIES,  
AND INFORMATION,  
Vist our website:

SylvaniaAdvantage.com

or Find Us On



facebook.com/SylvaniaAdVantage



instagram.com/sylvaniaadvantage

MAPLEWOOD  
TREE SERVICES

419.320.6407

Tree Trimming  
Tree Removal  
Storm Clean-up  
Insured







**ACCREDITED BUSINESS**  
BBB

**TREE SERVICES, LLC**

TREE REMOVAL / TRIMMING • TREE SHAPING  
ORNAMENTAL PRUNING • STUMP GRINDING  
EMERGENCY SERVICES | **FREE ESTIMATES!**

**STEPHEN RUIZ, Owner** | Fully Insured

**CONTACT US TODAY: 419.514.0284 • ruiztree.com**

*Merry Christmas!*  
*From: Marcia Rubini*

**RE/MAX**  
**PREFERRED ASSOCIATES**

3306 Executive Parkway #101  
Toledo, OH 43606

**Direct Line: (419) 870-2009**  
**Email: marciarubini@remax.net**

Lifetime Million Dollar Club Member  
Licensed Since 1979

CLHMS  
MLS

Each Office Independently Owned & Operated

**RS**  
RECYCLE SERVICES  
for the next generation

**RECYCLE WITH CHEER!**

The holiday season brings more celebration and more glass. From now through the New Year, households generate up to 25% more recyclable material. The good news? Glass is 100% recyclable and can be endlessly renewed!

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS :**

**P Conway** - 11578 W Airport Service Rd. Swanton, OH  
**Secor Metropark** - 10001 Central Ave, Berkey, OH  
**O-I Glass** - 1 Michael Owens Way, Perrysburg, OH  
**Old Andersons** - 530 Illinois Ave, Maumee, OH  
**Kroger** - 7545 W Sylvania Ave, Sylvania, OH  
**Kroger** - 4533 Monroe St. Toledo, OH

RS-GRIE.COM

## Township talk ...

### Letters to Santa

Once again, Santa has requested that a special mailbox be made available for all children in Sylvania Township to send their letters to him. Township elves have put the mailbox in the front entrance of Sylvania Township Hall, 4927 N. Holland Sylvania Rd., and will collect the mail for express delivery to the North Pole until Sunday, Dec. 14. "Be sure to include your name and address to get a special reply from Santa!" the elves said.

### Border Battle

While it was a close race, the University of Michigan Wolverine side of the collection table held the larger amount of donated food items, easing out rival Ohio State University Buckeye donors. While the team from "Up North" is victorious, the big winner is the Sylvania Area Family Services food bank, benefitting the many people who are in need in the community.

### Position available

The Sylvania Township Zoning Department has a position for a Code Enforcement Officer. This part-time position is for 24 to 28 hours per week and requires someone with a high school diploma or the equivalent and a valid driver's license. The candidate must have one to three years of customer service experience in resolving issues, be proficient in verbal and written communications, have experience in investigation, record keeping, and report writing, and have the ability to maintain knowledge of Sylvania Township zoning resolutions and the Ohio Revised Code. Call Lula Jiamachello at 419-882-0031 or email HR@syvianiatownship.com with questions.

### Holiday decorating contest

Voting for the fourth annual Sylvania Township decorating contest continues through Dec. 10. Sylvania Township departments are competing to create the best holiday displays. Members of the community can cast their vote and choose the winner by scanning the QR code.



### Distinguished Citizen Award

The Sylvania Township Trustees would like to recognize unsung community heroes with the Distinguished Citizen Service Award. The award highlights those volunteers who have given of themselves for the betterment of the community and their fellow citizens.

The award is designed to honor residents of Sylvania and the Township whose voluntary efforts have improved the community, but have largely been undertaken quietly and without recognition.

This award specifically excludes elected officials from consideration or anyone who may have already been honored by the naming of a street, park, or other public space.

Anyone from Sylvania Township or the city of Sylvania who would like to nominate a person to be considered for the honor may email the information to Oliver Turner, Sylvania Township Administrator by Jan. 15, 2026 at otturner@syvianiatownship.com, mail, or drop off nominations at the Sylvania Township Administration Building, 4927 N. Holland-Sylvania Rd.

## City beat ...



Mayor **Mark Frye** reads the proclamation for **Jonah Meyer-Crothers**.

### Jonah Meyer-Crothers Day

Sylvania Mayor Mark Frye declared Nov. 17 as Jonah Meyer-Crothers Day in a proclamation at the Sylvania City Council meeting. Meyer-Crothers was a member of the United States Men's Cerebral Palsy National Soccer Team that won the 2025 COPA America International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football played in the International Tournament in Uruguay in October. He was also named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Meyer-Crothers is a 2022 graduate of Sylvania Northview, where he was a member of the soccer team. He is currently a student at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Mich., and a member of their soccer team.

### Budget approved

City Council members approved the 2026 budget after a second reading.

### Bid approved

City of Sylvania's Service Director Joe Shaw's request to accept the \$937,064 bid of FET Construction Services for the aerial utility bury project for the second block of Main Street was approved by council.

### Change orders

Members also approved Shaw's request for change orders for Phase 1 of the Downtown Transportation Improvement project of \$130,708.43 and the change order for the Centennial Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, saving the city \$4,770 from the original contract.



MARK FRYE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark Frye

In 1992, city of Sylvania Mayor Jim Seney and city of Woodstock, Ontario Mayor Margaret Munnoch signed an agreement declaring the cities of Woodstock and Sylvania as sister cities. For decades, Woodstock and Sylvania have been celebrating cross border and community events.

A key part of the sister city relationship was the communities sharing in the fall celebrations for each. Woodstock's sister city members along with members of their city council and the mayor join in Sylvania's festivities.

Sylvania's sister city commission ran the fall festival for many years and worked diligently to build it into a community celebration. In 2016, the coordinating of the fall festival transitioned to the Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce, where it has continued to grow and create joy for thousands of people throughout the Sylvania area.

Likewise, Woodstock also has a celebration each fall when participants of Sylvania's sister city

commission sojourn to Woodstock to enjoy the Woodstock Santa parade. We were joined this year by members of Scout Troop 154. The Scout Troop participated in the parade, and I had the honor of riding in the parade with Woodstock Mayor Jerry Acchione and his wife Sarah. The parade featured 89 floats and took nearly an hour to complete while thousands of residents lined the streets of Woodstock waiting for the main event of the evening...Santa!

As always, Woodstock was a gracious host to everyone. Each autumn the communities find local events for the other group to enjoy. This year, among other things, we were able to try our hand at the sport of curling. If you have not tried it, I recommend it, but wear your jacket. It is cold inside.

While I was not particularly proficient at getting down into position to slide the stone down the ice, it was a great time. Below is a picture of the sister city curling adventurers!

I particularly want to thank Mayor Acchione and his wife Sarah. They made me feel like part of the community and I look forward to seeing them again. Friendships between people do not know or care about borders. They just are.

As always, if you have something you want to share with me or if you have a question on other city services, please call my office at 419-885-8926 or email [lsmith@cityofsylvania.com](mailto:lsmith@cityofsylvania.com).



Sylvania and Woodstock Sister Cities delegates enjoy the weekend.

City beat ...

Water and sewer rates

Council voted in favor of Shaw's recommendation to increase water service charges from \$8.75 to \$9.45 per one thousand gallons for city users and from \$10.94 to \$13.68 for non-city users. Sewer rates for both industrial and non-industrial city and non-city users will increase from \$5.56 to \$6.67 per 1,000 gallons.

SAJRD appointment



George Hilfinger

In other business, George Hilfinger was re-appointed to the Sylvania Area Joint

Recreation Board of Trustees for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2028.

**Public hearing**

A public hearing date of Jan. 5, 2026, was set for a Special Use Permit requested by William Gross to build an open carport at 5910 Balfour Rd.

**License plate reading cameras**

The Sylvania Police Chief's request to renew the contract for the 15 license plate reading cameras and to purchase two new cameras was approved by a vote of six to one.

**Sister City Holiday Parade**

Mayor Mark Frye reported on the Sister City Holiday Parade in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, the weekend of Nov. 14-16. He and a delegation of Sister City committee members, including Police Chief Dani-lynn Miller and Sylvania Town Crier Mike Lieber, attended the event and were part of the 89-float Christmas parade. Mayor Frye also joined in a curling match during the weekend.

The next Sylvania City Council meeting will be held Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm.

10% off

Materials Only

Coupon must be presented at time of purchase.

Expires 12/31/25

YELL

Modern Floors

The Flooring Professionals

Corner of Secor & Alexis

419-472-7190

**PRO Handyman Plus**

419-534-6065

[www.prohandyman.com](http://www.prohandyman.com)

Serving Wood, Lucas, Fulton & Monroe

• PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL INCLUDING UPGRADES • CARPENTRY • PAINTING • DRYWALL

• CERAMIC TILE • FLOORING • REMODELING: KITCHEN, BATHROOM & BASEMENT • GUTTER CLEANING AND INSTALLATION • SIDING REPAIR AND INSTALLATION

• ROOFING • WINDOWS • DOORS • GENERAL HANDYMAN REPAIRS • CARPET CLEANING

• Free Estimates • 1 Year Guarantee • Senior Discounts

• Insured & Bonded • Locally Owned • No Job Too Small

**PRO Handyman Plus**

**SAVE \$20** on any work over \$60

Not valid with any other coupon. Labor only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Expires 12.31.25

**PRO Handyman Plus**

**SAVE \$50** on any work over \$250

Not valid with any other coupon. Labor only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Expires 12.31.25

**PRO Handyman Plus**

**SAVE \$100** on any work over \$600

Not valid with any other coupon. Labor only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Expires 12.31.25

**COMMUNITY BANK. PERSONAL TOUCH. WE TREAT YOU LIKE FAMILY.**

8282 Erie St. | Sylvania, OH

[metamorabank.com](http://metamorabank.com)

Scan me!

Randy Cline

LOAN OFFICER | NMLS # 477633

**CALL TODAY! 419-885-1996**





**SYLVANIA  
ADVANTAGE**

Bring the good news right  
to your smartphone...  
Find Sylvania AdVantage on  
Facebook and Instagram!



facebook.com/SylvaniaAdVantage



instagram.com/sylvaniaadvantage



Unique Sweets,  
Nostalgic and New

5727 Main Street  
Sylvania, Ohio

**419-246-7838**

thevillagecandyshoppe@gmail.com  
Find us on Facebook!

**SAUTTER'S**  
*market*

*Order Your  
Prime Rib  
this Christmas!  
Call today!*

S Main St. | Sylvania, OH • sauttersmarket.com • (419) 885-3505

**Reeb  
FUNERAL HOME**

5712 NORTH MAIN STREET  
SYLVANIA, OH 43560  
TEL. (419) 882-2033



*Choose Reeb Funeral Home at your time of need.*

SERVING SYLVANIA, TOLEDO AND SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SINCE THE 1930S  
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED • COMPASSIONATE SINCERE SERVICES

FUNERAL SERVICES • CREMATION SERVICES • PERSONALIZATION

**SYLVANIA'S OWN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**  
JOIN NOW. ALL MEMBERS ARE PART OWNERS!

Downtown Sylvania  
6613 Maplewood Ave.

[sylvaniaareafcu.com](http://sylvaniaareafcu.com)



**SYLVANIA AREA  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

If you live, work, go to school or  
volunteer in the Sylvania area, you  
can become a member. Visit our  
web site for complete banking  
services or stop by and see us.

## Main Street is now ADA accessible

**JOSEPH E. SHAW, P.E., PS.**



**Joe Shaw**

The city is on track to complete its first transformational phase of downtown Main Street since 1983.

Phase 1 of the Downtown Transportation Improvement Project between Monroe Street and Maplewood Avenue has entered the final stages of construction.

The city is ready to begin the Aerial Utility Bury Project in December that will relocate four aerial utilities below grade in the second block between Maplewood Avenue and Erie Street. Phase 2 will start in July and will more than double the on-street parking and will bring the usability and appearance of the two blocks into focus.

Old concepts from the 1983 design were carried forward including on-street parking, heavy use of brick for streetscaping, and of course, trees.

New concepts, based on public input, included a curb-less street design, more downtown seating, wider sidewalks, and enhanced electrical capabilities for festivals and events.

However, the most impactful change was the creation of an accessible downtown.

City leadership engaged Sylvania partners at the Ability Center of Greater Toledo from the project onset in May 2023. By July, the Ability Center had prepared a 55-page document citing accessibility "red flag" issues in the first block to be considered. The document photographed every store front entrance, outlined problems, and made reasonable recommendations on how to address with the city project. The goals and objectives were clear...create a downtown with as many accessible business front entrances as possible.

Prior to this construction project it was hard to see that the west side buildings were, on average, 18 inches HIGHER than their counterparts on the east side. This elevation

difference was not something widely thought about, or, much less addressed in public infrastructure projects in the 1980s. A simple task like entering a store front alongside friends and family for a day of shopping or dinner could have kept those with disabilities away in years past.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wasn't instituted in the United States until 1990 and it took years afterwards for requirements to start to be visible in public works. Today we take for granted things like curb ramps, reduced slopes and step heights, door widths for wheelchairs, and bathroom facilities to make public spaces more usable for the disabled community.

The design team had an arduous challenge of creating a curb-less street, with tough elevation constraints, that was disabled-friendly. To accomplish the goal, the west sidewalks were raised to store front heights and the street lowered. The project was reverse engineered, starting at the building facades and working towards the roadway centerline to establish new grades. Planter walls helped accomplish the grade changes on the west side and intermediate steps were provided at strategic locations for those non-disabled users to have immediate store front access.

The west side and east side store fronts were linked together with a raised mid-block speed table, creating a unified accessible path. Parking stalls without curb barriers were created to allow those users easy access to the sidewalk and the accessible path. There are 26 of the 28 business store fronts on Main Street that are now ADA accessible.

Main Street was platted in 1835 in the "Plan of the Town of Whiteford" as "Division Street." It wasn't a division that brought about change, but rather a true partnership with a local asset to help make a vision become a reality. The city is grateful for the Ability Center's guidance and is proud of the finished product. Division Street was left behind a long time ago and Main Street can now be used by all for generations to come.

*Joe Shaw P.E., P.S., is the city of Sylvania's Director of Public Safety & Service.*



Main Street construction nears completion and is ADA accessible.



# Pastor returns to home church



The Rev. **Ruth Clendenin**

Contrary to the Thomas Wolfe adage, the Rev. Ruth Clendenin did come home again when she was named Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 Sylvania Ave.

“It is interesting that God would call me back to the community that nurtured me. It is truly my greatest joy and privilege to serve as pastor for the church where I grew up, was loved and nourished,” she related. “I have been welcomed with open arms and those in the congregation who knew me when I was a child have been wonderfully supportive,” she noted.

Clendenin assumed her duties two and a half years ago. “When I got the call from God, at first I was a bit apprehensive about coming back. But that anxiety was short-lived. I know this is where I need to be,” she said. And in a short time, she has become an integral part of the church family.

With the holidays approaching, Pastor Clendenin is very enthusiastic about upcoming events. “We will hold a 10 am Sunday service, with no 8:30 am service, on Dec. 14 or Dec. 21,” she offered. The Dec. 14 and 21 Sunday services will include an Advent lesson and Carols. The family Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 will be at 4 pm, followed by a candlelight service with communion at 7 pm. The 8:30 and 10 am services will resume on Dec. 28.

“We are also looking forward to hosting Dr. Katie Peters, Compassion Consultant and Empathy Expert, who will address bullying and offer tips on practicing empathy on Jan. 11 at 7 pm. The event is open to the public,” she pointed out.

Pastor Clendenin credits her staff and the army of congregational volunteers for the

smooth running of the church and its many activities. “We have a stellar music program under the direction of Mark Mathias, who is our gifted organist and choir director. Jennifer Juhasz is our Director of Faith Formation. She works with all ages and continues to find new ways for worship in the life of the church. Church Accountant Amalya Hartley, Communications Director Kendra Zambo, and Building Supervisor Ronald Kloefer round out our amazing and supportive staff.”

Since returning to Christ Presbyterian Church, Pastor Clendenin and the church leadership have penned the new vision statement ... “Christ Presbyterian Church strives to be a vibrant community who welcomes all, worships with joy, grows in faith and serves with love.”

In keeping with the vision, the church congregation continues to host the weekly Monday night Corner, serving over 60 hot meals to those in need. “While most of those who come to the Corner are hungry, some are also longing for the fellowship they find here. We like to say we are feeding body, mind, soul, and spirit,” Pastor Clendenin noted. The Corner began over 15 years ago as a monthly program, but moved to a weekly event over eight years ago. A team of more than 25 volunteers prepares and serves the meals. “No one goes away hungry,” she pointed out.

Since Pastor Clendenin arrived on staff, a bi-monthly Market has been added to Corner activities. Guests may stop by after enjoying their meals and select fresh produce and meat they can take home.

The Corner and Market are funded by gifts, donations from vendors, and part of the church budget.

Pastor Clendenin, a Northview graduate, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French and an education degree from Alma College, Alma, Mich. She received her Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She has served four different churches as an associate pastor and then was a solo pastor in Illinois, Texas, and South Dakota. She has also served as a presbytery stated clerk and had leadership in the National Association of Stated Clerks.

“I still find it interesting that God would call me back to the community that nurtured me. I look forward to seeing what God will do with me and through me. And it’s nice to be back home!”



**Family Owned & Operated**  
**Licensed in Ohio & Michigan**  
**Serving Buyers & Sellers**  
**Knowledgeable & Experienced**



**Jack Schroeder**  
Realtor/Owner

**Katie Kwiatkowski**  
Broker/Owner

**Doug Kwiatkowski**  
Broker/Owner

Located in the Shoppes  
of Mayberry Square  
5674 Mayberry Sq N, #B  
Sylvania, OH 43560



Start Your Next Chapter in an EPIC Way!

**419.386.0123**    **Website: epichomes.forsale**



**Chinese Restaurant**  
**6746 W Sylvania Ave,**  
**Sylvania, OH 43560**  
**TEL 419-882-9208**



**Scan the QR Code**  
**to Order Online!**  
**NewKingsChef.com**



**Online Order SPECIALS!**  
**Get rewarded when you order online:**

**Spend \$10 – Get 1 FREE Egg Roll**  
**Spend \$20 – Get 2 FREE Egg Rolls**  
**Spend \$30 – Get 6 pc Crab Rangoon**

**Enjoy tasty rewards every time you order online!**  
**Order now and enjoy delicious bonuses on us!**



**Lunch**  
**Combos**  
start at \$7.50



**Dinner**  
**Combos**  
start at \$8.50

**Your phone just paid  
your internet bill.**

When you add 2 mobile lines  
with Buckeye, you'll get 3 years  
of fiber-powered internet — free!



**3** Years of Internet  
**FREE**  
Guaranteed

**No guessing.  
No stressing.**

Must call  
**419-724-0382**  
to claim your offer.



Offer is available only to new customers with no Buckeye services within the past 60 days. Includes 36 months free 50 Mbps Down/5 Mbps Up/500 GB Data (coax) or 50 Mbps Down/50 Mbps Up/Unlimited Data (fiber) service. Requires activation and continuous active service on two MaxMobile lines, at MaxMobile \$29.99 speed plan or higher, for 36 months. Visit buckeyebroadband.com/offerdetails for full details. Offer expires 12/31/25.





We're a bank that believes in saving for that much needed wish list.

Don't chance a coal-filled Christmas. Schedule year-round savings to keep your stockings full this holiday season. Set up automatic monthly deposits into your Christmas Club account for guaranteed savings across the calendar. Plus, earn interest on every penny saved!

Prepare for next year's wish list by joining the club — a **GenoaBank Christmas Club Savings Account!**

Brighten someone's holiday season by giving a **GenoaBank Prepaid Visa Gift Card!** No purchase fee this holiday season.



Call us at (800) 592-2828 or visit [www.genoabank.com](http://www.genoabank.com)

Normal fees apply. \$2.00 minimum to open account. No withdrawal privileges. Deposits are not accepted at Elmore Branch (352 Rice Street).



# Eidi Properties fulfills pledge to Cherry Street



Eidi Properties Co-Controller **Alison Falls**, CFO **Ryan Buganski**, Director of Real Estate **Doug Flick**, and COO **Robert Ruiz**, present the \$90,000 check to Cherry Street Mission CEO **Ann Ebbert** and Vice President, Development & Strategic Advancement **Shannon Novak**, center.

Eidi Properties recently made a \$90,000 donation to Cherry Street Mission Ministries to fully fund a much-needed window replacement project at their Life Revitalization Center. Originally planned as a three-year pledge, the full donation was completed in just one year thanks to the collective efforts of the Eidi Properties team, led by CFO Ryan Buganski.

What began as a multi-year commitment became a tangible act of impact in just 12 months, reflecting the team's determination to accelerate support for the vital work Cherry Street Mission does for those facing homelessness and hardship in our community.

"This gift is a direct result of the hard work and heart of our team," said Ramy Eidi, CEO of Eidi Properties. "We are deeply thankful to God for giving us the opportunity and the resources to make this happen. We believe in Cherry Street Mission's mission, and we're honored to play a part in helping create a more comfortable and dignified space for those they serve," he noted.

"We recognize that this contribution would not have been possible without the commitment of the Eidi Properties' team, who pushed forward with purpose and faith. It is a shared achievement, driven by a company-wide belief in giving back and strengthening the community we all call home," he concluded.





12.23 | 5pm & 12.24 | 2pm, 4pm & 6pm  
[fivelakes.church/christmas](http://fivelakes.church/christmas)



**FIVE LAKES CHURCH**  
4255 MITCHAW ROAD, SYLVANIA | [FIVELAKES.CHURCH](http://FIVELAKES.CHURCH)



End Strong! Celebrate the holiday season at Five Lakes Church.





# A refreshed Quimby's keeps local flavor with new menu and fun attractions

Mayor Quimby of the “Simpsons” TV show is memorialized daily as patrons frequent the newly renovated Lambertville eatery, Quimby’s, at 3536 Sterns Rd.

Owner Rich Kenny initiated the renovation process shortly after acquiring the restaurant three years ago. “Quimby’s has a fresh, new look. There is all new infrastructure, new furniture, new TVs, and a new menu. The refurbished patio has two flat-screen TVs. A new event space that holds 56 to 60 people has been created. Overall, there is a better use of space,” Kenny pointed out.

The bar has been expanded, featuring 18 beers on tap. “We have launched a new line of cocktails, including the Q-Tini, a signature martini made with raspberry vodka and triple-sec, shaken with cranberry and pineapple juice.”

There is a new game room featuring over 30 family-friendly games, along with a new bar area that includes a pool table, dart board, Gold Key golf games, and more. “We have something fun for everyone,” Kenny pointed out. The multiple TVs feature a variety of sporting events, and the bar also boasts a ticketed NFL TV.

“We have live music on Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 10 pm, Karaoke on Sunday from 7 to 10 pm, and Trivia on Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm,” Kenny said.

The updated menu features five new items each month, with favorites making the regular menu. A Simpson-style eatery would not be complete without the Homer Burger, which leads the handhelds menu that also features a variety of entrees, including pasta dishes and

desserts. A full catering menu, complete with appetizers, entrees, and desserts in 20-person per tray increments, is also available.

“Quimby’s has been reborn ... keeping the local favorite spirit alive, while adding the food, drinks, and fun people want today,” Kenny reported.

Many of the new features can also be found in Kenny’s other business, Forest View Recreation Bar, which he acquired 11 years ago. According to the owner, he worked at the bowling alley when he was 14, bussing tables, working long hours, and learning the business. Following college and a more than 10-year successful career in the corporate world, Kenny decided to return home and apply his business acumen to his own operation, a business he had joked about owning as a kid.

As with Quimby’s, Kenny has put his touch on the Temperance facility, creating an entertainment center for the entire family. The large children’s game room, the outdoor sand volleyball courts, and the state-of-the-art bowling lanes all reflect the name.

Both Quimby’s and Forest View are kid- and family-friendly, making them suitable for all special occasions. “Both businesses have the same leadership team, the same passion, and even some of the same chef team, and the same focus on quality food and great service. Forest View brings the energy of sports and recreation, Quimby’s adds the comfort of a great neighborhood bar and grill. Together, they’re part of one vision: family, food, friends, and fun, right here in the community,” Kenny said.



Quimby’s ‘Homer’ burger



The new game room at Quimby’s

**Ameriprise**  
Financial

Be Brilliant.®

Any financial advisor can know the markets.  
*I know my clients*

Understanding your goal is the first step in providing personalized financial advice to help you reach them. I take the time to know what you’re looking forward to, as well as what your challenges are, to help you **build the financial future you want.**



**Gregory W. Wagoner, CFP®, MBA, CLTC®**  
Financial Advisor  
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practitioner  
**Wagoner, Wagoner & Associates**  
A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.

**Call me today to get started**  
**419.842.8488**

5954 Renaissance Pl, STE D | Toledo, OH  
gregory.w.wagoner@ampf.com  
ameripriseadvisors.com/gregory.w.wagoner

[Not Federally Insured] [No Financial Institution Guarantee] [May Lose Value]  
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, Member FINRA and SIPC.  
© 2019 Ameriprise Financial, Inc., All rights reserved.



# SYLVANIA

## Home Specialists

- OVER 4,000 HOMES SOLD
- CORPORATE RELOCATION APPROVED AGENTS
- #1 TEAM IN NW OHIO

**Joe Mathias 419.509.9386**

**Lance Tyo 419.290.3713**

**Jeff Roesti 419.467.9932**



**RE/MAX® PREFERRED ASSOCIATES**



**FOODIE CARDS**

Perfect for **GIFTING** this Holiday Season!

FoodieCards deal out **\$10 off your order** at over **56 amazing LOCAL** restaurants, and they're easy to carry!

**Purchase your FoodieCards at**  
**Walt Churchill's Market - Maumee & Perryburg**  
**Libbey Glass Factory Outlet - Toledo**  
**or FoodieCards.com**

*Your Official Holiday Headquarters!*

**We build Custom Baskets\* in all price ranges, and sell Gift Cards in all denominations!**

\*Baskets require a 24 hour turn around

**Find Us On:**

**3320 Sterns Rd. Lambertville, MI**  
**(734) 854-2000 | flicks4fun.com**  
**Mon - Thurs: 9am - 10pm | Fri - Sat: 9am - 11pm | Sun: 10am - 7pm**

**Tis the Season**

**Contact us regarding your HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEAR!**

**www.wilkisport.com**

**419.841.2224 • 3655 Centennial Rd. | Sylvania, OH**

# The gift of music inspires a lifetime of magic at Forté Music School



The **Quereshi** sisters: **Suniya** (violin), **Hareem** (piano) and **Amal** (cello) enjoy playing music together.



**Charlotte Klocinski** takes trumpet lessons while **Rebecca Klocinski** has chosen the saxophone as her instrument. All five of the girls are Forté Music School students and are also Sylvania residents.

As the holiday season draws near, many families are searching for meaningful and enriching gifts for their children. “At Forté Music School, we believe there's no gift quite as magical as the gift of music. This Christmas, consider giving your child a chance to discover the joy, confidence, and lifelong benefits that music education brings,” noted Forté Director Virgil Lupu.

“At Forté Music School, we've seen first-hand how music lessons can light up a child's world. From developing cognitive skills and boosting self-esteem to fostering creativity and providing a sense of achievement, the benefits of music education are truly endless. Our students experience the joy of expressing themselves through music, whether they're just starting out or polishing advanced skills,” he said.

“This year, we are excited to announce that Forté Music School has expanded beyond Toledo and now proudly serves the Perrysburg community as well. Our new

additional Perrysburg location opened just this summer and offers the same trusted, family-friendly environment with spacious rooms, amazing teachers, and lessons for any instrument your child might wish to explore,” he offered.

Established in 2006, Forté Music School is the largest private music school in the Toledo area, with over 900 students of all ages. Flexible schedules and a personalized approach helps each student grow not just musically, but in confidence and in life.

“To make your holiday gifting even easier, we now offer gift certificates for music lessons. Available on our website or by simply reaching out to us, these certificates are a perfect way to give the gift of music to a loved one this season. It's a present that lasts a lifetime and brings joy not just during the holidays, but all year round. At Forté Music School, we're here to help your child discover the magic of music and create memories that will resonate for years to come.”



# A holiday gift for food lovers

'Tis the season for thoughtful gift-giving, and FoodieCards makes it easy to support local restaurants while saving big!

Each FoodieCards deck contains playable cards offering \$10 off your bill at over 56 restaurants across the Toledo metro area — delivering more than \$500 in total savings. For over a decade, FoodieCards has helped diners enjoy great meals at independent spots while raising significant funds for schools, sports teams, charities, and community organizations.

“FoodieCards fundraising has become a game-changer for local groups,” says co-owner Gary Ross. “Right now, we’re proud to partner with the Perrysburg Schools Foundation to support their Facility Dog Program, just one example of how these decks give back to our community.”

More than just discounts, FoodieCards turn dining out into an adventure. Shuffle the deck, draw a card, and let fate pick your next unforgettable meal. From upscale fine dining and cozy brunch favorites to casual neighborhood gems and the hottest new openings, there’s something for every mood and every occasion.

**Why FoodieCards make the ultimate gift**

FoodieCards are convenient and personal – no more guessing what someone wants. They’re perfect for stocking stuffers, Secret Santa, office gifts, teachers, neighbors, or anyone who loves to eat out. FoodieCards supports local restaurants and community causes and encourages real connections and new culinary discoveries across northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

**Where to Get FoodieCards**

Order online anytime at \*FoodieCards.com or pick them up in person at these upcoming holiday markets: Saturday, Dec. 6, Holiday Night Market at Fifth Third Building, 4 to 10 pm and Sunday, Dec. 7, Finders Keepers Vintage Market at the Glass City Center 10 am to 4 pm.

# Recycle broken Christmas lights

AIM Ecycling, GenoaBank, and Nature’s Nursery have teamed up to offer options for old and broken Christmas lights.

For its fourth year, AIM of Toledo has mobilized a convenient way to offer an ecofriendly option for getting rid of old Christmas lights. Now through Jan. 12, old broken Christmas lights may be dropped off at GenoaBank branch locations including the-Sylvania Branch, 5501 Monroe St., during lobby business hours and at Nature’s Nursery in Waterville.

Christmas lights are made from several non-biodegradable components, mostly plastic, glass, and copper. They take decades, if not hundreds of years to break down if sent to a landfill.

Christmas light bulbs can also contain toxic metals such as mercury that can be released into the environment when the bulbs are broken. With Christmas lights often only lasting a few seasons, the waste generated by any given household adds up quickly. Over the last two years 8,146 pounds, over four tons, of lights have been collected and recycled with this initiative.

## Gift Cards & Gift Coins

# NOW 20% off!

Minimum \$10  
Now through December 25th!



Open Daily 11am - 9pm | 5908 W. Sylvania Ave.  
419.882.1118 | handelsicecream.com

# Carmel's

Since 1969  
Home of the Original "Toledo-Style" Margarita



- \*Free WiFi
- \*Ask about our private room!
- \*Check us out on Facebook for all Daily Specials!

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SPECIAL

Buy \$30, get \$5 bounce back  
Buy \$50, get \$10 bounce back

LUNCH FAJITAS \$9.99 EVERYDAY TIL 3:30 PM

2947 Tremainsville Rd | 419.474.1414 | carmelsmexican@gmail.com  
Toledo, OH 43613



# Gift Card SPECIAL

Purchase \$100 worth of gift cards & get a \$20 bonus beauty card **FREE**  
**\*\*limit 3 per person\*\***

Save up to 20% on your favorite retail brands!

**Book Online!**

Scan the QR code or Call Reve  
(419) 885-1140



**\*\*November 24<sup>th</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>\*\***



# ALL SEASONS TREE CARE

Senior & Veteran Discounts



Call us today at  
**(419) 464-7779**  
for a free quote!

## WHAT WE DO:



### TREE REMOVAL

When you need a tree removed to prevent property damage or deal with an infested or diseased tree before the problem spreads, we can help. If you think your tree may need to be removed, give us a call and let our experienced tree care professionals handle it.



### TREE TRIMMING

Regular maintenance of your trees is key to keeping your trees healthy and avoiding any potential tree-related hazards. Our certified arborists will evaluate your tree's health and prune it appropriately to promote healthy growth and the safety of your property.



### STUMP GRINDING

When a tree is removed, leaving a tree stump behind, call us for a stump grinding service. We're equipped with the proper equipment to safely grind that tree stump away without damaging your property.




### CRANE SERVICES

For the largest trees, and trees that are in difficult, hard-to-reach areas, our cranes come in handy. All of our crane operators are Crane IHC-Certified and fully trained to remove your hazardous trees with minimal impact to your property.

**SERVICING:**  
Sylvania,  
Toledo,  
Perrysburg,  
Wauseon,  
Swanton,  
Defiance




St. Joe's holds border battle



**Jackson, Tripp, Auroa, and Ames** are some of the St. Joseph Catholic School students who earn money by doing chores at home. Students then donate their earned money in name of their favorite team for the annual OSU/UM fund drive during the two week event. The funds benefit Central City Ministry Schools. This year \$940.85 was donated for UM while OSU posted a strong showing with \$832.23 for a total of \$1,773.08.

SV Science Olympiad team places in tourney



Southview's Science students place fourth in tournament.

The Science Olympiad team competed at Northridge, Ind., on Nov. 22 and finished fourth overall out of 35 teams.

Urvi Viamajala, Gavin Chan and Leyn Pham took first place honors and Karen Chou, Colette Otting, and Ash Molitor received third place for Exerimental Design. Elise Reynolds, Medha Ramaswamy, and Max Ethington placed third in Codebusters and Joey Fuchs and Benji Saltzmanwere third in Hovercraft.

Southview team earns top prize

Southview's Environmental Science students were awarded the top prize of best overall presentation at the Student Watershed Watch Summit.

As part of this annual program sponsored by TMACOG, students collected and analyzed water quality data from 10 Mile Creek in October. They designed an original and creative presentation of their results that they shared at the summit, which was held at the Toledo Zoo.

SYLVANIA SCHOOLS  
FFA HOLIDAY SALE

Sale ends December 12th

WREATHS  
GRAVE BLANKETS  
POINSETTIAS  
GRAVE PILLOWS

CALL & PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!  
419-824-8738

Start the savings!  
on auto insurance



**McGuire Group Insurance Agency**

**Cathy McGuire**  
6392 Monroe St  
Sylvania, OH 43560-1429  
419-885-4600  
cathy@mcgroupins.com





**Erie Insurance®**  
Above all in sERvice™—since 1925  
Auto • Home • Business • Life

S1039b Not all companies are licensed or operate in all states. Not all products are offered in all states. Go to erieinsurance.com for company licensure and territory information.



*Tomase  
Dental Care*

**Personalized  
Care,  
Designed  
for YOU!**

419-474-5858

Dr. Timothy Tomase

7616 King's Pointe Rd, Toledo, OH | toledoohiodental.com

**Overcashier & Horst**

Since 1957

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING



WE RUN  
TOGETHER.



THE BLADE  
READERS' CHOICE  
AWARDS  
2025 WINNER  
BEST HEATING & AIR COMPANY





# SYLVANIA THEN & NOW

**GAYLEEN GINDY**



1909

5748 Main St.

In 1973 the Haymarket Square complex was built by Eugene Paul using an old car dealership block building and creating a space for commercial retail businesses. The outside of the building was made to look like an old-fashioned town, and give the feel of the "Old West." His idea included an old-fashioned boardwalk along the front of the various businesses and signs above reading: "The Pet Emporium," "The Prospector Art Supplies," "Custard's Last Stand Restaurant," "General Store Gifts" and "Sodbuster Saloon."

The parcel that is the parking lot today originally had a large house on it that had been constructed in 1851 when William Warren owned the property. From 1851 until 1904 the home belonged to Mr. Warren, and then his widow. In 1904 his widow, Sarah Warren, sold the home and property to George Mickens, and then in 1909 John and Mattie Crandall purchased the house. The 1909 photo shows their adopted daughter Anna in front.

John lived here until he died in 1917, and

## HAYMARKET SQUARE

Mattie until she passed away in 1925, leaving the home to their adult children, Frank, Lou and Fred Crandall. With the three of them each living in other states, they gave the house to their adopted sister, Anna Rosenbrook, in 1928 and the family said that it was their gift to her for taking care of their father and mother in their final years.

After Mattie Crandall died Anna married Ernest Schaber and the two of them lived in the home until he died in 1957 and she died in 1961. While living here Schaber was selling automobiles and doing radiator and body repair out of the barn on this property. A 1924 building permit issued to Mattie Crandall allowed alterations to the barn. The work was being done by Ernest Schaber and included sheet metal work, a cement floor, new windows and a chimney. A 1927 advertisement shows Schaber Top & Radiator Shop operating at this address.

In 1946 Schaber purchased the property to the north and used the home on that property as his sales office, but soon after demolished the home and built a small cement block building. Then a permit from 1949 shows him hiring Ed Plum and Art Iron Works to add a 45-foot by 70-foot cement block addition to that structure where he operated Schaber Motor Sales until he retired in 1957. That was the year he began renting the cement block building to Vin Devers. In 1957 Schaber obtained a building permit to remove the front portion of the old barn behind his home and seal up the front and build an awning.



1962

5758 Main St., Vin Devers Auto Sales



1964

5748 Main St., Vin Devers Auto Sales



1973

Haymarket Square under construction

Ernest Schaber died in 1957 and Anna Schaber continued to rent the cement block building to Devers. She lived in her home to the south until she passed away in 1960. A January 1961 advertisement shows Devers selling Mercurys, Comets and English Fords. Vin Devers purchased both parcels from the estate in 1962, and by April the Sylvania Sentinel reported that Cote Wrecking Company started demolishing the former home of Ernest and Anna Schaber.

In October of 1963 Vin Devers was issued a building permit to add a 12-foot by 19-foot cement block addition to the front of the commercial building. He continued to sell new and used cars from this property until 1968, when



2021

Haymarket Square

it just became too congested for his growing business, and he moved his operation to Monroe Street.

From 1969 through 1972 the building was leased to Jaranko Surplus Sales, and in July of 1973 the property was purchased by Phyllis Paul, wife of builder Eugene Paul. That same month a building permit was issued to convert the building into a multiple unit commercial shopping complex, with a second story added to a portion of the building where Paul had his offices.

Although Eugene Paul passed away this year at the age of 100, his legacy in Sylvania will live on forever.

In the deep of winter  
The light of hope shines brightest



*find your forever place*

TOLEDOMEMORIALPARK.COM



# Prepare ahead for a less stressful holiday season

## Sizzle Simmer Sauté

# Sylvania



JENNIFER ALEXANDER RUPLE

The most wonderful time of the year can be a whirlwind! With a flurry of festive activities, shopping, and family gatherings, Christmas can quickly turn from joyful to overwhelming. However, a little advance planning can make all the difference in ensuring a calm and enjoyable season.

One of the best ways to reduce stress is by getting a head start on meals, beginning with breakfast. This year, treat yourself and your loved ones to a delicious overnight breakfast casserole featuring buttery croissants, vibrant spinach, and nutty Gruyère cheese. By assembling the casserole the night before, you can simply pop it in the oven on Christmas morning, leaving you more time to relax and enjoy the festivities.

## ASSEMBLE

Heat oven to 350 F. Spread croissant pieces on a baking sheet and lightly toast for 5 minutes. Set aside.

To a large mixing bowl, add eggs, milk, mustard, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Whisk to combine.

Coat a 13 x 9-inch baking dish with non-stick spray. Spread out half of the croissant pieces in the baking dish. Top with half of the minced onion and half of the spinach. Sprinkle with half of the Gruyère and half of the feta. Pour half of the egg mixture over the casserole. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients.



Cover casserole with foil and place it in the refrigerator overnight.

## BAKE

When ready to bake, remove casserole from the refrigerator and allow it to sit for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350 F.

Bake casserole covered with foil for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 20 to 30 minutes or until the middle is set.



Spinach, Gruyère and Feta Overnight Croissant Casserole

## INGREDIENTS

5 medium size butter croissants, each cut into 8 pieces  
10 large eggs • 2 cups milk (whole, 2%, or skim)  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard • ¼ teaspoon nutmeg  
½ teaspoon salt • ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup sweet onion, minced  
2 cups packed baby spinach, chopped  
1 cup Gruyère cheese, shredded • 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled

## Jen's Holiday Hosting Hacks

**Create menus ahead of time.** Determine the foods you'll make from scratch and what can be ordered from a local grocery store, restaurant or bakery.

**Write a detailed shopping list.** Check off your list by picking up non-perishable items and supplies in the weeks leading up to the holiday. Better yet, order them online and have them delivered.

**Prep in advance.** Chop veggies a day or two earlier than needed. Bake cookies and breads weeks ahead and freeze them. Make sauces and gravies the day before.

**Accept help.** When guests ask, "Can I bring something?" graciously accept and ask them to bring a dessert, appetizer or side dish.

**Make time for yourself.** Maintain healthy habits leading up to the big day. Drink plenty of water, eat nutritious foods, get some exercise, and take naps when needed.

*Erin Ann's*  
*The Gift Everyone Wants!*

MON - SAT 7:30AM-9PM  
SUN 10AM-9PM

ORGANIC, LOCAL, GLUTEN FREE, DAIRY FREE

5661 MAIN ST. SYLVANIA • ERINANNS.COM • 419.517.8024

*Fairways*

Open New Year's Eve 2025!

Kitchen Open until 9:30PM  
Bar Open until 11PM

Regular Menu, Prime Rib Special,  
and Dinner Specials with  
Champagne at 10pm!

Don't forget to purchase your  
Holiday Gift Cards at Fairways!

Wishing Everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!  
Thank You for Your Support in 2025!

8256 Central Ave. • (419) 517-4653 • fairwayssylvania.com



# The Monarch Building

## SPACE FOR LEASE DOWNTOWN SYLVANIA

★ 5658 MAIN STREET ★

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CONTACT MISSY:  
419-340-3834





**SYLVANIA'S STREAM**

(The Streaming Voice for Sylvania and Sylvania Township)

Meteorologist Blizzard Bill Spencer Weather • Your Favorite Music  
Sylvania Community News & Information • Local High School Sports  
Connecting You With Your Customers • Available Everywhere 24/7

SUPPORT BY ADVERTISING | 419-824-0100 • sylvaniaadvantage@gmail.com

# SYLVANIA TOWNSHIP



## POSITION AVAILABLE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

### TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

Serve as Code Enforcement Officer in the Sylvania Township Zoning Department.

Don't miss this chance to elevate your career!

#### COMPENSATION

\$22 - \$24 per hour  
(Part-Time 24-28 hrs per week | Hourly)

#### BENEFITS

- Paid Holidays, Personal Time, and opportunity to earn Comp Time and Bonus PTO
- Wellness Program
- Gym Reimbursement
- Employee Assistance Program

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 1-3 yrs' Customer service experience in resolving concerns
- Proficient verbal and written communication
- Experience in Investigation, recordkeeping & report writing
- Ability to maintain knowledge of Sylvania Township zoning resolution and Ohio Revised Code
- Valid Driver's License

#### QUESTIONS

Human Resources – Lula Jiamachello  
HR@sylvaniatownship.com | 419-882-0031

#### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL FILLED



FOR FULL POSITION REQUIREMENTS & SUBMISSION INFORMATION,  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [WWW.SYLVANIATOWNSHIP.COM](http://WWW.SYLVANIATOWNSHIP.COM)

Sylvania Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversity and a drug-free, tobacco-free workplace.

## Paws & Protect with Leo



## Tips for a merry holiday season

It's my favorite time of the year! I love the hustle and bustle of the holiday season... the bright lights, sparkly ornaments, and the pine-tree smell, I can't get enough of it! But as a highly trained professional, I'm trained to sniff out danger and some of our favorite decorations can be sneaky hazards! So, make sure you follow my top tips to keep your home safe, merry, and bright this holiday season!

- **Keep Decorations Dog and Kid Friendly:** Shiny ornaments and tinsel may look like toys (trust me, I know), but they can be dangerous if chewed or swallowed. Keep fragile items higher up, and secure your tree so it doesn't topple if someone—no names—bumps into it.
- **Watch the Candles and Lights:** I love the cozy glow of candles and string lights, but they can start fires if left unattended. Always turn off lights when leaving the house and keep candles where curious noses, wagging tails, and curious little hands can't reach. Remember to inspect all cords for fraying or bite marks and use cord protectors when necessary.
- **Tree Safety:** The real trees sure are beautiful and they do really smell good, but remember they take some extra work. Make sure you keep your tree hydrated and check water levels daily. Dry branches catch fire much more easily! If the needles fall off in handfuls, the tree is too dry and should be removed immediately. I can't stress enough to remember; dry trees are highly flammable!

By following these few simple precautions, you can enjoy all the holiday cheer without worry! Even with good precautions in place, accidents can happen; make sure you have a fire extinguisher, your smoke detectors are functioning, and you always have a safety plan in place. From all my wonderful friends at Sylvania City Police and me, stay safe, stay cozy, and have a pawsitively wonderful holiday season!

Remember everyone, stay safe, the Leo way!

~Leo





# Christ Child holds Wait Night



Kathleen Fritz and Marcia and David Wright enjoy the festivities at the annual fundraising event held at The Pinnacle.



Celebrity waiters Kellie and Will Yenrick and Kathy Shortridge volunteer at the Nov. 3 Christ Child Celebrity Wait Night.



Long time CCST member, since 2003, Tottie Morrette is among the 448 guests at the annual event.



Mary Galvin greets Cathy Nelson at the event that raised \$65,000 for Christ Child Society projects.

From Our Home to Yours...  
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18





Trust is EARNED.

Unstoppable Starts Here  
**REMAX** PREFERRED ASSOCIATES

Voted the #1 most trusted agents in real estate

**419-345-5566**

**Brad Sutphin**  
Brads@realtor.com

# Downtown Delights brings shoppers



Bobbie Ziviski finds just what she is looking for to complete her holiday decor and purchases it from Kayla Pittenger of Ivy & Elm, whose display was in the Sylvania AdVantage office.



Bonnie Huff, Anne Scott, and Martha Ahleman find success while shopping at Beautiful Blooms by Jen during the Nov. 13 Downtown Delights.

## PLANNING A VACATION OR TRAVELING ABROAD?

VISIT ONE OF OUR FOUR CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AUTO TITLE OFFICES AND APPLY FOR YOUR U.S. PASSPORT.



J. Bernie Quilter  
Lucas County Clerk of Courts

PASSPORT BOOKLET	PASSPORT CARD
ADULT	ADULT
\$181.50	\$81.50
MINOR (AGES 15 & UNDER)	MINOR (AGES 15 & UNDER)
\$151.50	\$66.50

These prices include tax and your photograph. We accept MC/Visa, check or cash.

The Lucas County Clerk of Courts Passport Application Guarantee - If your application is rejected due to photos taken by our office, we will retake photos at no charge

Call **419.213.2400** for more information





## JANET AMID

### THE STARS SPEAK

*"December is the month of hope and faith, when even the darkest days fill with light."*

— Unknown

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On this sacred day, the Sun shines in steadfast Capricorn, grounding us in tradition, purpose, and love. The Moon drifts through dreamy Pisces, surrounding the world in compassion and faith, while Mercury in Sagittarius inspires joy, laughter, and heartfelt connection. Venus joins Mars in Capricorn, igniting devotion, warmth, and a renewed sense of togetherness. Meanwhile, Saturn in Pisces lends spiritual balance, and Pluto in Aquarius reminds us of our shared humanity and hope for a better world. This Christmas, let your heart open to the cosmic rhythm of love and gratitude. May generosity flow freely, dreams feel within reach, and light shine through every soul.

Merry Christmas to all—may peace, magic, and celestial harmony fill your day.

**Happy Birthday, Sagittarius** - The Sun continues in your own, adventurous sign until December 22, filling the energies with optimism, excitement, and a sense of renewal. For many Sagittarians, the past few years have been unpredictable, as Saturn in Pisces, aligned with Neptune, has tested your faith and focus. Yet by February 2026, when Saturn moves into Aries, its last occurrence was

recently May 2025 through September 2, 2025, and before that, April 1996-June 1998, then again October 1998-March 1999, the fog lifts and clarity returns.

Your ruler, Jupiter, remains retrograde until March 11, 2026, urging reflection and inner expansion. The Full Moon in Gemini sparks emotional clarity, while the New Moon in Sagittarius on Dec. 20 brings new beginnings and inspired purpose.

**Full Moon in Gemini** - Dec. 4, The Full Moon in Gemini stands opposite the Sun in Sagittarius, creating a powerful push-pull between logic and belief, mind and meaning. This lunation may stir restlessness, tension, and emotional overload — words carry weight, and misunderstandings can escalate quickly. It's a time to pause, listen, and balance curiosity with conviction. Avoid overreacting; instead, channel this nervous energy into creative expression or open dialogue.

**Sun enters Capricorn** - Dec. 22—the focus turns to ambition, structure, and long-term goals—an ideal time to plan ahead. A great period to start a good health cycle. Or work up a new plan for the upcoming year.

\*Mercury, Mars, and Venus all shift signs this month, moving our minds, motivation, and hearts from fiery inspiration to grounded reality.

**Mercury, the planet of chat, is direct in Scorpio** - adding depth to conversations before moving into philosophical Sagittarius on December 12,

lifting words with optimism and insight.

**Mars, the planet of movement,** continues in optimistic Sagittarius until Dec. 16, where it enters earthy Capricorn, providing grounding and disciplined focus.

**Venus, the planet of pleasure,** remains in Sagittarius until Christmas Day, (so watch your spending), then it moves into Capricorn - and love becomes more grounded, realistic and enduring. We may after Christmas question, how in the world did we overindulge?

**Jupiter, ruler of Sagittarius,** - continues its retrograde in Cancer - not an easy transit for those born under Sagittarius, as it slows expansion, and creates a less enthusiastic side. It may also prompt reflection, specifically in regards to home and family.

#### SIGNS:

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** - This month ignites your sense of adventure and optimism. The Sagittarius Sun fuels inspiration for travel, education, and new experiences. As Mars enters Capricorn mid-month, your career focus strengthens—success comes through strategy, not speed. Also Jupiter, in retrograde of your home can bring family related issues to the surface. It's up to you to work through the challenges.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** - Finances and shared resources take center stage. Jupiter retrograde may have you reassessing joint ventures or emotional investments. By the New Moon, clarity emerges—trust what feels solid and release what drains your energy. This is not a time to take chances, but merely a period in which you trust your gut.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)** - The Full Moon in your sign heightens emotions and awareness. Partnerships—personal or professional—are spotlighted. Communicate clearly, but listen deeply; balance self-expression with understanding. Also this month's New Moon in Sagittarius opposite your own sign, heightens sensitivity with regards to partners, work or personal. Go with it. Trust your inner voice.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** - Health, organization, and daily structure come into focus. Use this month to refine routines and declutter your space. Mars in Capricorn after the 16th may bring intensity in partnerships—patience and compromise are key. Also, your intuition is heightened with the New moon taking place in your subconscious part of your chart. It may add a new dimension to how you operate.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)** - Romance and creativity flourish as the Sagittarius Sun lights up your house of pleasure. Express yourself freely and let your inner child play. Later in the month, work responsibilities increase—balance joy with discipline. This can be your month to create and just be. You're in the zone.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

- Home and family matters take prece-

dence early in the month. As Mars enters Capricorn, inspiration fuels productivity—perfect for creative or career breakthroughs. Keep boundaries strong with loved ones; compassion works best when paired with clarity. Trust your own inner voice. Though the push/pull of the New Moon and the Full Moon can be taxing, the results can work very much in your favor.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)** - Your words have power this month. With Mercury and Venus highlighting communication, express yourself thoughtfully and from the heart. The New Moon on the 20th opens doors to writing, travel, or learning opportunities. The Full moon highlights your higher awareness.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)** - Finances, values, and self-worth are key themes. Mercury direct in your sign restores confidence and insight. As Venus moves into Capricorn on Christmas Day, stability in love and money becomes your reward for wise choices. Take the time to enhance your abilities. This is a key month for personal gain.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)** - It's your time to shine! With the Sun, Mars, and Venus all lighting your sign this month, confidence runs high. The New Moon on December 20 brings a personal rebirth—dream boldly, but ground your ideas as Capricorn season begins. Financial security can be yours. Trust that you will fall in step as the year progresses.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

- You're preparing for a major glow-up as the Sun enters your sign on the 22nd. Mars joining your sign boosts ambition, stamina, and drive. Take your time—small, steady steps lead to long-lasting results. As with everything else, you're golden this month. Luck is in the cards.

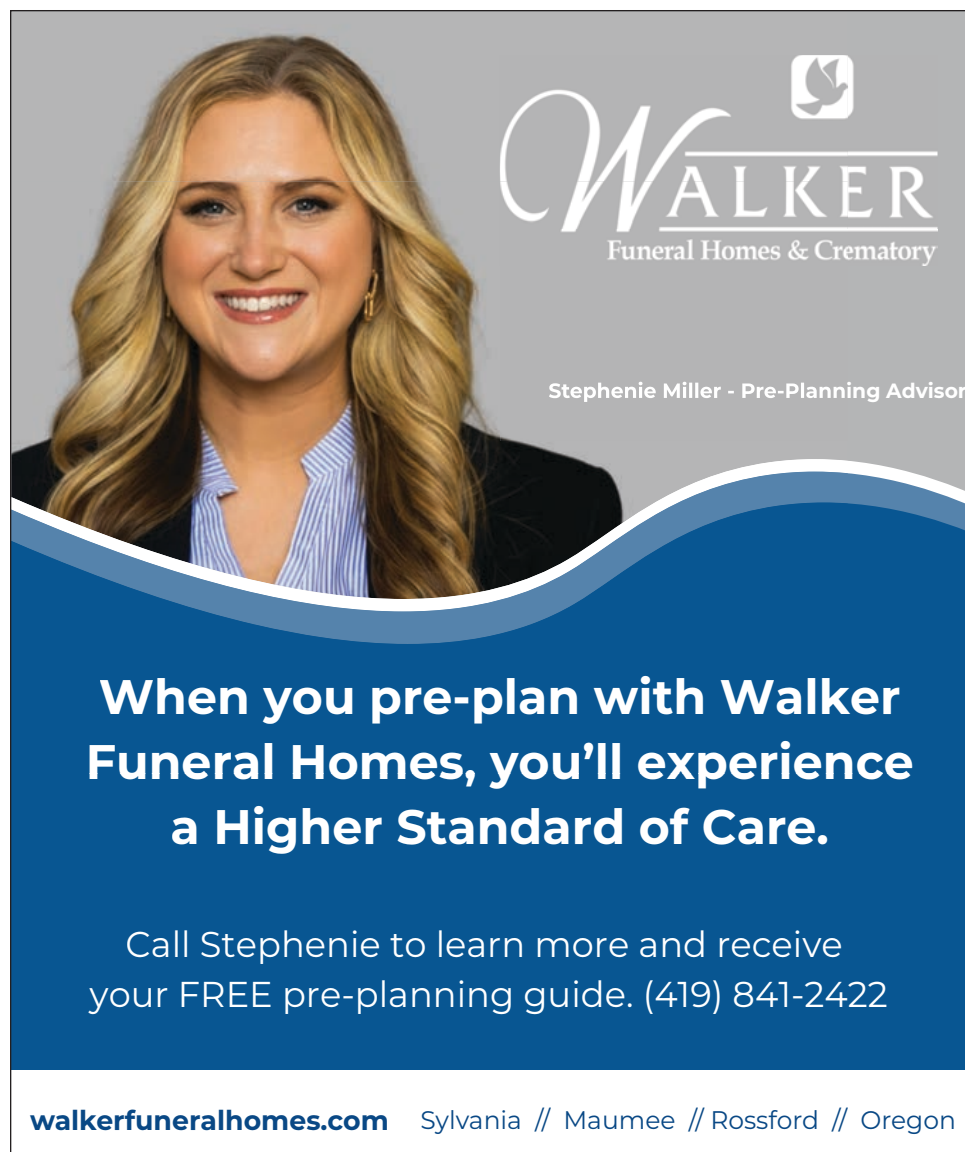
**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

- Friendships and group connections energize you this month. The Sagittarius Sun invites collaboration and vision-building. Around the New Moon, listen to your intuition—it may guide you toward an unexpected but fulfilling opportunity. Your words are there to be heard.

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

- With Saturn and Neptune still influencing your sign, reflection continues to shape your growth. The Sun at the top of your chart enhances professional visibility. Stay grounded and allow your dreams to unfold in divine timing—clarity is just ahead.

*Janet Amid is a professional astrologer, numerologist, and intuitive consultant. She can be heard every Monday morning from 8:10-8:45 AM on 93.5 FM with Jerry, Suzi & Paul. She is also a columnist for the Sylvania Advantage. For a private in-office or phone consultation, call or text 419-882-5510 (please include your full name and email).*



**When you pre-plan with Walker Funeral Homes, you'll experience a Higher Standard of Care.**

Call Stephenie to learn more and receive your FREE pre-planning guide. (419) 841-2422

walkerfuneralhomes.com Sylvania // Maumee // Rossford // Oregon





# LIVES CELEBRATED



## Jane "Gigi" Sobb



Jane Sobb "Gigi" (76), of Monclova, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving sons on Sunday, November 16th, 2025.

Jane was born to Ollie and Elsie Geisler in Toledo, Ohio where she lived until moving to Monclova Township in 2013 with her husband Jerry. Jane attended Rogers High School, graduating in 1967. She entered the working world, eventually beginning her career with Checker Distributors where she worked for 25 years, retiring in 2008 as Officer Manager.

Jane married Gerald (Jerry) Sobb on May 19, 1975 and together they started a loving and wonderful life together. They had three sons, Brian, Mike and Mark who filled their lives playing sports and with family activities. Jane's sons blessed her with four wonderful daughters-in-law and five amazing grandchildren who were the love of her life. Jane was devoted to her family and always left them with hugs and a genuine "I love you".

Jane and Jerry enjoyed many vacations together. They took cruises with friends, and spent several wonderful family vacations with their sons and their families on Hilton Head Island.

Jane (Gigi) and Jerry (Papa) spent their time doing family things and following their five grandchildren's school programs and athletic events. Gigi never missed an opportunity to tell her family how blessed she was, having such a wonderful family.

Jane is survived by her son Brian (Lisa) and granddaughter Evelyn, son Michael (Jessica) and grandsons Brodi and Dylan, son Mark (Christy) and grandson Conrad (Angel) Fleeson and granddaughter Jolie. She is also survived by brother Jerry Reiter, sisters-in-law Barb and Cherie Geisler, brother-in-law James Barnes, many nieces and nephews and countless close and loving friends. Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Jerry, brothers James and John Geisler, and sister Susan Barnes.

Visitation will be on Monday, November 24th at Reeb Funeral Home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the interment immediately following at Toledo Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations sent to the City of Sylvania Police FOP.

## Veterans remembered with wreaths

The 13th annual Wreaths Across America program at Toledo Memorial Park is set for Saturday, Dec. 13 at noon.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen; honor those who serve; and to teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Visitors on Dec. 13 will experience a touching ceremony with wreath placement immediately following.

In past years, more wreaths have been placed at Toledo Memorial Park than any

other venue in Ohio.

It is not too late to help honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreath Day or by inviting family and friends to attend with you.

Specific grave requests for wreaths at Toledo Memorial Park can be made by emailing Mel Harbaugh at 46elapid@gmail.com, to help ensure wreath placement.



Please help us *remember, honor, and teach*

**DECEMBER 13, 2025 • 12 PM**

(Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony)

by **SPONSORING** a wreath,  
**VOLUNTEERING**,  
or **INVITING** friends to help.

**Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery & Mausoleum**  
**6382 Monroe St. | Sylvania, OH**

SCAN for more info,  
or to Sponsor a Wreath!



**OR Order Online:**

[WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/OH0004P](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/OH0004P)

# Celebrate

your *loved one* with a *featured* obituary

**CONTACT US: (419) 824-0100**



## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

**Epworth**  
United Methodist Church

419.531.4236  
epworth.com

4855 W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH

*Worship Services:*  
Sunday: 8:30, 9:45 & 11am

*Childcare:*  
Available at all worship services and events

*Help for today, hope for tomorrow, and a place to call home.*

### Christ Presbyterian Church

*All Are Welcome!*

#### Sunday Services

*December 7 - 8:30am & 10am*

*December 14 - 10am Advent Lessons & Carols with Pipe Organ and Hand Bells*

*December 21 - 10am*

*Christmas Eve - 4pm Family Service & 7pm Candlelight, Choir & Hand Bells*

Sylvania at Talmadge • 4225 Sylvania Ave  
419-475-8629 • [www.CPCtoledo.org](http://www.CPCtoledo.org) • Facebook: cpctoledo



CHURCH3TWENTYONE.COM



**Epworth**  
United Methodist Church

419.531.4236  
epworth.com

4855 W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH

*Worship Services:*  
Sunday: 8:30, 9:45 & 11am

*Childcare:*  
Available at all worship services and events

*Help for today, hope for tomorrow, and a place to call home.*



### First Christian Church of Sylvania

(Disciples of Christ)

5271 Alexis Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560

419-882-3313 Email: [Sylvania.fcc@gmail.com](mailto:Sylvania.fcc@gmail.com)

Rev. Ernie Unholz, Pastor

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

ALL Are Welcome!



### Saint Joseph Parish

5411 Main St., Sylvania, OH 43560

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
REACHING OUT IN SERVICE TO ALL



*The Lord's Day Masses*  
4:30pm Saturday *Live-Stream* (Confessions available at 3:00pm)

7:30am Sunday

10:00am Sunday

12:00pm Sunday *Live-Stream*

5:00pm Sunday

*Weekday Masses*  
6:45am Monday-Friday *Live-Stream*  
8:30am Tuesday and Thursday  
5:30pm Wednesday



Local and Long Distance



**SYLVANIA**  
MOVING & HAULING

PUCO#00602405 USDOT#02860841

Call or Text **419-740-1005**  
SylvaniaMoving.com

**PET WASTE  
REMOVAL**



**DANIELLE**  
419-283-6544

Backyard clean up  
starting at \$20/week!

*Merry Christmas!*

**FROM YOUR FAVORITE  
STATE FARM AGENT, MIKE BUCK!**

SERVING COUNTRY TO COMMUNITY TO PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST, FAMILY!  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED BUSINESS & REFERRALS!

Merry Christmas from Mike, Cheri, Holly, Mark & Hannah!



5525 HARROUN RD. STE. B SYLVANIA, OH • 419.885.3305

**UNCLE AL'S  
ROOFING**



God Bless America!

**419-517-3530**

Roofing Replacements & Repairs - 3 Generations Strong

Serving the Tri-State Area Since 1958  
Licensed & Insured | Veteran & Senior Discounts  
Financing Options Available. Owens Corning Products Available!  
We don't budget your job just your deductible • PO Box 295 | Sylvania

**Good Neighbor.  
Great Rates.**



**Dana Mathewson • (419) 478-8908**

**Classic  
Cafe**



The Blade Readers' Choice Award WINNER!  
BEST: Coffee, Family Friendly Restaurant, & Breakfast/Brunch!

Weekly Specials \*Liver & Onions  
\*Meatloaf \*Wings \*Grilled Salmon **\$3 off** \$13 purchase with ad

6742 Sylvania Ave, Sylvania OH | 419-882-3465

*Christopher M. Joseph*

• New York-Trained Singer and Entertainer •



- Song Stylist ~ All Occasions
- Voice Lessons ~ Young Adult & Older
- Vocal Cord Rehabilitation

**419/340-5953**

One **FREE** Consultation  
with this ad!

cdbaby.com/cd/christophermjoseph  
"Rubies in the Sand" CD Now available on all  
digital platforms including Tidal, Spotify,  
Apple Music, and iTunes!

Follow me on Facebook: ChrisJosephMusiq  
Listen **FREE** on iHeart Radio

**RE/MAX**  
PREFERRED ASSOCIATES



3306 Executive Parkway #101  
Toledo, OH 43606  
Direct Line: (419) 870-2009  
Email: mrubini@aol.com

Lifetime Million Dollar Club Member  
Licensed Since 1979

*Marcia Rubini.*  
Realtor

Each Office Independently Owned & Operated



**GEORGE CORDRAY,  
OWNER**

(419) 841-7776  
gcordray@budgetblinds.com  
BudgetBlinds.com

5133 S. Main Street  
SouthBriar Plaza  
Sylvania, OH 43560

**BUDGET  
BLINDS**  
Style and service for every budget.

Shutters • Shades • Drapes • Home Automation

*A New Dawn*  
massage therapy



Dawn Patridge, LMT  
Therapeutic Services for a Renewed You

5800 Monroe St. Building E, Suite 3, Sylvania, OH 43560  
dawnpatridgelmt.ppcbrands.com/  
419-410-8483

**Fickwood**  
PLUMBING, LLC

FAUCETS / FIXTURES  
SUMP PUMPS • WATER HEATERS • TOILETS  
LOW WATER PRESSURE

**419.882-5952**  
todd@fickwoodplumbing.com

Please Call **419-865-1941**  
or **419-708-7918**



**A1 GUTTER  
CLEANING**  
& T.V. Tower Removal

PROUD WINNER of the 2008 & 2022  
BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics!



**CELEBRATING  
78  
YEARS**

A Name You Can Trust

**HOLT ROOFING CO.**

Family Owned and Operated Since 1947

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

**ORGANIC**

**LAWN  
CREATIONS**

LAWN CARE  
LAWN REPAIR



**419.843.3867**  
LawnCreationsUSA.com

Provide work for adults with disabilities!

**Secure Document Destruction \$.40/Pound**  
Serving Individuals and Local Businesses

Call 419-517-5560 to learn more!



**manahanlife.org**  
6377 River Crossings, Ste 2 | Sylvania  
120 S Holland Sylvania Rd | Toledo

Serving Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Total Quality Construction, LTD

**TQC**  
DESIGN BUILD

419-843-6737  
Residential  
Remodeling  
Contractor

TotalQualityConstruction.com  
3315 Centennial Rd. Suite I - Sylvania, Oh 43650

**PARKER BROTHERS PAINTING**  
We are a 50 year old family tradition

**FREE QUOTES**  
Interior and Exterior  
Experienced in trim and dry wall repair and room design

For a job well done call Junior  
**419-386-6302**



Can furnish references

Insured & a  
member of  
**BBB**  
A+ rating

**Brunner  
& Sons  
Renovations, LLC**

Where exquisite design and craftsmanship merge.

**Michael B. Brunner**  
Consultant

Design • Restorations • Maintenance • Finishes  
PO Box 208 • Sylvania, OH 43560 • 567.455.6121  
thebrunnercompany@gmail.com • thebrunnercompany.org



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

Don't Miss Out —  
Get Your Gift Card Deals  
in Front of Local Shoppers!  
Advertise With Us!



SYLVANIA  
ADVANTAGE

Call Today:  
419-824-0100

SERVICES

AFFORDABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

For More Info, Call: 419-466-1235

BRG PAINT & WALLPAPER

Painting - Paper Removal - Wall Repair

Wallpapering since 1986 • References - Insured - Reliable • Free Estimates

CALL BRIAN 419-297-9686



TOM'S PEST CONTROL

Ants, Termites, Bed Bugs, Mice, Boxelder Bugs, Bee/Wasps

Holland, Ohio

419-868-8700 • CityTermiteAndPest.com

CLEANOUT SERVICES


Now scheduling appointments for fall and winter garage, basement and attic cleanouts. Can properly dispose or recycle any unwanted items including batteries, electronics, computers, furniture or any unwanted household items.

Call Cleanout Services  
at 419-360-1804



Deb Duz Wonders

Experienced home and Airbnb cleaning.  
Special events, weekly or biweekly.  
References available.



FREE ESTIMATES

CALL DEBBIE: 419-509-7825

Annual  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
& COOKIE WALK

December 13, 9am - 1pm

Zion  
Lutheran Church  
LCHC

We'll have booths with  
various crafts and  
specialty vendors, cookies  
available for purchase,  
and crafts and gift baskets  
to be raffled.

FAMILY & FRIENDS  
ALL WELCOME!

\*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RENTING A TABLE,  
PLEASE CALL CONNIE SIELER AT 517-442-7560

8307 Memorial Hwy., Ottawa Lake, MI • 734-856-2921

MOP N MOM  
HOUSE CLEANING

Cleaning with & from the heart!

No contracts or obligation ever. I do appreciate  
\$20 per hour of cleaning after the task is  
complete to your satisfaction.

JACKIE MORRIS  
CALL OR TEXT  
419-351-4040

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received online through Bid Express  
by the City of Sylvania via the Department of Public  
Service, until 11:00 AM DECEMBER 19th, 2025 for  
furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary  
for the following project:  
LUC-VAR-SYLVANIA PHBS (PID 122182)  
Bidding Documents are available online at  
<https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/87307/home>.

Ciao Bella!

JOIN OUR  
TEAM!



5166 Monroe St., Suite 303 • Toledo, OH  
[ciaobellathesalontoledo@gmail.com](mailto:ciaobellathesalontoledo@gmail.com)

Competitive Booth Rental Available for Hair!

CONTACT US TODAY! 419.304.0937

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, Ohio 43560 on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss Petition for Zoning Ordinance Amendment SUP-4-2025, from William Gross, to install an open carport at 5910 Balfour Road, Sylvania, Ohio 43560, and any person or persons interested in providing testimony, may be heard.

By Order of the Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio.  
Laura Smith, Clerk of Council

HELP WANTED

LENAWEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Before & After School Childcare Provider  
Bus Drivers  
Custodian  
Early College Director  
Interpreters for Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
School Psychologists  
Special Education Teachers (EI, CI)  
Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Speech & Language Pathologists

Visit the Lenawee ISD website at [lisd.us](http://lisd.us)  
for more information.  
Background checks will be conducted. EOE



Please visit the Lenawee ISD website at [www.lisd.us](http://www.lisd.us) for more information. Background checks will be conducted. The Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. For more details including policies and contact information please visit the following: [https://www.lisd.us/downloads/lisd\\_admin\\_files/lisd\\_non-discrimination\\_eeo\\_board\\_policy.pdf](https://www.lisd.us/downloads/lisd_admin_files/lisd_non-discrimination_eeo_board_policy.pdf)

ADOPT A FAMILY  
for the holidays

Help make the holidays a little brighter for the economically  
challenged families in our community.

You or your group can spread a little holiday cheer and alleviate the financial  
stress of the holidays by providing help and hope to families in need.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ADOPT-A-FAMILY: You choose the size of the family, and which holiday(s) you wish to adopt. This year, we've made it easier than ever for donors to connect with families in need!
- Or, you can make a monetary donation to the Adopt-A-Family Program by visiting [sylvaniaareafamilyservices.org/adopt-donation](http://sylvaniaareafamilyservices.org/adopt-donation) or by calling 419-882-8415. You may also mail your gift to 5440 Marshall Rd. Sylvania, OH 43560

Scan this QR code to Adopt a family and make  
the holidays brighter!



For more information contact Crystal at 419-882-8415 [crystal@sa-fs.org](mailto:crystal@sa-fs.org)



# Hafner Florist's annual Open House glistens with cheer



Kyle Vierling and Josh Miller of Hafner Florist greet guests at their Open House on Nov. 22.



Mary Kay Urbanski and her daughter, Ashley Burkovec, enjoy refreshments at the annual event.



Claire Achen, Beau Rochte, and Sarah Groves shop for holiday treasures at Hafner's Open House.



Lydia Shindel is all smiles as she takes in the sights and sounds at the event.

# Forest View

your family entertainment restaurant & bar with bowling, game room, event space & patio too!

Open daily 11am until Midnight | 1am Fri & Sat  
(Food available until one hour before close)

forestviewlanes.com

## Fall into Friends with FOOD & FUN!

Great food & beverage specials!

Game Room at both locations for all ages!

Book online or just walk in!

**OPEN BOWLING ALL THE TIME!**

**\$3 OFF**  
Expires 12/18/25  
MENU ITEM BETWEEN 11am-3pm  
Mon-Thursday (dine-in only), valid at Forest View or Quimby's

**LUNCH SPECIAL**

**\$5 OFF**  
of \$30  
Expires 12/18/25  
FOOD PURCHASE  
Mon-Thursday (dine-in only), valid at Forest View or Quimby's

**\$19.99** PER PERSON  
GOOD FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE  
One coupon per group, per visit

• 2 games  
• shoes  
• \$10 game card

Valid Monday - Thursday until 10pm  
Friday before 7pm  
Sat & Sun before 2pm

Expires 12/18/25 • SA

**\$49.99** FAMILY FUN DEAL  
One coupon per group, per visit. Expires 12/18/25 • SA

- 1 hour of bowling
- 4 shoe rentals
- 4 sodas
- 1 one-topping pizza
- 4 \$5 game cards

Monday-Thursday 5-8pm  
Friday before 7pm  
Sat & Sun before 2pm

**BOGO** GAME CARD  
Valid Monday-Thursday

buy a **\$10** game card get a free **\$10** game card

Single use coupon, valid at Forest View or Quimby's SA • Expires 12/18/25

# Quimby's

Restaurant & Bar by Forest View

Neighborhood Place to be!

Open 11:30am until 10:30pm or later during the week  
11:30pm or later on weekends  
(Food available until 10pm daily and 11pm weekends)

**Karaoke NIGHT**

Sun 7-10pm @ Quimby's

**LIVE MUSIC!**

Fri & Sat 7-10pm @ Quimby's