



# 2017 LUCAS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE

## Sylvania City Council

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**To be elected: 3**

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Katie Cappellini	Mark Clark	Jason P. Mishka
<p><b>Education:</b> I have a B.A. from Northwestern University and have experience as a corporate executive as well as a small business owner.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> I will be completing 2½ terms on Sylvania City Council in December and currently serve on these council committees: Parks and Forestry (as chair), Zoning &amp; Annexation, Buildings &amp; Grounds, Employee &amp; Community Relations and its Economic Development sub-committee. I am a board member for the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District, a member of the Downtown Sylvania Association, and a member of the Sylvania Chamber of Commerce welcoming committee. I co-chaired the Sylvania Fall Festival for 2 years. I previously served on the Sylvania Arts Commission and on the TMACOG Natural Resources Assistance Committee (NRAQ).</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> The most important issues facing the City of Sylvania today are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to continue to work with our regional partners to develop a regional water system for consistently safe water and stabilized rates.</li> <li>• We need to continue to provide our residents with the high level of safety &amp; services that they expect.</li> <li>• We need to continue to promote and support downtown re- development.</li> <li>• We need to continue with phase II and III of the Sylvania River Trail.</li> <li>• With new development coming soon to our SOMO River front property we need to evaluate the walking connections in our downtown district, identify the best ways to make Sylvania more pedestrian friendly and develop a long term plan to accomplish our goals.</li> <li>• I am highly involved in all of these issues and I'm proud of the progress we have made in the last 10 years. I would be honored to be able to continue to serve the residents of Sylvania for another term on Sylvania City Council.</li> </ul>	<p>No Response Received</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA)</p> <p><b>Current Occupation:</b> Manager - IT Department in Healthcare, Medical Research, and Education sectors.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Currently a member of Sylvania City Council.</li> <li>+ Also serving on the Sylvania Community Services Board of Directors.</li> <li>+ Serves on academic advisory committee at Owens Community College.</li> <li>+ Business and leadership experience working professionally for a multi-billion dollar organization in the healthcare, medical research, and education sectors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>1)</b> If re-elected, I would invest time and energy to continue the redevelopment of downtown by expending up the success of the South of Monroe (SOMO) investment. I also would promote high quality infrastructure and city services with an emphasis on safe and well-maintained neighborhoods. But above all, I will continue to listen and respond to concerns of Sylvania Citizens.</p> <p><b>2)</b> As a candidate for this office, I offer a unique mix of experience. As a experienced engineer and business professional I have a strong background in infrastructure engineering, capacity planning, capital improvement, budgeting, and finance. Moreover, as a current member of City Council, I'm experienced in the role and I have the energy and drive to continue.</p>

## Patrick Richardson

**Education:** University of Toledo

**Occupation:** Kripke Enterprises

**Website:** [www.richardsonforsylvania.com](http://www.richardsonforsylvania.com)

**Qualifications:** Eagle Scout, private sector business experience, active community member, life-long resident.

**Questions:**

**1)** The most important issues in my campaign are economic development, long term success of the community, and public safety. Economic development needs to be continued to encourage young people to buy homes in Sylvania. I want to make sure Sylvania isn't losing out to other areas of Northwest Ohio. Young people choosing to live in Sylvania because of the schools, the public services, the employment opportunities, and a strong local community is what will ensure long term success. As for public safety, as I've been knocking on doors and talking to members of the community, one of the concerns I've been hearing most is the issue of heroin and other deadly substances. This issue is addressed in two ways, prevention and treatment. Prevention needs to begin at a young age with education and a supportive community. Treatment involves having the resources available to addicts who want to get clean. People who suffer from addiction need to know their options and have the support of the community. These are a few of the issues I want to focus on as a member of City Council.

**2)** What I bring to this position that other candidates cannot is the perspective of someone in my generation. To ensure Sylvania stays a strong community for generations to come we need young professionals to want to live, work, and play in Sylvania. We need to create an environment where Sylvania is the first choice for someone in their 20s or 30s who is looking to buy their first home. On a City Council of seven people, at least one should represent that demographic.

## Mary J. Westphal

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Bowling Green State University

**Current Occupation:** Executive Director of local non-profit organization

**Qualifications:** I bring nine years of experience serving as a Sylvania City Council member. I was appointed to Sylvania City Council in August of 2008 and elected to my first full term in November 2009 and re-elected in 2013. Prior to that I served on the City Municipal Planning Commission. I have served as President of Sylvania City Council since July of 2012 - having been elected and re-elected to the role of President by my fellow Council members. Currently, I serve as chair of the Finance and Safety Committees.

**Questions:**

**1)** In my role as a member of Sylvania City Council, I see my primary responsibility as being a good steward of community resources.

The most pressing issues facing Sylvania

1. Continued strong fiscal management and balanced budgets.
2. Maximizing economic development opportunities and bringing new businesses to our community
3. As Chair of the Safety Committee, ensuring that our law enforcement is supported in a manner that allows for the safety of the citizens of Sylvania.
4. A continued focus on ensuring access to high-quality water at the most reasonable cost for the long-term.

**2)** As a lifetime citizen of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, I have a personal passion for this city and its' continued success. My experience as an executive director of a local nonprofit agency provides direct experience with setting and managing budgets which translates well into understanding the financial reports for the city. Additionally, my communications background has taught me to enter into every discussion with an open mind and a willingness to listen to all sides of the discussion.

# Sylvania City Mayor

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## Craig A. Stough

**Education:** Graduate of Ohio State University  
Bachelor of Science in Architecture (summa cum laude) 1975  
Master of Architecture 1977

**Current occupation:** Current Mayor of Sylvania, Ohio; Practicing Architect

**Website:** CityofSylvania.com

**Qualifications:** Mayor of Sylvania, Ohio 1996-2017  
Sylvania City Council 1986-1995 (President of Council 1994-1995)  
Sylvania Planning Commission 1981-1985

### Questions:

**1)** Maintaining and improving the quality of life in Sylvania. Preserve the many good things about Sylvania, and envision the new programs and improvements needed to keep Sylvania the best place to live in Northwest Ohio. This means redeveloping underutilized sites with new jobs, amenities and community tax base, while maintaining city infrastructure to keep property values high and neighborhoods desirable for families.

Provide for a safe, redundant and affordable water supply for Sylvania. As chair of TMACOG, I am working with Toledo and other nearby communities to create a new regional water authority.

**2)** A vision for Sylvania spanning 32 years of elected office. As an elected official and as an architect, recognizing what needs to be done to continue improving our community and a track record of how to successfully move those improvements forward.