

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL IN SOLON, OHIO?

January, 2018

ELECTION RESULTS

Edward H. Kraus was elected as Mayor of the City of Solon and took office on December 1st. Mayor Kraus served as Ward 6 Councilman for 16 years. Previous Mayor Susan Drucker chose not to run for a third term. Mayor Kraus intends to extend Solon's diversity to promote inclusion and involvement. He places great importance on reaching out to the business and real estate communities and fostering Solon's pro-business attitude.



Mayor Edward H. Kraus

In Council races, incumbent Ward Councilman Robert Pelunis was re-elected for a 5th term. Newcomer Jeremy Zelwin won the race for the Ward 3 position. Incumbent Ward 4 Councilman Marc Kotora ran unopposed. In Ward 6, Robert Shimits ran unopposed to fill the seat created by Edward Kraus' run for the Mayor's position. Solon Board of Education incumbents John Heckman & Margo Morrow were re-elected.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Channel Products, Inc. received a Job Creation Grant to bring 60 jobs to 30700 Solon Industrial Parkway. The company is a manufacturer and supplier of electronic ignition components and systems, safety controls, and piezo-ceramic elements.

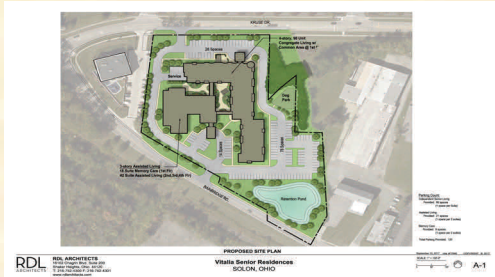
On October 6th, Bhavin Shah, Business Analyst / CEO of **United Stones International**, and his wife Neha celebrated the grand opening of the company's new headquarters at 32333 Aurora Road.



Chef Art Pour Restaurant Group announced plans to open **Rosina's Italian** restaurant at the former Pacos Tacos site at 6140 S.O.M. Center Road. The opening is expected in early 2018.

King Nut Company will build a 19,500 sq. ft. addition to its building at 6401 Davis Industrial Parkway to accommodate a new product line.

Rezoning Request - Omni Senior Living presented a request to rezone 5.38 acres from C-1 Historic Business and C-2 Restricted Commercial to R-3-A Senior Residential. The proposed project, Vitalia Senior Residences, would include a 105,000 sq. ft. 4-story building with 90 independent living apartments and a 45,000 sq. ft. 3-story building with 42 assisted living apartments and 18 memory care units. Council authorized placement of the rezoning issue on the May 8, 2018 ballot.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Solon Police Department Community Outreach - The Solon Police Department strives to promote open relations between the department and the residential and business communities through a variety of activities. *Coffee with a Cop* offers the opportunity to share coffee and conversation with officers. The semi-annual *Citizens Academy* exposes citizens to many facets of policing. Alumni of the *Citizens Academy* may join the *Community Impact Advisory Board (CIAB)*, which serves as a liaison between the community and the department, helping maintain a positive relationship between the two. *Shop with a Cop* is a holiday tradition in which police officers escort deserving Solon children on a daylong shopping adventure. *National Night Out* is a crime prevention and safety fair featuring Police Department personnel, equipment, vehicles, the Police K-9 Unit, crime prevention organizations, food, and activities for children. Opportunities are available for community volunteers to assist with police sponsored activities. *CIAB* will seek input from businesses in the near future on how to promote better relations with the residential and business communities. For more information, please visit the [Solon Police Department web page](#).

Downtown Beautification - A \$475,000 project to beautify Route 91 from Bainbridge to Aurora Roads will begin this spring. The retaining walls on Route 91 will be refaced with a thin brick veneer, and the fence along the top of the walls will be replaced. This project is the latest phase of the City's long-term Master Plan project to beautify the center of town, with the Fire Station and Veteran's Memorial Park having been completed several years ago.



KUDOS

Congratulations to the **Solon Chamber of Commerce** for sponsoring another successful *NEO Taste of Solon* event on November 12th. A sold-out crowd of 350+ attendees sampled appetizers, entrees and desserts from 21 Solon and regional restaurants. To further showcase Solon's many diverse restaurants, the Chamber extended the festivities by sponsoring the first *Solon Foodie Fest (More than Just a Taste!)*, a week long celebration of Solon's restaurant scene and its contributions to Solon's cultural identity and economy. Participating establishments offered special discounts all week.

The **City of Solon Finance Department** received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction from Auditor of State Dave Yost's office for the City's 2016 annual financial report. The Auditor of State Award is the highest recognition presented to local governments and school districts based on submittal of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, timely and accurate recordkeeping and a clean audit report.



Solon's Director of Water Reclamation Paul Solanics received the *Larry Moon Outstanding Service Award* from the Ohio Water Environment Association. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service and leadership in the organization. Paul has dedicated a lot of his time toward public outreach initiatives to educate the public about the organization and the important role it plays in protection and enhancement of the water environment.

THE BIG DEALS

The City of Solon is pleased to acknowledge the following realtors for completing these deals:

Georgeann Lawrence of Cleveland Commercial Group leased 1,325 sq. ft. at 6130 Kruse Drive to Experimac.

Eliot Kijewski of CRESCO Real Estate and **Todd Felder of Davis Development Group** leased 8,100 sq. ft. at 6573 Cochran Road to Grantek Systems Integration.

Bob Brehmer of NAI Daus leased 72,000 sq. ft. at 29855 Solon Road to Crown Packaging Corporation.

Bob Garber of CRESCO Real Estate leased 7,245 sq. ft. at 5380 Naiman to Greenes Fence Company; leased 8,050 sq. ft. at 5265 Naiman Parkway to Trend Evolution.

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