



WARD 5 NEWSLETTER Spring-Summer, 2022 Councilwoman Nancy Meany



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Dear Ward 5 residents - Happy Spring...let's hope one of these days it will happen!!

Ward 5 News – The City continues to work on plans for the Miles Road waterline replacement. The Engineering Department is working with the Cleveland Water Department and the Village of Orange on the plan. We are still hoping to begin construction in 2023.

Construction has begun on Solon Road, west of Cochran Road which will add turn lanes, storm sewers and sidewalks on the north side of the street. The project should be completed this fall.

The City will be completing the sidewalks on West Woodall Road as well as catch basin repairs on Cannon Road.

A meeting was recently held with residents in regards to the Harper Road Reconstruction Project. In the hope of getting residents more comfortable with this project, discussions will continue to take place. The major issue is implementing sidewalks which a number of residents have concerns about. I encourage any Harper Road resident to contact the City Engineer, John Busch, 440-349-6745 or jbusch@solonohio.org if you have specific issues with your property you would like to address.

I am sure many of you have noticed that Hawthorn Parkway has been closed between Cannon Road and Aurora Road.

This is due to structural issues that were discovered during an inspection of the bridge. I have been in contact with the Metroparks and they will be bidding out the project with the hope of starting construction in late spring or early summer. There is no timeline for completion at this time.

The Chabad Jewish Center of Solon is constructing a social hall and parking lot on their property at the corner of Harper Road and Cannon Road. They hope to complete the project by the fall.

CEI has been installing tall poles and antennas throughout the City. The one in Ward 5 is located at Harper Road and Hawthorn Parkway. This is part of the Ohio Smart Grid Modernization Project being completed by CEI. This installation will help reduce the impact of outages, car vs. pole accidents and trees falling onto wires. The system will isolate the outage to a smaller group of customers and should quicken any needed repairs and restoration. I am glad to see CEI doing something to address the frequent power outages in the City. Let's hope it works!!

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has agreed to conduct a noise barrier study survey of U.S. Route 422. ODOT is in the process of negotiating with a consultant to perform the noise analysis. They hope to start the work soon and we should have their findings sometime this summer.

There have been many complaints regarding cell phone issues throughout Ward 5 and other areas of the City. The City's Information Technology Department will be sending a survey to residents in order to obtain a list of the issues residents are having, which will include a map indicating where issues are located throughout the City. The cell companies will be contacted to see if they will address these issues. When dealing with large companies, it is obviously a challenge. However, if they have information about the exact locations where issues exist, this will make it helpful to them.

City News – The City signed an agreement with the Cleveland Metroparks for them to lease the City-owned property to construct and maintain the Solon to Chagrin Falls Trail. The trail will begin behind Carter Lumber on SOM Center Road and end in Chagrin Falls by the Chagrin Valley Roller Rink. The Metroparks is hoping to start construction this year.

The City has been in negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railroads to purchase the abandoned railroad tracks that run through the heart of the City. The City is working hard to pursue the infrastructure money available through the State and Federal Government to help with these projects.

Construction should be starting this year on the Aurora Road Reconstruction Project. This project will add an extra lane and sidewalks from the Solon Village Shopping Center to Liberty Road.

Solon continues to attract businesses – over 30 were added in 2021. City finances are being closely monitored, especially since many businesses are allowing work from home models. Thus far, the numbers are above last year's numbers.

Solon will be holding a Job Fair in partnership with the Solon Chamber of

Commerce on May 19th from 12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. at the Solon Community Park. In case of rain, it will be held at the Solon Community Center.

There is one City issue on the May 2nd ballot. The ballot language is as follows:

Issue 19 – A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage:

Shall Article XIII of the Charter of the City of Solon be amended to repeal Section 6, entitled "Words Held to be Inclusive," which provides that masculine pronouns used in this Charter shall be construed to include the feminine pronoun, and the singular number shall be construed to include the plural number whenever the context shall require?

The City has planned many summer events; including, the Farmers Market, which was introduced last year and will be back this summer. The first market will be held on June 22nd and continue every other Wednesday throughout the summer. This will be held at Bicentennial Park at the corner of SOM Center Road and Bainbridge Road. Other events are: Solon Home Days, to be held July 29, 30 and 31, Pop-Up in the Park will be held later this summer as well as Movies in the Park. I hope to see all of you at these events.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Council Representative. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at nmeany@solonohio.org or 440-248-1575.

