Happy 2020 to all my residents!! I want to thank all Ward 5 residents for re-electing me as your councilwoman. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you. Congratulations to Bill Russo, Ward 7, Jeremy Zelwin, Ward 3 and Macke Bentley, Ward 1 on their elections. I look forward to working with all of Council to keep our City moving forward.

**Ward 5 News**

A number of roads in the Ward will be part of the 2020 concrete repair program. Naiman Parkway will be completed this year as well as Stratford Drive, Naylor Drive and Inner Circle Court. Residents on these streets will receive a letter advising when construction will begin.

The Miles Road Culvert Replacement Project, located across from Cheswick Drive, with the Village of Orange is scheduled for this year. The bids were opened and Fabrizi Trucking & Paving was the low bidder.

The Engineering Department has been studying the traffic issues at the Harper Road/U.S. 422 interchange. As we are all aware, this area is a traffic nightmare at certain times of the day. The plan is to reconfigure the entrance and exit ramps. The feasibility study and interchange modification study have been reviewed and accepted by ODOT. The City’s Traffic Engineer will be applying for ODOT safety funding for this project.

The City received preliminary plans from ODOT to address the railroad bridge on Cannon and Richmond Roads. This has been a horror show for as long as I can remember, so I am thrilled that it is finally being addressed. The tentative schedule is 2024 – wish it was sooner but happy it is on ODOT’s schedule.

We are continuing to push for sound barriers on U.S. 422. So far we have not been successful but will continue pursuing this with ODOT.

**City News**

Happy 200th Birthday to the City of Solon!! This year we will be celebrating our Bicentennial with many community events. We will launch “200 Projects for 200 Years - A Time to Serve” on March 12th. Residents will have an opportunity to help others by contributing to our volunteer efforts. The Solon Senior Center and Solon Rotary Club are providing support for this new initiative. A volunteer page will be posted on the City’s website: www.solonohio.org which will provide links to opportunities both
within Solon and the Greater Cleveland area.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact our Human Services Specialist, Sally Goodwin, at the Solon Senior Center (440-349-6363). I hope to see many residents embrace this opportunity to give back and to show the region what kind of community we have.

The calendar for the rest of the events is listed below and I look forward to seeing you at these events.

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For more information, please visit [www.solonohio.org](http://www.solonohio.org) or call 440-337-1520.

In addition to these programs, the City will be celebrating Earth Day on Sunday, April 26th, from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The event will take place at the Service Department located at 6600 Cochran Road and the Water Reclamation facility located at 6951 Cochran Road (located at the end of Beaver Meadow Parkway). You can purchase mulch at the Service Department and shredding and tours will be provided at the Water Reclamation facility. The Annual Fourth of July fireworks will be held at dusk on Thursday, July 2nd at the Solon Community Park.

The City welcomed 47 new businesses in 2019. Several new restaurants opened; Chick-fil-A, Yours Truly, Simply Greek and King’s Tandoor & Bar and soon to be opening is Wendy’s. The Vitalia Senior Living Development on Bainbridge Road is on track to open in the summer of 2020. Swagelok’s World Headquarters and Global Innovation Center is expected to be completed in 2021. The Liberty Ford site on Aurora Road was rezoned to a mixed use zoning in November. The agreement between the property owner and ICP, a Solon company that had an agreement to purchase the property, was terminated due to soil samples obtained and the need for further environmental impact studies that could not be completed by the purchase agreement deadline. There are a number of developers who are still very interested in this site, especially since it has been rezoned.

The City continues to offer support to property owners to update their sites.

There are two zoning issues on the March 17th ballot.

**Issue 19** would approve new zoning language to create an R-3-C Multi-Family Residential Special Needs Zoning which will be located off of Portz Parkway and Aurora Road. The zoning permits
developments that accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.

**Issue 18** is a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to expand permitted uses in the C-2 (Restricted Commercial) Zoning District to add fast food restaurants and C-6 (General Commercial) Zoning District to add fast food restaurants, casual restaurants and sit-down restaurants. Please get out and vote.

The City’s IT Department is working on upgrading our website. I think it’s important to find a better way to communicate with our residents. Presently, you can go on the City’s website, [www.solonohio.org](http://www.solonohio.org) and go to the “notify me” icon. You can choose what you would like to be notified about and these messages will then appear on your computer or phone.

I want to welcome our new Police Chief, Rick Tonelli, and our new Service Director, Mark Hawley. Both have worked for many years in their respective departments. I have no doubt they will continue to provide great services to the City.

I want to give a huge thank you to our Fire Chief, Bill Shaw, and our Recreation Director, Don Holub, who will both be retiring in March. They have done so much for the City and will be truly missed.

In closing, thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at nmeany@solonohio.org or by phone 440-248-1575.

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