



WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

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Happy end of summer to all my Ward 5 residents. Although summer took a while to finally happen, we've had a beautiful last couple of months which I hope you've all enjoyed!!

Ward 5 News

Primary Election on September 10th

Many of you might not be aware that there is a primary election in Ward 5. Vote on Tuesday, September 10th at Advent Lutheran Church located at 5525 Harper Road.

There have been a number of road projects happening in the ward this summer. Pine Lane has been replaced and is almost completed. Work will begin shortly on the Fairfield Oval Rehabilitation Project which will replace the curbs and driveway aprons along with resurfacing of the road. There have been a number of sidewalks replaced throughout the ward in many neighborhoods and part of Miles Road. I always want more roads repaired and hope to get more done next year.

The City will be starting its asphalt repair program. I am happy to report there are a number of streets in our ward that have made the list, namely Neptune Drive, Stillwater Lane, Cressmont Avenue, Emerald Ridge Parkway and Solon Road between Richmond Road and Hawthorn Parkway. There will also be miscellaneous patching on Cannon Road between Richmond Road and Harper Road. This work will be occurring in the fall.

The City will begin pruning the tree lawn trees in our area of the city in the fall.

You likely have seen the sidewalks that were installed in the Village of Orange on Brainard and Lander Roads. I have heard from a number of residents who would love to have this happen in our area of the city. The Public Works Committee, of which I am a member, agreed to direct our Engineering Department to contact our Engineering Consultants, Burgess and Niple, to prepare a quote for design plans to reconstruct Harper Road from Miles Road to Cannon Road including sidewalks and/or multi-purpose paths. Many of the sidewalk projects done in the city were part of a road repair project.

The City received a grant through Cuyahoga County that will assist us in reviewing connectivity plans for Solon. The study will review the current sidewalks, paths and bikeways in the city and will make recommendations as to how we can improve our connectivity. I feel this will be especially relevant to our ward since so many of our major roads have no walkability.

I am working with the Administration to revisit constructing sound barriers on U.S. Route 422. We plan on meeting with ODOT and then reaching out to our State Senator Matt Dolan and our State Representative Phil Robinson, Jr. for their help. So much of our ward is impacted by the noise from the highway. I will keep you posted on the progress of these meetings.

Truck traffic on Cannon and Harper Roads continues to be an issue. The message boards that were up during the spring seemed to have helped deter truck traffic. I hope to get them back in the fall. The police will continue with their enforcement of the truck ban.

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This has been the summer for construction!! The former Sears-Kmart site is well underway and will include an ALDI and Hobby Lobby with significant upgrades to the façade and parking lot. Hobby Lobby is scheduled to open in early October.

There are a number of new restaurants opening. Chick-fil-A on Solon Road opens on September 5th with a double drive-thru and patio. Yours Truly on Kruse Drive, the former site of Donatos Pizza and Dave's Cosmic Subs, will open in the fall. A new Wendy's will open on the former Pizza Hut site. The City is in discussions with a developer for a new restaurant on the vacant parcel at the corner of SOM Center Road and Station Street.

Finally, Simply Greek has opened on Aurora Road. I cannot wait to get my gyro!!

I encourage everyone to support these new restaurants in our city.

The OMNI Senior Living project on Bainbridge Road is moving along nicely with an anticipated opening in 2020.

City Council voted to place an issue on the November ballot to create a new Mixed-Use Zoning District at the former Liberty Ford property as well as property bounded by Aurora Road, Solon Road, Station Street and Melbury Avenue. This would allow for uses that include restaurants, retail, hotel, office space and residential housing which would include townhomes and/or apartments. There will be a Town Hall Meeting in regards to this rezoning on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. This

meeting will take place at the Liberty Ford site on Aurora Road. I urge all residents to attend this event.

Another rezoning issue involves property located on Solon Road between Sedlak Interiors and nVent. The current property owner has requested the City change the zoning from "C-3 Commercial" to "I-2 Industrial". The "I-2 Industrial Zoning" is consistent with the zoning in the area and would provide the opportunity for light manufacturing and office space on the property. The broker for the property has indicated there has been interest in developing the site if the property is rezoned to the "I-2" Zoning District.

City Council hired an outside attorney to assist in drafting language to update the City Charter to close some open items that were exposed as part of the Issue 110 (Kerem Lake Mixed Use District) from last year. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that our Charter was vague and did not require the three readings prior to placing the initiative petition on the ballot. This Charter Amendment would approve the recommendations from the City's outside attorney and clarify the Charter language to require that any rezoning issue placed on the ballot by initiative petition will require three readings. You can view a copy of the updated language on the City's website at www.solonohio.org.

This has certainly been the summer for road construction. The SOM Center/Aurora Roads Intersection Improvement Project is well underway and should be completed in November. This will improve the flow of traffic in the area with additional lanes added to SOM Center and Aurora Road westbound. As part of the project, the sewers were replaced on Aurora Road west of SOM Center Road to Solon Boulevard.

The City received over \$700,000 in grant money to resurface SOM Center Road from

the railroad bridge north to U.S. Route 422. This work has started and will be performed at night to limit the impact on the community.

I realize these projects have been difficult, but once they are completed, I believe everyone will be pleased.

The Recreation Department will again hold the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Community Park. I look forward to seeing you there.

The City website is full of information and I encourage you to visit this site: www.solonohio.org.

Please feel free to contact me about any question or issues you may have. I am here to help you. You can reach me at nmeany@solonohio.org or 440-248-1575.

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