



WARD 2 NEWSLETTER
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I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The City of Solon has a lot of news and there is much activity in our ward.

**Ada Drive and Liberty Hill
Traffic Concerns**

Ada Drive residents were aided by the Solon Police Department via selective enforcement of people ignoring the stop sign at Seminole Drive. The Police Department dedicated many hours via multiple days of selective enforcement to enforce both the speed limit of 25 MPH, as well as making sure motorists obey the stop sign and citing drivers who are not following the law. The police have also placed their speed trailer on the street to educate and reinforce the speed limit. Our Engineering Department and Traffic Task Force also investigated the traffic flow and data they have from several sources. The Police Department will continue to monitor the area and will dedicate more resources to this area.

The Police Department has also been busy following up on speed complaints on Cromwell Drive in Liberty Hill. The focus has been on speeding and stop sign violations, as well as truck traffic using the street to cut through to Pettibone Road.

Location of Voting Has Changed

Residents should have received a postcard from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections indicating that voting is now located at the Solon Community Center. Ward 2 had several changes over the past few years, and this change is being made due to the Arthur Road School not having proper ADA access and other issues the

Board of Elections had with the polling location. I attended several meetings with the Board of Elections to ensure there would be enough parking for all voters, which was an issue at Arthur Road School. The Recreation Department will have dedicated parking that will be marked with signage for voters. There will also be enough handicapped spaces for voters, which was an issue at Arthur Road School.

New Restaurants

The following restaurants are currently under construction: Wendy's (on Aurora Road at the former Pizza Hut location), Chick-fil-A (on Solon Road at the former Panini's location) and Yours Truly on Kruse Drive where Donatos and Dave's Cosmic Subs were located. The City is also in discussions with a developer for a new restaurant across the street from Dunkin' Donuts and Arby's on a vacant parcel of land.

Pop-Up In The Park and Fall Fest

The Pop-Up in the Park was a popular event last year, and will return to the Solon Community Park on August 24th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It is anticipated that due to the success of last year's event, more vendors will be in attendance this year.

Fall Fest is scheduled for October 12th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Solon Community Park. The scheduled events include food trucks, backyard games, pumpkin decorating and local artisans and crafters.

For a comprehensive listing of all events that will be happening in the city, residents have

been mailed a Citywide Activity Guide that details all fitness, arts, recreation, senior, Blue Ribbon and community events. I look forward to seeing Ward 2 residents at these events.

Request for Comments on New Home Days Events

The Administration changed Home Days to become more of a community event with bands, activities and food trucks. I have heard many comments, and the Administration is looking at changes and improvements for next year's event. Next year the Administration will have food trucks open on Friday night, which was a common complaint I received. If you have any suggestions for changes, please email me and I can forward to the committee at their next meeting.

SOM Center/Aurora Road Resurfacing and Construction

SOM Center Road will be resurfaced from US 422 south to the railroad bridge. The sidewalks will also be repaired as a part of this project. The City received approximately \$700,000 in funding from the State of Ohio that will cover much of the project cost.

Once completed, SOM Center Road will have an additional lane at Aurora Road. This new lane will allow for better traffic flow at peak times of the day. Aurora Road will also have an additional lane installed to add a dedicated right turn lane to travel north on SOM Center Road. The current conditions of the road are due to the new sanitary and storm sewers currently being installed. Construction for this project is occurring mainly at night to avoid the morning and evening rush hour traffic.

SOM Center and Pettibone Road Intersection

The City is currently under contract with GPD Group to redesign the SOM Center and Pettibone Road intersection. An additional left turn lane will be added eastbound and

westbound on Pettibone Road. These newly installed lanes should alleviate the congestion at this intersection.

November Ballot Issues

There are three (3) issues on the November 5, 2019 ballot for the City of Solon:

1. A vacant piece of land on Solon Road between nVent and Sedlak Interiors: Voters are being asked to rezone this property from C-3 Commercial Zoning to I-2 Industrial Zoning. The change would permit light manufacturing and office space on this property.

2. Aurora Road - Former Liberty Ford property and properties bounded by Aurora Road, Solon Road, Station Street and Melbury Avenue: This issue would create a Mixed Use Planning District and rezone the properties to the new zoning district. This rezoning would permit 200 apartments and/or townhomes, retail, office and commercial uses.

3. Charter Amendment: The City placed a Charter Amendment on the November, 2019 ballot due to a recent Ohio Supreme Court decision regarding our initiative petition process. The amendment and all ballot language are available on the City of Solon website at www.solonohio.org.

Other New Projects

The Swagelok Global Headquarters plans have been approved by the Planning Commission and City Council and they are approved to build a 134,000 square foot building on Cochran Road. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020.

Omni Senior Living is building a senior living facility on Kruse Drive. The project consists of a four-story building with 90 apartments and a three-story building with 42 assisted living apartments and 18 memory care units. The project is expected to be completed early in 2020.

Brennan Industries received approval from the City for a 23,814 square foot addition that will double the size of their building.

Recycling and Service Department Update

Many questions have been asked regarding the procedures for solid waste and recycling pickup. Carts must be on the curb before 7:00 AM. Please do not place your cart on the curb before 7:00 P.M. the night before pickup. Please place your cart at a minimum of three feet from your mailbox or any utility pole, as the truck has difficulty picking up the cart if it is too close to an obstruction. After trash has been picked up, please return your cart to your garage by 7:00 P.M. on the day of collection. The Service Department also asks that yard waste bags be placed on the curb pursuant to the same time requirements as the solid waste and recycling carts. If any resident has a contractor performing work at your home, the contractor is responsible for removing any debris from your property. In addition, landscapers are required to remove any and all yard waste.

Senior Transportation

The City of Solon Department of Senior Services provides van transportation within the City of Solon, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:40 PM. The transportation is available to all Solon Seniors and any disabled resident 21 years or older. All transportation is wheelchair accessible.

Storm Water Management

The City has, for the past ten years, administered an extensive storm water management program. During this time, the City has designed, built and maintained many new structures, culverts, detention basins and sewer systems to control storm water. The City has programs for testing, cleaning and maintaining all of our storm

and sanitary sewer lines and systems. New and expanding businesses are also required to comply with our storm water management program and are required to follow our rules and procedures for maintaining storm water on their properties.

The City also has been very active in making improvements at our Water Reclamation Facility. These improvements have been approved by City Council, and did not result in any increase to your sewer bill. The Water Reclamation Department hosts open houses and community events to explain what they do and how it benefits the residents of Solon.

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCILMAN

I thank you for your telephone calls and emails offering input on all types of City issues. If you have questions or concerns regarding any part of our City government, please contact me at (440) 519-1717 or via email at rpelunis@solonohio.org. I am also available to meet with residents individually or in groups to discuss any issue. I can also be reached via Facebook and Nextdoor.

