



**WARD 4 NEWSLETTER**  
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My wife, Lisa and I hope that you have enjoyed your Summer as much as we have. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we will have a gorgeous Fall season and that the Cleveland Indians will be back in the World Series. I wanted to take this time to provide you with a brief summary of some things taking place in Ward 4 and the City of Solon at large.

### **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

#### **Derby Downs**

Derby Downs was part of the Fox Run sanitary system investigation that the City performed as a result of the storm event of June 9, 2004. The recommendation of the study was to focus on stormwater management. This project will include replacing the existing concrete street with asphalt, concrete curbs and gutters and replacing the storm sewer. The sanitary sewer will also be evaluated and rehabilitated as needed. Survey and soil boring work are underway and the City is reviewing proposals for the geotechnical work.

#### **Miles Road Sanitary Replacement Project**

This project will replace the existing sanitary sewer on the south side of Miles Road between Boulder Creek Drive and Harper Road. As a result of the City's flow monitoring, this sewer was identified to have high levels of inflow and infiltration. The project was awarded to Trax Construction and began in May. A substantial amount of the sanitary sewer has been replaced. The contractor is currently replacing the sanitary

sewer main between Crofton Avenue and Delray Avenue. Electronic message boards have been in place notifying of any and all lane closures and delays.

#### **Sherwood Drive Culvert Replacement**

This project will replace an existing culvert on the eastern leg of Sherwood Drive just south of Cannon Road. Design is underway and construction is anticipated for late Summer 2017.

#### **SOM Center/Aurora Road Intersection Improvements**

The intersection of SOM Center Road (SR 91) and Aurora Road (SR 43) has experienced heavy traffic volumes, congestion and a high number of vehicular crashes. The heavy congestion at this intersection is due, in part, to the current lane arrangement on SOM Center Road. A shared southbound left-through lane on SOM Center Road requires split phasing of the traffic signal which leads to a less efficient signal operation. Aurora Road has high westbound to northbound traffic volumes which required the outer westbound lane to become a dedicated right-turn lane, not fully utilizing the two westbound through acceptance lanes on the opposite approach.

The SOM Center/Aurora Road Intersection Improvement Project will add an additional lane on SOM Center Road to eliminate the split phasing of the traffic signal which will allow the intersection to operate more efficiently. The split phasing will be eliminated by an additional southbound lane on SOM Center Road to separate the shared left-through lane. The addition of a

westbound right turn lane on Aurora Road to northbound SOM Center Road will allow for the full use of the two westbound through lanes while maintaining a westbound right-turn lane.

Storm sewer and sanitary sewer work on Aurora Road between Solon Boulevard and SOM Center Road is also part of the project. This stretch of Aurora Road and SOM Center Road will be resurfaced as part of the overall project.

Final plans have been submitted to ODOT and we anticipate construction to begin in August 2017.

For more details regarding the entire project including images of the site plan, please visit the Engineering Department's web page at <http://solonohio.org/166/engineering>.

### **Cochran Road Reconstruction Project, Phase II**

This project will replace the southern end of Cochran Road from the Glenwillow line north to where Phase I ended, which is just north of Solon Industrial Parkway. Miscellaneous storm sewer work will be included with the project and sidewalks will be installed on the west side connecting to the existing walks in the Village of Glenwillow. The project was awarded to Tri Mor Corporation. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction through the construction zone.

### **Richmond Road Resurfacing Project**

This is a joint project between the Village of Oakwood and the City of Solon to resurface Richmond Road from Columbus Road to the City's south corporation line. The project will also replace four existing storm sewer culverts north of Solon Road. The work started on July 24<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Chase Bank has started construction at the former Sunoco site at SOM Center and Aurora Roads. This project will bring a new branch and several full-time

employees. Across the street at the former Dairy Queen site, First National Bank is planning on breaking ground soon.

The former Dino's restaurant has been demolished hopefully leading to redevelopment in the near future.

A new TownePlace Suites by Marriott hotel is being built on Enterprise Parkway, and a new restaurant, Belladona's, has opened next to the movie theater.

Primrose Daycare and Preschool is currently being constructed on a vacant parcel in front of the St. Vincent Medical Building on Solon Road. The owners are making a substantial investment in this 13,280 square foot building. All aspects of this building are compliant with the City's Master Plan.

Several restaurants are expressing interest in the former Paco's Tacos and Panini's spaces.

### **Former Bob Evans Site**

The land where Bob Evans was located is owned by BMW Cleveland. Bob Evans was demolished to make way for a new state-of-the-art BMW facility. The Planning Commission and City Council have been working with BMW Cleveland on this redevelopment. The lot consolidation of the parcels has already been approved and the plans are in the process of review.

### **Nestlé Expansion**

Nestlé is once again bringing over 300 new jobs to their Solon campus as part of their corporate restructuring. The jobs being brought to Solon are part of a partnership reached with the City of Solon and Nestlé. Nestlé will now employ over 2,000 people in Solon and has an annual payroll of approximately \$84,500,000. These 300 new jobs are in addition to the approximately 334 jobs created in Solon when Nestlé constructed their \$50,000,000 Technology Building on Cannon Road.

In addition to Nestlé purchasing the former Keithley Electronics building on Bainbridge

Road, they are currently modifying space at their Harper Road facility to accommodate the new employees relocating to Solon.

### **BRUSH AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Brush should be stacked in a pile as neatly as possible with cut ends facing the street. Brush piles should not be stacked over four feet high. Small amounts of brush should be bundled and tied for quick, easy collection.

Branches and limbs should not exceed eight feet in length and should not be larger than six inches in diameter. If limbs or branches exceed six inches in diameter, they must be cut into sections no larger than three feet in length.

We ask that the quantity of debris to be collected not require two of our staff members more than 15 minutes to collect. Any debris pile which exceeds 15 minutes to collect may be left and collected on your street's next brush collection rotation.

Loose materials such as leaves, sticks and rakings should be placed in paper yard waste bags and should never be mixed with brush piles.

Yard waste bags should only be placed out for collection on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day and no sooner than dusk, on the night prior to your collection day.

Any brush or branches containing thorns must be separated from regular brush or branches.

Metal objects, such as fencing, pipes and/or rebar, should not be mixed with brush piles. This could cause serious injury to our employees and equipment.

### **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION**

The City of Solon Department of Senior Services provides van transportation within the City of Solon Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 3:40 PM. The transportation is available to all Solon seniors and any disabled resident 21 years of age or

older. All transportation is wheelchair accessible.

### **PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City has been continuing to receive an increased number of calls regarding residents not picking up after their pets. Not picking up after your pet is a violation of Solon's General Offenses Code which states:

*Any animal that scratches, digs, urinates or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plat, building or other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of the same in a sanitary manner, such nuisance shall be considered abated.*

*Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.*

I would like to once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It has been a privilege being your Councilman these past four years. As always, if I can be of assistance regarding any issues in Ward 4 or the City, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Ward 4 Councilman