



# WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Spring to all my Ward 5 residents. The following is an update of what is going to take place in Ward 5 and the City during 2019.

#### Ward 5 News

A number of streets in the Ward will be improved this year. Fairfield Oval will have a rehabilitation project that will remove and replace existing curbs and drive aprons as well as resurfacing the roadway. As part of the 2019 Concrete Repair Program, Pine Lane is on the list to be replaced. As always, I wish other streets could be included and will push to get these done.

The 2019 Asphalt Repair Program list has not been released yet but I have requested that a number of streets in the Ward be included.

The City is working with the Village of Orange to replace a culvert on Miles Road near Cheswick Drive. Orange is taking the lead on this project and, at this point, no date has been given as to when this project will begin.

One of the biggest complaints I receive is truck traffic on Cannon, Brainard, and Harper Roads. The police do their best to enforce this but the problem continues. After further review, signage was installed on Cannon Road indicating no truck traffic is allowed. From what I hear, this may have helped. The plan is to also install a sign on Harper Road by the fire station in hopes this will discourage truck traffic on Harper Road.

If you have any issues with utilities, let me or the Mayor's office know about your problem. After the recent horrible wind storms and the loss of power to many in the Ward, we have a contact person with CEI. I also reached out to Spectrum and we now have a contact person to call should the need arise.

#### City News

This will be a busy year for the City. Although it was a long time in coming, the SOM-Aurora Intersection Project is now underway. The good news is the contractor will be doing the majority of work at night to lessen the impact on our businesses and the traveling public. There may be some lane closures during the day, but not total closures. Once complete, this should alleviate many of the traffic issues surrounding the intersection.

The City has a number of new commercial projects happening this year. I am happy to finally report that TLM Realty, the owners of the former Sears/K-Mart site, located on SOM Center Road, have agreed to remodel the building and parking lot with the anticipated new tenants being ALDI and Hobby Lobby. This will be a welcome facelift to a property that has been an eyesore for years. Construction will begin soon with a hopeful completion date of this fall.

Chick-fil-A is finalizing their building site plans with construction to begin in April and an anticipated opening in the fall.

Yours Truly will be coming to Solon with their 10<sup>th</sup> restaurant. It will be located on Kruse Drive in the former Dave's Cosmic Subs/Donatos building. The plans include a major upgrade to the building as well as the outside of the property.

Wendy's is in talks with the City about building a new restaurant on the Pizza Hut site.

Rita's Salon & Spa will be renovating the former D&R Bagels on Aurora Road which will be a major improvement to this area of town. Let's hope this encourages other property owners in this area to improve their sites.

Omni Senior Living and Omni Corporate Headquarters have begun work clearing their property on Bainbridge Road and Kruse Drive. The anticipated completion date is Spring 2020.

The Swagelok project is continuing with preliminary work sessions with the City's Public Works and Engineering Departments for their new Global Headquarters. The company hopes to break ground in October.

As you can see, we have many exciting projects happening in our town this year with the hope that the trend continues.

The City is always looking into ways to promote development within the City. The Planning Commission and City Council held numerous public hearings and approved a new Mixed-Use Planning Classification for use in the Central Business District. The first area the City is looking to rezone is the former Liberty Ford site. This rezoning would allow for a mixture of commercial, office and housing opportunities. As with any zoning change, this will be voted on by the residents.

The City, as recommended by our Master Plan, is looking into providing an amphitheater and cultural entertainment area on Bainbridge Road, across the street

from the Arts Center. This area is intended to provide a planned space for summer concerts, lectures, art shows, plays and reenactments. A map of this project is enclosed with my newsletter.

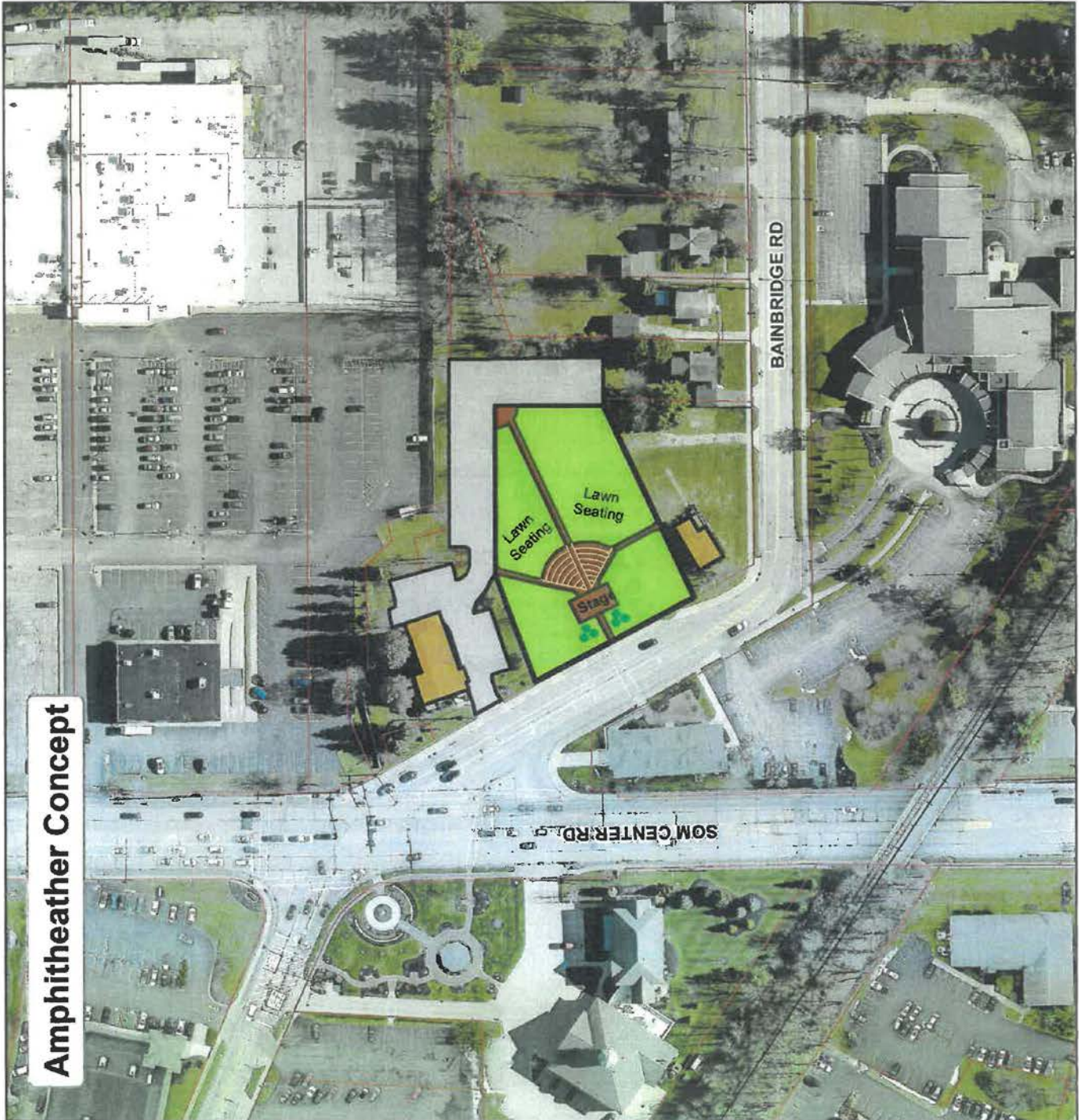
As many of you are aware, the City is pursuing the development of the proposed multi-purpose trail from behind Carter Lumber to Chagrin Falls. This was originally the Chagrin Falls Southern railroad tracks that were purchased by the City twenty plus years ago. The Administration has been meeting with those residents that will be impacted the most by this proposed trail. This will allow the residents to have an input in this process and to express any concerns they may have. The City will work with the residents to see if an agreeable solution can be reached.

The Metroparks own the trail right-of-way in Bentleyville and all indications are they are on board to continue their part of the trail. Since this would be a joint venture between the City of Solon and the Metroparks, discussions are underway to obtain an agreement establishing specific construction responsibilities and timelines for each jurisdiction.

Council will then decide whether to continue with an engineering study which would provide the cost of building and ongoing maintenance of the trail. The City has been awarded almost \$800,000 in grants for this project.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can reach me via email at [nmeany@solonohio.org](mailto:nmeany@solonohio.org) or by phone at 440-248-1575.

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**Amphitheater Concept**

**Legend**

- Seating
- SHS & Bull Home
- Parking
- Amphitheater
- Greenspace
- Evergreen Tree
- Parcels
- Railroads

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