A Message from Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

During the 2018 year, The City of Maple Heights has moved forward in the areas of Economic Development (new and expanded businesses), Property Value Appreciation, Additional Employees hired in the City, updates to city buildings and equipment, a Metropark (Dunham Park), new LED lighting at the Municipal Center, City Hall and the Police Station, the under construction Pocket Park at Libby Road and Lee Road, which will be known as the Mayor Jeffrey A. Lansky Memorial Park and with much more to come in future years.

Be sure to continue to look forward to very talented performers at the Summer Music-in-the-Park series which is well attended. We are hoping to plan a city-wide summer event with activities and events, and very exciting there is a possibility that the pool at Stafford Park will re-open after receiving hard fought for grant dollars!
Maple Heights
Government in Action:
Meet Your Planning and Zoning Commission

The Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission ("P&Z Commission") was originally comprised of a separate Planning Commission and a separate Board of Zoning Appeals. In November 2006 the voters amended the City Charter to combine the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals into the current day P&Z Commission.

The P&Z Commission consists of five (5) members, holding no other elected or appointed office within the City, who are appointed by the majority of the members of City Council. Members of the P&Z Commission serve for terms of five (5) years that are staggered such that one (1) appointment will be made annually with each term commencing on June 1st. A chairperson is elected annually by the members of the P&Z Commission.

The various department directors, including Law Director and Engineer, act as advisors to the P&Z Commission and attend all meetings as necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties. Currently P&Z Commission meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

The P&Z Commission serves as an advisory authority to the Mayor and City Council on matters pertaining to planning, zoning and building ordinances. The P&Z Commission decides variances from the strict letter of the Zoning Code in instances of unnecessary hardship, but may not alter provisions of the zoning code or change district boundaries of the zoning map. Council may, by resolution, overrule a decision of the P&Z Commission within 45 days after the decision is rendered.

The current P&Z Commission is chaired by Gerald Arnold. Members are Adrienne Carr, Kevin James Tina Marbury and Christian Ostensen.

Grant Funding for Demolition Project

There are several properties located within the City of Maple Heights that are blighted, abandoned and desolate. The properties come with an assortment of problems such as severe building code violations, delinquent taxes, complicated title and liens and absent property owners. Fortunately, the City of Maple Heights has successfully applied for grant funding, from Cuyahoga County Department of Development, for demolition of these properties. With these funds the City is able to strategically identify properties that have become nuisances with no abatement by their owners.

A new batch of demolitions began in January 2019 of several properties on the demolition list. The demolition of these properties will enable side lot expansions, business expansions and reduction of neighborhood blight. Demolition of currently scheduled properties is weather dependent and should be concluded by 02/28/19.

More information regarding properties that are currently on the demolition list can be obtained by reaching out to the Maple Heights Housing Department at 216-587-9031.

Pursuant to Maple Heights Codified Ordinance Sec. 680.05(b) the owner of property determined to be in violation of this Section shall be served a written notice upon the first identified violation per calendar year. Such notices shall state that the owner has two (2) calendar days to cut or destroy, or cause to be cut or destroyed, any weeds or grass that is six (6) inches or higher in height or any vegetation that obstructs views compromising safe ingress or egress or otherwise impedes traffic, including pedestrian traffic, on any public rights of way.

Further, the notice shall conspicuously state that failure to comply will result in the City causing the work to be done and the costs to be assessed against the property in the manner provided by this Section. The notice shall also conspicuously state that any subsequent violations of this Section concerning the same property during the same calendar year shall require no further notice.

To report tall or noxious grass residents can complete the Tall Grass Violation Form on the City website under the Building Department. Please help keep Maple Heights looking good!
~Mayor’s Featured Business~
K&D ALTERATIONS

It was Maya Angelou who said, “We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry.”

Nowhere is that more evident than at our Mayor’s Featured Business, K & D Alterations. Owners, husband and wife Kimhu and Da Heang, made the United States of America home in early 1981 emigrating from their homeland of Cambodia. Da worked at Magic Stitch Alterations in a neighboring community. She and her husband knew their customer base very well and decided to open their own business. They thought Maple Heights was the ideal location. So in 2004, the Heang’s made Maple Heights their business home.

Alterations and tailoring on both men’s and women’s clothing are done at K & D Alterations. Da is a skilled seamstress and takes great pride in her work. Alterations on bridal dresses and formal wear is her specialty. The attention to detail and fine craftsmanship demonstrated in her work have kept their customers coming back for the 15 years they have been in Maple Heights.

Come and see for yourself. K & D Alterations is located at 5161 Warrensville Center Road in Maple Heights. They are opened Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. One day service is available. For more information, call 216-475-3155.

CHN Housing Partners Provides Utility Assistance at Maple Heights Senior Center

CHN Housing Partners is a non-profit affordable housing developer and housing service provider.

The services provided by CHN are focused on insuring families remain stable in their homes.

CHN partners with financial institutions, public agencies and utility companies to deliver services to residents in Northeast Ohio.

As a provider of utility assistance programs, CHN identified a need to ensure services are accessible throughout Cuyahoga County. In the spring of 2018 CHN Housing Partners did a zip code scan of Cuyahoga County residents who were potentially eligible for utility assistance.

Research indicated a high volume of families living in Maple Heights and Garfield Heights. CHN began to identify potential office space in those cities. After reviewing 3 potential sites, CHN decided on Maple Heights Senior Center. The location, the staff, and the space were all factors in the decision.

Sherry Bennett is the Intake Specialist assigned to Maple Heights, and is there Monday through Friday each week to meet with families and help connect them to resources.

To make an appointment for HEAP or PIPP at the Maple Heights Senior Center, please call 350-8008. The appointment lines are open 24 hours, 7 days a week. New appointments are added at 8 a.m. each morning.

Online appointments can be scheduled at https://chnfronddesk.com. Please have your utility bill account numbers available when you make your appointment.
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