A Message from Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

When I began my first term as your Mayor in 2016, I was well aware that I was inheriting a City with many challenges. Not the least of which was the fact that the City of Maple Heights had been placed in fiscal emergency by the State of Ohio. I made it one of my top priorities to get the City back on a sound economic footing and on to a brighter future.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I share with you the following Resolution Number: 2020-01 that was passed by the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission of Maple Heights on January 23, 2020 and submitted to the Auditor of State:

I have eagerly anticipated sharing with you that we have a positive balance in the General Fund, corrected and eliminated all the fiscal emergency conditions, and put forth a five-year financial forecast for the City of Maple Heights that is stable and sustainable. As soon as we officially are notified of our release from fiscal emergency from the Auditor of State, I will share with all of you and let the celebration begin!!!
### Mayor’s Featured Business

**Dental Practice of Drs. Stolarsky and Truxton**

Back row, left to right: Dr. Gary Truxton - Dentist, Denise Leach - Receptionist, Kris Berg - Dental Assistant, Dr. Alan Stolarsky - Dentist. Front row, left to right: Rose Mazurkiewicz - Dental Assistant, Rhonda McDonald - Hygienist.

We all know how important regular dental checkups are for our overall health and well being. Many of us are hesitant about getting to the dentist on a regular basis. But, when we get a toothache, we can’t wait to be treated and get relief.

That is why the residents of Maple Heights and surrounding areas are fortunate to have the dental practice of Drs. Stolarsky and Truxton right in the neighborhood. For the past 36 years the Doctors have made Maple Heights their business home.

Conveniently located at 15710 Broadway Avenue in the Mapletown Shopping Center, Dr. Alan Stolarsky and Dr. Gary Truxton met while students at Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry. They practice General Dentistry.

The doctors state, “We came here as employees of an existing practice and developed a good relationship with the patients. When the dentist decided to sell the practice, we chose to buy it. We knew the location was great and we really have a positive rapport with the people we serve.”

In addition to the two of them, the practice employs a dental hygienist, three assistants and a receptionist. They are all long time employees and are committed to serving their patients with care, gentleness and in a professional manner.

It is not unusual to see Drs. Stolarsky and Truxton and staff frequenting local eateries, veteran organizations and church dinners to support the community. They are interested and concerned about Maple Heights and its residents. The Doctors see improvement in the community and believe there is a bright future here.

So, if you are looking for a dentist or know that it is about time you had a dental check-up, call Drs. Stolarsky and Truxton at 216-662-4028 to make an appointment. They are open Monday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Wednesday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon.

### Renewal of Senior Center Levy on the Ballot for August 4, 2020 Special Election

It is hard to believe that five years have gone by since the last Administration of Maple Heights removed the Department of Human Services from the budget.

In 2015, the good and generous residents of Maple Heights passed a five-year, 1.3 mill Senior Services Levy to keep the Maple Heights Senior Center, Maple Heights Food Pantry and Mobile Market, and special events up and running. For this we have been truly grateful.

Because of the proceeds we receive each year from the Senior Services Levy you passed in 2015, seniors 60 + years of age and disabled residents have had access to transportation to and from doctors, dentists and dialysis appointments. They have been able to go grocery shopping, do their banking, pick up prescriptions and remain independent in their homes even when driving is no longer a safe option.

They have been able to socialize and share a nutritionally balanced meal with their friends and neighbors at the Senior Center. When needed, a home-delivered meal is available to them to assist in recovering from an illness or injury.

Throughout the year our seniors have been able to get their flu and pneumonia vaccines, do a craft project, file their income tax, hear speakers on various health and wellness topics, have their blood pressure and glucose levels tested and much, much more.

Because of the proceeds from the Senior Services Levy you passed in 2015, our residents can receive assistance with their utility issues at the Home Energy Assistance office, file forms for the Homestead Real Estate Tax and Homestead Water Discount programs, receive assistance in choosing a Medicare medical and prescription plan, get information and referrals to foreclosure and housing services and home maintenance programs to name just a few.

Moreover, our residents experiencing food insecurity are able to access the Maple Heights Food Pantry and Mobile Farmers Market to supplement their nutritional needs. Over 9000 of our residents receive three days of food each and every month for each of their family members.

This is just a snapshot of what has been accomplished and made possible by you passing the Senior Services Levy in 2015. Because of you, the lives of a countless number of our residents have been positively impacted over the last five years. You have given them stability, security and hope for the future.

This year, 2020, marks the end of the five-year levy. A renewal of the Senior Services Levy will be on the ballot for the August 4, 2020 special election. This Senior Services Levy will be a renewal levy – which means no new taxes will be collected and your taxes will not be increased if the renewal of the Senior Services Levy passes at the August 4, 2020 election. For more information about the services we provide please contact the Maple Heights Senior Center at 216.587.5481.
For the past four years, Mayor Annette Blackwell has been serving the residents of Maple Heights by performing the duties mandated by her election to the office of Mayor and Safety Director. Since 2014, the position of Economic Development Director was vacated and left unfilled by the last Administration. Mayor Blackwell has assumed the duties of that position as well.

This has kept Mayor Blackwell very busy. Just look around the City of Maple Heights; two new Save A Lot stores, a KFC, Rally's, Bruder's, expansion of Sherwood Foods and Clifton Steel, completion of Valley Ranch Estates and much more.

Maple Heights is winning! It is time to take the next step. Businesses and developers are looking at Maple Heights as an investment in the future. To keep the momentum going in the City of Maple Heights, Mayor Annette Blackwell is pleased to introduce you to the new Economic Development Director, Patrick E. Grogan-Myers.

Mr. Grogan-Myers comes to us from the City of University Heights. He served there as Community Development Coordinator and currently as Director of Housing and Community Development.

In his tenure with University Heights, Mr. Grogan-Myers managed many of their large-scale projects. He created and oversaw the city's in-house land bank and grew the city's tax base through the redevelopment of underutilized parcels of land. Most recently, he worked to bring in a developer to build three single-family houses and 30 townhomes on underutilized parcels.

The amount of money the City of Maple Heights will receive from $800 million of available Federal funds over the next 10 years is determined by the census count. Vital programs and services, such as, Medicaid, food stamps, Medicare Part B, Head Start, National School Lunch programs and many more are affected by how many people in specific areas fill out and submit the census form.

For every person not counted in the 2020 Census, the State of Ohio loses $1,800 each year for a decade. That's money that should be going into our communities and neighborhoods to support our schools, our roads, our houses, but instead will go to other states.

Shape your community, your parks, and your schools. Invest in your health care. Have a say in your services. Participate in the 2020 census. Visit 2020Census.Gov to learn more.

Mr. Grogan-Myers was responsible for creating and implementing the City’s Property Maintenance Grant Program to assist property owners with exterior maintenance improvements. He worked closely with the Mayor and Administration of University Heights to assist in realizing the vision of expanded business districts and targeting areas for redevelopment.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Master of Business Administration from John Carroll University. Patrick is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Urban Planning and Public Policy from Cleveland State University. He currently serves on a number of Boards and Commissions including the First Suburbs Development Council and the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District board to name just a few.

After receiving the thumbs up from City Council of Mayor Blackwell’s appointment of Mr. Grogan-Myers, Patrick enthusiastically stated, ‘I am excited to join the exceptional team at Maple Heights. The City is full of opportunities for new development and economic growth and I look forward to helping make those opportunities a reality.’

We do too, Patrick. Welcome!
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