Mayor Blackwell’s Plan identifies the actions that are and will be taken in the months and years ahead to restore the fiscal integrity of the City of Maple Heights. It serves as a tangible master plan to insure a stable and successful future for the City and its residents.

In her Plan, Mayor Blackwell identified cost saving services that decrease costs while actually increasing services to the Community. A few of these are the City’s memberships in the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Agency (SEALE), the Chagrin Valley Dispatch communication center, the Chagrin Southeast Hazmat Response Team and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC).

Mayor Blackwell identified revenue generating actions beginning in 2019 and continuing through 2023. These include, but are not limited to, tax revenue realized from aggressive economic development projects like KFC, Rally’s and Big Truck Rehab Center, increase of the Local Government Fund from the State of Ohio, the establishment of a delinquent property tax outreach program, annual premium refund from the Bureau of Workers Compensation and many more.

When you couple these accomplishments with very conservative assumptions of an increase in property tax and income tax collection, continued successful grant awards, increase of vacant lot sales and a modest increase in the Local Government Revenue, we think you will agree that the City of Maple Heights is turning the corner to a much brighter future.

**Financial Recovery Plan - August Update**

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and the City of Maple Heights are, in baseball terms, rounding third and heading for home. Very soon, the phrase “Fiscal Emergency” will no longer be used when referring to the City of Maple Heights.

Since she took office in January, 2016, Mayor Blackwell, her Administration and City Council, have slowly and steadily been working out of a $2.79 million dollar deficit. She has diligently, steadfastly and relentlessly found ways to turn this financial crisis into all positive funds balances.

Mayor Blackwell, with, hopefully, an affirmative vote of City Council will present an updated Financial Recovery Plan to the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission assigned by the Auditor of the State of Ohio at their next meeting, later this month. The main objective of the Plan is to eliminate all fiscal emergency conditions determined by the Auditor that placed the City of Maple Heights in fiscal emergency in 2015.
Welcome New Finance Director

The City of Maple Heights welcomes the newest member of Mayor Blackwell’s Administrative team, Tinita Marie Tillman, as Finance Director. Ms. Tillman has been with us for approximately five (5) months. She comes to us armed with a Masters of Accountancy (Financial/Audit Track) from Cleveland State University and extensive training from the Ohio State Auditor.

Ms. Tillman’s work history is rich and diverse. Her early career interests led to the field of law enforcement. She served as a security officer and police officer while pursuing degrees in the world of finance. Ms. Tillman states that working with numbers, reconciling the books and fund government accounting is her true vocation and where she is most happy.

Previous to joining the team in Maple Heights, Ms. Tillman spent the last seven (7) years working in the Ohio Auditor of State’s office as Auditor 3/Team Leader. Her extensive experience in auditing financial statements of governmental entities including millions of dollars in revenue and expenditures will serve her well in her new position.

Ms. Tillman, her husband Andre, together with their six (6) children call northeast Ohio home. We welcome Ms. Tillman to Maple Heights and wish her all the best as Director of Finance for the City of Maple Heights.

New Vans for Senior Center

On Monday, June 24, 2019, Mayor Annette M. Blackwell took delivery of two (2) 10 passenger Light Transit Vehicles at the Maple Heights Senior Center. They were awarded to the City of Maple Heights through the grant process from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency’s 2018 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors And Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program.

The Maple Heights Department of Human Services provides approximately 14,000 one way trips a year to residents 60+ years of age and disabled individuals. Destinations include medical and dental appointments, lunch and programs at the Maple Heights Senior Center, dialysis appointments, food shopping, banking, salon and barber appointments and special meetings and programs offered by the City of Maple Heights.

The Mayor surprised the Senior Center with her announcement that the new vans were waiting for their approval in the back of the Senior Center. She was met with big smiles, applause and sincere gratitude.

Jaimie Hasenohrl Celebrates 20 Year Work Anniversary with Perfect Audit

September 10, 2019 Primary Election

An Election is being held in Maple Heights on September 10, 2019. The Maple Heights Mayor (Nonpartisan primary) seat is on the ballot. The voter registration deadline for the September 10th Primary Election is Monday, August 12th. You may register online at www.443vote.com and at all public libraries. People may vote early, vote by mail or on Election Day. To request a ballot application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). They are also available at all public libraries.

The Board is open for early voting on the following dates:

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The Board of Elections is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. All voters are advised to confirm their precinct and voting location prior to election. They may do this by going to www.443VOTE.com or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683).

Jaimie Hasenohrl, has worked for the City of Maple Heights. Armed with a Bachelor’s Degree in Gerontology from Bowling Green State University, Jaimie began her career in the field of aging in February of 1999 at the Maple Heights Senior Center.

Jaimie’s job responsibilities include doing home visits to assess residents for services such as transportation, home delivered meals and meals served at the Senior Center, following up on referrals from the Police and Fire Department and hospital, and assisting residents with their utility issues and choosing the best medical insurance.

Over the years her duties have expanded to include assisting with grant writing and submitting unitization reports to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) and the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS)

“Jaimie is meticulous in calculating and submitting reports to our funding agencies to insure our Department and the City received the maximum reimbursement for the services we provide,” states Human Services Director Linda Vopat. “We received notice from DSAS that the Maple Heights Senior Center achieved a perfect audit! This was largely due to the fastidious, accurate record keeping and watchful eye of Jaimie.”

Jaimie’s energy and love for her work is very evident. When asked, what is takes to succeed in this career Jaimie is quick to respond, “You have to be conscientious and compassionate, flexible and willing to search for answers. The staff I work with goes above and beyond to serve. You have to be strong physically and emotionally, because the work will challenge you.”

We congratulate Jaimie on her 20 years of service to the residents of Maple Heights and her outstanding achievement of a perfect audit.
Mr. Wonderful’s is a soul fusion restaurant known far and wide for their fabulous chicken and waffles and for their amazing, jaw dropping famous Sweet Jesus glaze. Once you’ve tried it, there is no going back!

Owner Sam Sparks says that without embellishing the facts, that families traveling from Seattle, Washington, Indiana, Atlanta and New York have stopped in just to experience the delectable fare offered at Mr. Wonderful’s. Some other items on the menu include fried chicken, mac and cheese, yams, greens and an assortment of Philly sandwiches and stuffed baked potatoes. Please visit their website at mrwonderfulschickenandwaffles.com to view their full menu.

When asked why he chose Maple Heights to make his business home, Mr. Sparks states, ‘I chose Maple Heights because our location is easily accessible, there are a plethora of people who live in or pass through the area to keep us continuously busy and the community is extremely supportive of our establishment. With that being said, we’ve been afforded the opportunity to build lasting relationships with many loyal customers including Mayor Annette Blackwell and her staff.”

Do your tastebuds a favor and give Mr. Wonderful’s a try any Monday - Thursday 11:00 AM -11:00 PM, Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM or Sunday 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. You will be glad you did!

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The Cities of Maple Heights, Bedford and Bedford Heights are partnering together to present a full line of fall sports programs for the younger children of our communities.

Under the direction of Jump Start Sports the following youth sports programs will be offered to the children of Maple Heights:

- Maple Heights Hummingbirds Soccer for children ages 3-6
- Maple Heights Flag Football for children in grades K-2
- Maple Heights T-Birds T-Ball for children ages 3-4
- Maple Heights Rookie League Baseball for children ages 5-7
- Maple Heights Little Hoops Stars Basketball for children in grades Pre-K to K
- Maple Heights Hoops Stars Basketball for children in grades 1-2

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