

Independence Around Town

Economic Development Newsletter

Third Quarter 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As summer comes to a close and the children go back to school, it is nice to look back at all the wonderful memories made this past summer. We kicked off the season with the Hemlock Trail Groundbreaking, enjoyed many baseball games in the park, celebrated the 4th of July with an amazing fireworks display, and finally, brought it to a close with a highly attended Indy Rodeo Home Days. I am so grateful for those who worked tirelessly to make these events happen and to our residents for their participation and support of community events such as these.



Even though the beauty of the fall season is on the horizon, we have much to do before the snow flies! One improvement project underway is the major roadway rehabilitation occurring at West Creek Road and Jefferson Drive, which commenced at the end of August. In addition, the Engineering Department is working through the planning and permitting process for the Rockside Woods Boulevard Extension Project with the goal of going out to bid later this year.

Another major construction project which will run concurrently to the above infrastructure projects is the building of Topgolf along the Rockside Woods Boulevard North extension. If all goes as planned, Topgolf will be breaking ground at the end of this month.

With so much happening simultaneously, the City is taking every measure to ensure that the logistics of all these projects are well thought out and coordination efforts go as smooth as possible.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful autumn!

Sincerely,

Anthony L. Togliatti
Mayor

NOTABLE NEWS

NEW EVENT VENUE APPROVED



Independence City Council recently approved a Special Use Permit for Noah's Event Venue to construct a new building at 4849 Acorn Drive. Noah's Event Venue is a unique national business concept with several locations across the country including a location in Mentor. The facility will be a combination of a reception, banquet and business meeting venue. This location will primarily host business meetings during the weekdays and weddings/receptions on Friday evenings and weekends. The new Independence venue will be a 7,500 square foot two-story building divided into several rooms including a main hall, staging room, café and lobby on the first floor and 2 small conference rooms with a large meeting room on the second floor.

The company hopes to break ground this year and begin operating in 2019. For more information on Noah's Event Venue, please visit the company [website](#).

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO HELP MANAGE ENERGY USE

The Greater Cleveland Partnership ([GCP](#))/Council of Smaller Enterprises ([COSE](#)) offer a suite of energy services that provide companies and property owners with a total solution for reducing costs and improving overall energy efficiency. These solutions will add dollars back to your bottom line and impact your ability to reinvest in your business.

The suite of services provided include:

- [Energy audits](#) - this simple program saves participants an average of 25-30% on their operating costs. No cost, comprehensive audit paid for by FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities for buildings between 10,000 and 150,000 square feet.
- [Green leasing](#) - bridging the dialogue between landlord and tenant to achieve energy efficiency.
- [Contractors](#) who can help with your facility.
- [Leveraging and interest rate reduction and rebate solutions](#).
- Reducing and managing gas and electric costs.

For more information, please visit the COSE [website](#) or call 216.592.2205.

CHAMBER UPDATES

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce ([CVCC](#)) has recently joined an affiliation of eight local Chambers of Commerce called The Power of MORE! As a member of this organization, CVCC members are now able to participate in networking events affiliated with any of the eight Chambers at membership rates.



Please mark your calendar for these [upcoming events](#).

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Power of MORE! Luncheon

A Real Estate and Economic Outlook - By the Numbers

Ted C. Jones, PhD, Chief Economist, Stewart Title

Holiday Inn Rockside, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$25 (members), \$30 (at the door)

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

State of the Region

Panel Discussion with Moderator

Holiday Inn Rockside, 6001 Rockside Rd, Independence

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$25 (members), \$30 (non-members)

To learn more about tickets, event participation, and sponsorship opportunities visit the organizations's [website](#) or contact Executive Director, [April Acuna](#) at 216.573.2707.

INDEPENDENCE BUSINESS VISITATION PROGRAM

The health of local employers is critical to Independence's economic vitality. Existing businesses make investments in facilities, create jobs and pay taxes that are at the heart of a strong local economy. For these reasons, the City maintains a [Business Visitation Program](#) with the aim of improving the lines of communication with the business community. During these on-site visits, a representative from the Economic Development Department meets with business owners and/or key management to garner concise, accurate and up-to-date information about the views and needs of existing businesses.

To learn more about the Business Visitation Program or schedule a meeting, please contact [Jeremy Rowan](#), Economic Development Director at 216.524.4131.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Anthony Togliatti's State of the City Address and Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, October 5 at noon in the Independence Civic Center,



6363 Selig Drive. Doors open at 11:30 am and the event is free.

For luncheon reservations, please call the Mayor's office at 216.524.4131 by October 3.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES/BUSINESS UPDATES

Help us keep the community up-to-date on our newest neighbors! Drop us a line when you learn of a new business calling Independence home. Please join us in welcoming the following new businesses.

[The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma](#) has relocated its offices to 5000 Rockside Road from the City of Parma.

[S&T Bank](#) has opened a new office at 6133 Rockside Road.

The building at 5633 Brecksville Road is the new home of [Walsh Construction Company](#), which is part of the team working on the [repair of the I-480 Valley View Bridge](#).

[Fidelity National Title Company](#) has opened a new office in Freedom Square 1, 4407 Rockside Road.

[Sandler Training](#) has relocated its operation from Twinsburg to the Spectrum Building, 6060 Rockside Wood Boulevard North.

Biomedical technology company [Great Lakes NeuroTechnologies](#) has relocated from Valley View to 6100 Rockside Woods Blvd North.

The corporate headquarters for the newly formed [Covia Holding Corporation](#) is now operating in 30,000 square feet of office space in Summit 3.

Congratulations to [Nations Lending Corporation](#), [Wellness IQ](#), [Linkmedia 360](#), [TalentLaunch](#) which join twelve of Independence-based [Proforma](#)'s franchises that have earned spots on the 2018 [Inc. Magazine](#) "5,000 fastest growing private companies in the United States."

[Lobster N Pho](#) held a grand opening ceremony in July at its new location in the Rockside Corners Shopping Center. Congratulations and welcome to Independence!



ODDS & ENDS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reminder about workplace training provided by the Independence Police Department

The Independence Police Department strives to ensure that our City is the safest possible place to work, live, visit and raise a family. Unfortunately, as recent incidents across the nation have demonstrated, violence can occur almost anywhere. The decisions made by employees and management when these incidents occur can have a significant impact on the severity of the event. Programs such as The Department of Homeland Security's "Run, Hide, Fight" and ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) provide workers with strategies and options to react to occurrences of workplace violence.



Sergeant Brad Borowy is a certified ALICE instructor and has presented this training to the staff and students of the Independence Schools, City employees and he has also provided training to numerous businesses throughout the City. The Independence Police Department offers workplace violence training to any business in the City, and we will customize the presentation to your company's size, location and availability.

If you would like any additional information regarding this training, please contact Chief Michael Kilbane at 216.524.1234.

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