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Photo by Michael Steinberg

Dance classes presented by the Solon Center for the Arts appeal to all ages. Here, 2-year-old Ruby Kretch, in a fun tutu, takes part in a Twirling Tots class with her mom Alyson at the art center's dance studio on Station Street.

Dance classes in full swing at arts center

By SUE REID

From ballet and tap to hip hop and acrobatics – and everything in between – in-person dance classes resumed at the Solon Center for the Arts.

Ages 2 to adult are enjoying a variety of disciplines, said Allison Urban,

dance department coordinator.

“This is our first in-person go at it since the [coronavirus] pandemic,” she said, although some virtual classes still are being offered.

Ms. Urban said the dance classes are presented by a diverse staff both educationally and professionally “and they have been rocking it out

this year with some changes we have made.”

That includes a more “intimate” classroom, allowing for only five students at a time. A hybrid learning method began last week and fall classes run into early October.

Ms. Urban, who has been with the art center for eight years, said that

for the 2019-2020 season, the center had its highest enrollment in the past three years, reaching 250 students in just the dance department.

She and her staff, which number about 10, work to reach out to the community, Ms. Urban said of the

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Solon getting ready to thin deer herd throughout city

By SUE REID

The City of Solon is on track to cull deer this year remaining in maintenance mode with the herd.

The City Council Safety and Public Properties Committee last week approved entering into a Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Wildlife Services. The cost of the agreement, which will run from Oct. 1 to July 31, 2021, will be in the amount of \$54,121.

Last year, the city entered into a similar program for \$53,300 when Solon was given permission to cull 60 deer. This year the permit will

be for up to 75, Service Director Mark Hawley said.

City Council will consider the matter on Monday.

Anita L. Matic, assistant service director, said that the city is continuing to see that the management of the deer population has resulted in fewer car accidents involving deer, lowering the cost of property damage and incidents of injury for the motoring public of Solon.

The last counts were performed on the ground and with a helicopter in late 2019 and earlier this year. The count was at 290 on the ground and 328 with the helicopter. The

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Law director advises treading lightly with political sign rules

By SUE REID

Restricting political signs in a municipality is an issue ripe for litigation, Solon Law Director Thomas G. Lobe cautioned city officials last week.

Complaints from residents centering on signage linked to the Nov. 3 general election spurred discussion and debate on the dais during last week's City Council meeting.

By a split vote, City Council moved to forward the city's current ordinance regulating political signage to the Planning Commission for their review. Voting in favor of forwarding the matter were Councilmen Robert Shimits, William I. Russo, Jeremy Zelwin and Eugene Macke

Bentley. Voting in opposition were Councilwoman Nancy E. Meany and Councilmen Robert N. Pelunis and Marc R. Kotora.

Mr. Zelwin said he has received complaints from residents involving signs being up too early, the size of some and the quantity in residential yards.

“I raised a question a month and a half ago that we have an ordinance the city is not going to enforce, and the law department doesn't think we should enforce, so why even have it at all?”

Mr. Zelwin said he is in favor of revisiting the ordinance, which governs size, location, duration and

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