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## Expert: Changes needed for political sign ordinance

By SUE REID

Solon's ordinance regulating political or opinion signs would likely be ruled unconstitutional if challenged in the courts, city officials were advised last week.

Attorney Ken Myers, a resident of Solon, weighed in on the matter for the Planning Commission. City Prosecutor Lon Stolarsky

and Law Director Thomas G. Lobe had asked for Mr. Myers' analysis of the ordinance, which has been under review by the commission. The review followed complaints from residents centering on signage linked to last November's election.

Complaints revolved around signs being up too early, the size of some and the quantity in residential yards.

Mr. Myers had litigated sign ordinance cases in both Cleveland Heights and Middleburg Heights.

"How do we avoid getting sued as a city?" Mr. Myers said. "That's a valid concern."

Mr. Myers said he reviewed the city's ordinance as it stands and the law, as well as what courts have said as to what is permissible and what

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Photo by Michael Steinberg

Large vehicles and machinery are the specialty of Solon Service Department's youngest employee Justin Cubbison, 24, who began recently as a diesel service technician. From plow trucks to the city's safety vehicles and small machinery, Mr. Cubbison repairs and maintains well over 100 pieces of equipment.

## Mr. Mechanic

By SUE REID

For Solon's youngest member of the Service Department, enthusiasm is evident during each day on the job.

"I bring a new outlook and energy to the service department," 24-year-old Justin Cubbison said. He also brings a positive and can-do attitude, the Streetsboro resident added.

As the department's newest full-time diesel service technician, Mr. Cubbison also brings a great deal of experience to the role, despite his young age.

He has worked on cars and other pieces of machinery since he was a young boy, he said, enjoying taking things apart and putting them back together.

Newest member of department helps keep city vehicles humming

Mr. Cubbison studied automotive service technology at Cuyahoga Heights High School as well as at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. Prior to his role in Solon, which he began last month, he worked on semi-trucks for a leasing company as a heavy duty diesel technician.

In Solon, he repairs and maintains well over

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## Officials exploring cause of wastewater toxicity levels

By SUE REID

Intermittent toxicity levels have been detected in the city's wastewater, Water Reclamation Plant Director Paul Solanics said last week.

Mr. Solanics explained to the City Council Public Works Committee that toxicity tests on wastewater are done as part of the requirements from the National Pollution Discharge Elimination

System permit through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Positive hits keep occurring, he said. "Something has gotten through the system," Mr. Solanics said, but officials are not sure what. "We want to get to the bottom of this," he said. "We have no idea what it is."

Mr. Solanics said the toxicity is very mild,

but continued hits will affect the city's permit status with the EPA eventually mandating that the source be determined. There would be a timeframe required and it could be a costly endeavor, he said.

"We are going to get to the bottom of this before it becomes mandated as part of our permit," he

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