

Village of Lewiston Planning Board to hold public hearing on Ellicott Development plaza bldg.

Members table motion to approve development plan, which is change from residential back to commercial;
 Ace Hardware expected occupant in building No. 3

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Village of Lewiston residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed plan for building No. 3 inside the Ellicott Development Co. plaza on Center, North Eighth and Onondaga streets. The Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing for its meeting on Monday, Aug. 10. This board gathers following the Historic Preservation Commission's 6 p.m. convening (tentatively 6:30 p.m.).

Ace Hardware is the anticipated tenant for the ground floor of building No. 3. Plans presented to the Village of Lewiston have named the national retailer as the lessee, but Ellicott Development has not officially confirmed the occupant.

"We know there's a lot of public interest in this project," Planning Board Chairman Rick Haight said.

He set the forum, "So that it is advertised and everyone in the community is aware of the public hearing and will have a chance to speak."



Ellicott Development intends to convert the street-level floor of building No. 3 within its Lewiston plaza to a retail space. The expected tenant is Ace Hardware.

In correspondence to the municipality regarding building No. 3, dated July 2, Ellicott Development Director of Development Thomas Fox wrote, "In February 2024, following a continued lack of success in securing a commercial tenant for the ground floor of 780 Center Street, we received

Planning Board approval for an alternate plan to enclose the drive-thru lane and convert the majority of the 1st floor of the building into 10 market-rate apartments along with a small commercial suite, approximately 3,100 square feet in size, on the eastern end **SEE ELLICOTT, continued on Page 2**

Beautiful weather **BRIGHTENS** Grand Island Garden Walk



Diane Pierce and the gardens she has cultivated for three years.

Story and photos by Senior Contributing Writer

ALICE GERARD

Warm air, bright sun and a diversity of gardens greeted visitors to the Grand Island Garden Walk on July 12.

One of the gardeners, Diane Pierce, said, "I've never done the Garden Walk before. I've spent a few years developing my cut flower garden here. I have veggies and lots of herbs, and I do a lot of annuals for cut flower arrangements. I also started seedling and storing and propagating dahlia tubers, so I have a lot of

those in the garden, as well."

Pierce said she enjoys the cut flowers: "I just enjoy the creative aspect of putting together different shapes and colors and flowers, so it's fun also to be able to grow them."

"I am happy that my garden has filled in to a certain point where I am able to finish all of the fencing and really have it in its full capacity. And I've been able to start some things earlier so they're a little further ahead than normal. More flowers are **SEE GARDEN, continued on Page 5**

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