

## Urban Renewal Highlights 2020 - 2021

Highlights this year

**To date: April 23, 2021**

**Due to Covid-19 URA was put on hold in April of 2020!**

**As such we could not show any properties or accept applications!**

**As of this date we are still on-hold!**

- **The URA has approved**
  - **9 sales of property for a total of \$30,718.00**

### **New Covid-19 Guidelines for Showing Properties**

*In response to COVID-19 the URA created new guidelines for in person showings of properties. As such . . . All showings will be by appointment only. All persons entering the property, must complete and submit an on-line Self-Declaration Form for In-person Showing questionnaire PRIOR to the scheduled appointment. Only one buyer/family will be allowed on/in the property at a time. Prospective buyers must wait in their car until their scheduled appointment time. All individuals visiting the property will be required to wear a face covering at all times.*

*In addition it is suggested prospective buyers take a virtual tour of the property prior making an appointment. To facilitate this, photo albums of each property are posted on the URA Facebook page and videos are posted in the comment section for each album.*

### **Carbone New Fitness Mill Location in Utica**

*Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri and Alex Carbone today held a ground breaking ceremony for the new Fitness Mill in Utica, in August of 2020.*

*The state-of-the-art facility will be located at 1532 Oriskany Street West, a parcel of land previously owned the City of Utica's Urban Renewal Agency (URA).*

*The URA sold the 5 acres of land to Carbone Commercial Property LLC in February 2020 for \$400,000. The vacant building that previously housed an indoor auto parts storage facility was demolished by the City prior to the sale.*

### **Business Park Renamed in Honor of Former Mayor Louis D. LaPolla & John C. Ford**

*Mayor Robert Palmieri today announced the Utica Business Park will be renamed the "LaPolla & Ford Business Park" in honor of former Utica Mayor Louis D. LaPolla and John C. Ford.*

*As part of the ceremony, the Mayor unveiled new signage at the Burrstone and French Road entrances of the Business Park.*

*In 1986, the city's Zoning Ordinance was amended in order to permit the development of the 80-acre property (which was the Utica College Golf Course) for a campus style business park.*

*In 1987, final plans for the business park were approved by the city. Over the past three decades, the Utica Business Park has been an economic driver for our community and region.*

*Mayor LaPolla and Mr. Ford, who served as Vice President/Treasurer of Utica College at that time, were instrumental in creating the business park and encouraging businesses to remain in Utica.*

### **Mayor Palmieri Announces Upcoming Demolition Projects**

*Mayor Robert Palmieri today announced the City of Utica's Department of Public Works (DPW) will undergo two major demolition projects.*

*The DPW is scheduled to demolish the former Cornhill Senior Center located at 313 James Street, as well as 10 & 20 Barnes Avenue.*

*Demolition of the former Cornhill Senior Center is scheduled to begin today (Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>). The demolition of 10 & 20 Barnes Avenue is tentatively scheduled to begin in March (this is subject to change due to weather conditions).*

*Mayor Palmieri stated, "I'm pleased to announce the City of Utica's DPW will be taking down eye sores in our own community as it will enhance the quality of life for our residents."*