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Pat **Moody**

LMC combats "false information" on millage request

Lake Michigan College is explaining two millage requests it's placed on the ballot for this year as the Berrien County GOP has come out against them.

Members of the party put up signs opposing the millage renewals at the Berrien County Youth Fair and posts on social media, but LMC Vice President of Enrollment, Marketing, and Governmental Relations Al Pscholka tells us they're misinformed.

"As a lifelong Republican, I can say that Hell has now frozen over," Pscholka said. "The Berrien County Republican party is opposing a tax cut."

Pscholka says LMC this year is asking for a full renewal of the operational millage and a renewal of the capital millage at 50% of its current rate.

"One is for a 20-year operational renewal. That's 20% of our budget. It's a traditional renewal that folks have renewed before. It freezes your tax rate at 0.65 for 20 years. The second proposal cuts the rate, cuts the rate from 0.48 to 0.24"

The operational millage request is for 20 years while the capital millage request is for ten years. LMC says the capital millage is for building and safety improvements, and Pscholka told us previously the college can get by with a reduction in that levy.

Pscholka says social media has a way of spreading false information, and that appears to be the case here.

LMC will be working between now and the November election to make sure everyone understands what it's put on the ballot.

Harbor Shores commercial, residential development gets a boost from St. Joseph

Plans by Harbor Shores for new housing, commercial space, and a marina in St. Joseph have taken another step forward following action by city commissioners this week.

At their regular meeting on Monday, commissioners heard more about the development set for Upton and Whitwam Drives south of the CSX Railroad tracks as they were asked to approve a planned unit development for it. Community Development Director Kristen Gundersen said Harbor Shores is seeking that status and some waivers to let the project move ahead.

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Paul **Knapp**

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St. Joseph Today

The Marquette: A Catalyst for St. Joe's Downtown Transformation

A palpable buzz of excitement is rippling through the heart of St. Joseph, a vibrant energy signaling a transformative era for our beloved downtown. At the forefront of this exciting evolution stands The Marquette, a groundbreaking 100-unit development poised to redefine the very landscape and spirit of our city center. More than just bricks and mortar, The Marquette represents a bold step towards realizing St. Joe's

immense potential as a dynamic and desirable destination for young professionals and growing families seeking that coveted lakeside lifestyle.

The Marquette isn't arriving in a vacuum. It joins a chorus of ambitious projects echoing throughout the city, each contributing to a revitalized St. Joseph on the rise. The ongoing progress of the Harbor Shores development just

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across the river, Clark Logic's investment along Lakeshore Drive, and Corewell Health's additional apartment complex at the southern edge of the city promise to draw new residents and spur economic vitality for years to come. These developments, culminating in the arrival of The Marquette, paint a compelling picture: St. Joseph is poised to become the quintessential landing spot for those yearning for a special place on the

The Marquette itself is an impressive undertaking, meticulously designed to enhance the downtown experience. Imagine 100 new residential units, breathing fresh life into our core. Among these, 32 luxurious condominiums will offer stunning views and premium living, while 68 full-time resident apartments will provide much-needed housing options for a diverse range of individuals and families. Addressing a perennial downtown challenge, the project boasts 157+ underground parking spaces, thoughtfully accommodating the repurposed surface parking lots and ensuring convenience for residents and visitors alike.

But The Marquette is more than just residences. Envision strolling past new restaurants and vibrant retail spaces, adding to the already charming array of shops and eateries that make our downtown unique. Picture inviting new public spaces, thoughtfully designed as havens for enjoying breathtaking sunsets over Lake Michigan or simply taking a moment of peaceful reprieve amidst the bustle of city life. The developers, the Rienks Group, have shown a keen understanding of St. Joe's architectural heritage. The building's design will harmoniously match the elegant limestone architecture that graces some of our most iconic structures, a respectful nod to the past while embracing the future. Notably, despite its significant presence, The Marquette will stand as only the fourth-tallest

building in Downtown St. Joe, ensuring it only complements the existing downtown landscape.

This exciting journey of growth and renewal, however, will undoubtedly present some short-term adjustments. Change, even positive change, can bring temporary disruptions to familiar routines. We acknowledge that muchloved annual events like the Winter Beer Fest, Fall Fest, and the Mike Yore Memorial Car Show may be disrupted and need to explore alternate locations as downtown St. Joe evolves. But let us meet these shifts with optimism and a spirit of collaboration. St. Joe Today is already actively engaged, committed to working hand-in-hand with the Rienks Group and the city of St. Joseph to find creative and viable solutions. We are confident that together, we can navigate these transitions while preserving the spirit and vibrancy of our cherished community events.

Ultimately, while impressive developments like The Marquette add to the physical charm and economic vitality of our downtown, it is the people who truly make St. Joseph the extraordinary place it is. Our welcoming spirit, our strong sense of community, and the connections we forge are the threads that weave the rich tapestry of our city. As we embrace new neighbors and welcome fresh perspectives, let us remember that it is this spirit of belonging that defines us. Let us extend a hand of friendship, share the stories of our town, and cultivate an environment where everyone, both new and old, feels a deep sense of connection and pride in calling St. Joseph home. The Marquette is not just building a structure; it is helping us build an even brighter future, together. Let the excitement be contagious, the optimism unwavering, and the spirit of community our guiding light as we embark on this exciting new chapter for downtown St.



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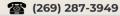
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Preparing Your Furnace for Winter

As summer comes to an end and winter looms on the horizon, ensuring your home's furnace is ready to keep you warm is a top priority. A well-maintained furnace not only provides reliable heat but also operates efficiently, saving you money and preventing unexpected breakdowns during the coldest months. Here's how to prepare your furnace for winter and keep your home cozy and safe.

First, schedule a professional inspection. HVAC experts recommend an annual check-up before the heating season begins. A certified technician will clean critical components, check for wear and tear, and ensure your furnace operates safely. They'll inspect the heat exchanger for cracks, test the thermostat, and verify that the system is venting properly to prevent carbon monoxide leaks. This service can catch small issues before they become costly repairs. In climates like ours where furnaces work overtime, this step is non-negotiable.

Next, replace your furnace's air filter. A clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing the system to work harder and increasing energy bills. Filters should be checked monthly and replaced every one to three months, depending on the type and household factors like pets or allergies. Standard fiberglass filters are affordable, costing \$5 to \$15, while high-efficiency pleated

filters may run \$20 or more. Always choose a filter compatible with your system to avoid strain on the blower motor.

Cleaning the furnace area is another key step. Dust, debris, or clutter around the unit can obstruct airflow or pose a fire hazard. Vacuum around the furnace and ensure vents and ducts are free of obstructions. If you have a floor furnace, remove any rugs or furniture that could block heat distribution. For homes with forcedair systems, consider having ducts professionally cleaned every three to five years to remove accumulated dust and allergens.

Test your furnace early to catch any issues before temperatures plummet. Turn it on for a short cycle and listen for unusual noises like rattling or grinding, which could indicate loose parts or motor problems. Check that warm air flows evenly through all vents. If you notice weak airflow or inconsistent heating, it may signal a problem with the blower or ductwork, requiring professional attention.

Don't overlook safety. Install or test carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas, replacing batteries if needed. Furnaces, especially gas-powered ones, can produce this odorless, deadly gas if malfunctioning. Detectors cost \$20 to \$50 and are a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Finally, consider upgrading to a programmable thermostat if you haven't already. These devices, starting at \$30, allow you to set heating schedules, reducing energy use when you're away or asleep. Some smart models even learn your habits, optimizing efficiency.

By taking these steps—scheduling a checkup, replacing filters, cleaning the area, testing the system, ensuring safety, and optimizing with a thermostat—you'll ensure your furnace is winter-ready. Act now to avoid shivering through a cold snap or facing costly emergency repairs.

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Dave **Ramsey**

Financial
Expert
The Ramsey Show

Dave Says

Want Big Results? Embrace Big Changes

Dear Dave,

Your plan has really changed our financial lives, and our relationship, for the better over the last three or four years. My wife and I went from living paycheck-to-paycheck, and having a mountain of debt, to being debt-free except for our home and getting a great start on saving for retirement. It wasn't always easy, but we made it happen by working together and sticking to your plan. At this point, my wife and I often wonder why so many people are willing to live like we used to? We can't imagine going back to that

Marshall Dear Marshall,

Wow, thank you so much for all the kind words. I'm really proud of you two. Just remember one thing: I may have shown you a path and given you some encouragement, but you two put in all the hard work and made the many sacrifices that got you where you are now. Congratulations!

To answer your question, there are lots of reasons some folks resist making changes in their lives. Often, one of those things is denial. Ninety percent of solving a problem is realizing, and admitting, a problem exists. I'm convinced one of the major factors keeping people from winning with money is they don't realize they even have a problem—or won't admit it.

If you're apathetic because you think things like debt and living paycheck-to-paycheck are just normal parts of life, you'll be unwilling, or sometimes afraid, to make the big changes necessary to achieve big results. Debt is so ingrained into our culture that most Americans can't envision college without student loans, or a car without huge payments for five or six years. We've been sold on the idea of debt so aggressively that most folks don't believe a decent life is even possible, unless hundreds or thousands of dollars in payments are attached.

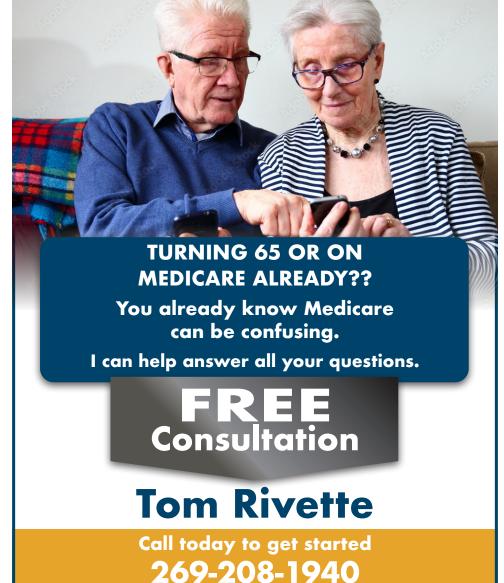
Another thing is that change is painful. Most people won't change what they're doing or how they're living, until the pain of where they are is greater than the pain of change. No matter who you are, where you are financially right now is largely a sum total of the life decisions you've made up to this point. There are some folks who experience unfortunate, life-altering things, but in most cases, if you don't like where you are, you have to acknowledge the fact that things need to change. You have to acknowledge the fact that you need to change.

And finally, there's usually an element of ignorance involved. Don't get me wrong. I'm not calling anyone stupid. I'm talking about a lack of good information. The good news is learning new things isn't that hard. You just have to admit you don't have all the answers, and set your mind to studying and educating yourself on the topic at hand. Because if you're not careful, what you don't know about money will make you broke and keep you broke.

Just my thoughts. I hope it helps!

* Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.







Sarah Spoonholtz

Regional Director, SMR Chamber

September Events!

Here we are, wrapping up another month, kids are back in school, the weather is - well weather... and some of us are still holding out for more summer days than fall ones. With the calendar flip, we do bring in a whole host of new events happening across Berrien County, including some with our friends at the Greater Niles Chamber!

Kicking things off, on Wednesday, September 3rd with the Greater Niles Chamber (GNC) Buzz Breakfast featuring a special presentation by enFocus. The Chamber Buzz presented by Everwise Credit Union is a free monthly breakfast for members that features updates from elected officials, community leaders, new chamber members, and special guests. The series is hosted by Gallery 1245 located at 1245 S. 11th Street in Niles at 8:30am on the first Wednesday of the month from February through November. It's a one-stop-shop event for members where they can learn about everything coming up in the community.

As a non-profit dedicated to economic development, the mission of enFocus is to harness the talents of the brightest minds to drive social and economic development across the region they serve. By "empowering talent to build stronger communities", they will continue leading the charge in community-centered innovation and entrepreneurship. enFocus has been working hard in the Niles area and we look forward to hearing their update!



Next up on September 10th we have 2 events, the first being part of the GNC Lunch & Learn series presented by Southwestern Michigan College. This is a free event for Chamber Members where we discuss the hot topics facing different businesses. Each month we hear from different industry professionals and experience the diverse catering options in the Niles region. This month Lake Michigan College will provide an update on the Berrien Talent Collaborative apprenticeship programs for high school & community college students and other services for local businesses. Katharos Catering will cater the luncheon

Later that day our NextGen Young Professionals group is gearing up for the 2nd Annual Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament with The Swab Agency Farm Bureau Insurance! All the fun happens at Weko Beach House in Bridgman from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.! Enjoy delicious samples from Base Bowls, network with fellow professionals, and soak in a spectacular sunset over the lake. Plus, get ready to claim ultimate bragging rights and an awesome trophy.

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Finally on September 22nd, we're partnering with Hungerford CPA's + Advisors for a special webinar called: 2025 Tax Law Changes: What they Mean for You and Your Business. With major tax changes on the horizon this year, this event will break down the key provisions, timelines, and implications of the new legislation, covering everything from individual tax brackets and estate planning to business deductions and credits. We'll translate the technical into the practical, helping you understand what's changing, what's expiring, and how to prepare.

Our special presenter is Jenny Minor, CPA and Senior Tax Manager for Hungerford. She is a seasoned accounting professional with over 24 years of experience in public accounting, specializing in federal tax planning strategies. She joined Hungerford in 2024 as a Tax Senior Manager, where she focuses on tax planning, compliance, and developing tax-efficient strategies for privately held businesses and their shareholders.

Her expertise spans a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, retail, technology, consumer products, agriculture, industrial, pharmaceuticals, and professional services. Jenny has deep knowledge of federal tax planning related to accounting methods such as revenue and expense recognition, inventory, and fixed assets across various business entities. Jenny is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in both Michigan and Illinois.

You can find more details and get RSVP'd by heading to smrchamber.com and greaternileschamber.com Have questions - contact me directly at sspoonholtz@smrchamber. com or 269-932-4040.



Iosh **Bishop**

Pastor

Playing Favorites

Can I share a secret about growing up? I've only told a few people, but now all of you reading this will know. I used to feel bad for my blankets. Yes...my blankets.

I kind of liked one that my grandma made me. I wanted to like it more because she had hand-knitted it for me, so I felt guilty that I didn't love it as much as one of my other blankets. My favorite blanket was a comforter because it was soft and warm when it wrapped around me. But then there was the "other" blanket. It was thin, so it didn't keep me as warm as the comforter. Sandpaper is an overstatement, but it wasn't very soft either. Still, I remember feeling bad for that blanket (I know-it's just a blanket) and not wanting it to feel left out. So occasionally, I would sleep with it to help it "feel

Blankets are just blankets, but people are far more valuable. A blanket doesn't have feelings, but people do. A blanket doesn't have a soul, but a person does. A blanket isn't alive, but a person is. So, let me ask: Who do you favor at the expense of others?

My [family], have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. (James

In the early church, some were tempted to show favoritism to the rich and influential while giving everyone else the leftovers. That same problem still creeps into our hearts and lives

It shows up when I value people based on how they make me feel. I might only do something kind when I know a person can return the favor. I might avoid people who don't make me feel good. (There are healthy and unhealthy ways to approach this-I'm speaking of the unhealthy.) Think about your reaction when someone walks into the room. Do you judge them based on their clothes, their mannerisms, or how you expect they'll treat you? Too often, we play favorites at the cost of mistreating oth-

James connects favoritism directly to faith in Jesus. When you walk into the room, how does Jesus treat you? We long for him to love, honor, and respect us. But why should he, if we direct our love and affection away from some people in favoritism?

The truth is, Jesus doesn't play favorites. He doesn't give more grace to the wealthy or more blessings to the self-sufficient. He gives his saving grace to all equally, because all of us equally need forgiveness for our sins.

Out of all the blankets from my childhood, guess which one survived? The "other" blanket. Again, it's just a blanket. But often, it's the moments of undeserved favor that stay with us longest. That's what God gave you in Jesus. Now you can pass it on. Think of the gift you could give someone by refusing to show favoritism.

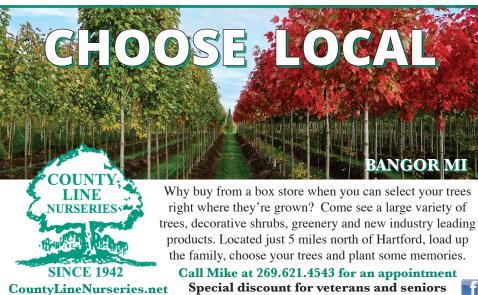
Who is someone in your life who doesn't "deserve" your favor? How can you show it to them, simply because they too are a soul whom Jesus has saved?

Prayer: Lord, open my heart to receive your grace and mercy, freely given to me without my earning. Help me see others in the same light, so I may show them your dignity and respect. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Josh Bishop Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph









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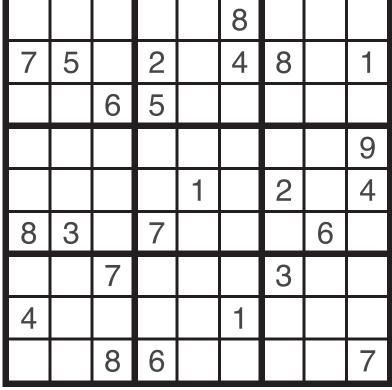
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Gettin' the Blues on Santo Ronnie

Today our Mediterranean cruise stops in *NOT*-Sardinia-It's-Santorini!

Brief explainer: Leading up to this trip, I kept calling Santorini "Sardinia." But I finally fixed the name in my wee brain – I associated it with the Chicago Cub Hall-of-Famer Ron Santo. I used this progression: "Ron Santo"> "Santo Ronnie">"Santorini"!

None of this helped very much when I learned that Santorini's official name is Thera. I searched for a Chicago Cub name to associate with this, but on every website I checked, none were there-a.

I assume you may have a smattering of familiarity with Santorini, thanks to the oft-photographed architecture featuring brightly whitewashed buildings with blue domes and roofs. How did this aesthetic develop? It's largely due to...yuck...cholera.

In 1938, to combat an outbreak of that dread disease, a governmental decree required homes on Greek islands to be painted blue and white. The whitewash was chosen because it contained limestone, which - I never knew this has strong disinfectant properties. So, Santorini's citizen whited out their homes and businesses, and it helped stem the tide of cholera. Remember, this is way before the advent of Mr. Proper. Which is the name Proctor & Gamble uses in Greece for Mr. Clean.

What about the blue? Blue was already a super-common accent color; fishermen painted their vessels blue, because it was the least

expensive color. Then they used the leftovers on their houses.

The blue paint also contained limestone more disinfectant! And a cleaning product – a sort of blue talcum powder called "loulaki". Most households had this readily available at home. Though somebody definitely missed the boat by not branding it Mr. Loulaki.

So again, your smattering of awareness of Santorini probably stems from the internet's glut of selfies from the town of Oia (pronounced ee-ya, and for which there is no relatable Chicago Cub player name).

Curiously, the selfie-shooters hardly ever identify the lovely blue-topped buildings. I got to wondering, what are they called?

They're mostly churches: the Church of Agios Spyridon, probably the most-photographed of them all; and most pix of it also show its blue-capped neighbor, the Church of Anastasi. The Church of Panagia Platsani is a big'un, with a tower housing six bells. Panagia Platsani factoid: An icon of the Virgin Mary, to whom the church is dedicated, was once found floating at sea, buffeted by waves that made a distinctive sound; that sound was incorporated into the church's name: plats-plats. Plats is simply Greek for "splat." Or it should be anyway.

A slightly less well-known photo-stop is large and pale yellow, but still blue-domed - the Church of Agios Georgios, aka St. George. Inside is an ornate painting of George. Somewhere in time, someone carved a slot in the image, leading to a (now-abandoned) prayer tradition: Visitors would try sliding a coin into the picture; if it got "stuck," you left it there and it meant that your wish would be granted. If it fell through oy! - that prayer was null and void. But at least you got your coin back.

Then again, one can't help but wonder?: The bigger the coin, the greater its worth, the likelier it would get stuck, and for the church coffers, kani lefta! - Greek for "It's making money!" Because, after all, a stuck coin had to be

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'The applicant is proposing 105 dwelling units on six buildable areas, one commercial space, and outdoor recreation areas, along with a private road, alleys, and surface parking lot for the development," Gundersen said.

That includes a 77-slip marina.

This is Phase One of an overall \$150 million project in the area. Harbor Shores Community Redevelopment Managing Director Chris Cook said construction of this first phase will likely continue through 2033 or 2034 with eventual plans for a boutique hotel or rental villas, pools, restaurants, and more town homes on nearby properties.

Commissioner Michael Fernandez said this project is one more part of meeting the city's housing needs.

"lt's not going to be any one type of housing," Fernandez said. "We can't just have the same type of housing that you pop up. There needs to be a variety, and this project represents a nice variety within itself, in addition to everything else that we have, and as these units become available and come online, that's going to help the situation."

Harbor Shores was seeking 36 waivers from the usual building rules, spread out over six areas and many of them redundant. That is, they sought the same waivers on all six sites. Gundersen said many had to do with setbacks.

Commissioners approved the PUD request on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The main concern expressed by



www.MailMaxOnline.com residents involved the density of the develop-

Chick-Fil-A looking to set up vendors tent in downtown St. Joseph

Coming soon to downtown St. Joseph will be food from Chick-Fil-A. They're not opening a restaurant there, but Benton Harbor Chick-Fil-A owner Justin Barnes tells us the plan is to set up a vendor tent right on Main Street.

The St. Joseph City Commission this week approved the vending license for the restaurant to serve up chicken sandwiches, wraps, cookies, chips, and drinks at 300 Main. Barnes says the food served there will be made at the restaurant in Benton Harbor.

"Our intent is to have regular days that we are present both for lunch and dinner, but it won't necessarily be an everyday thing," Barnes said. "But we're looking to begin to create a regular rhythm in St. Joe and surrounding commu-

Barnes says since Chick-Fil-A opened on Pipestone Road near I-94, he's had plenty of positive feedback, but some residents have lamented the highway construction has limited their access. He wants to get out into the community, telling us the new restaurant has built up a diverse and excellent team.

"And now it's fun to kind of take what we've started to build here in Benton Harbor and take it on the road to surrounding communities like St. Joe."

The vendor license will allow Chick-Fil-A to operate downtown through October. Barnes is hoping to get started Labor Day weekend, assuming the restaurant can get the final per-

They'll be set up on property near the drive-through of the Huntington Bank.

Commissioners table request to allow short-term rentals downtown

St. Joseph City Commissioners have pumped the brakes on a proposal to open eight new short-term rental units downtown, but only for now

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At their meeting this week, commissioners heard from Brian Barrett, the owner of a building at 520 State Street and 515 Market Street. He's seeking to turn the three-bedroom apartments in that building into STRs. The St. Joseph Planning Commission previously recommended denial of a special use permit for the project, citing concerns like the loss of affordable housing in the community.

During a lengthy public hearing Monday, Barrett said there's a hotel located practically next door.

"From the beginning, all I've asked is that the various board members take a realistic look at where our property sits and the surrounding area," Barrett said. "Look at the context in which our property sits. Our building is in alignment with the character of the surrounding properties."

Barrett said there are no single-family homes immediately adjacent to the building in question. Commissioners at first seemed poised to deny his request, but he asked that it be tabled so city staff can discuss short-term rental policies some more. Commissioner Michael Sarola agreed that would be wise.

"Separately, while it's tabled, I know there's strong feelings on both sides," Sarola said. "I would certainly encourage dialogue amongst the community and Mr. Barrett and hopefully find a solution that's workable."

Mayor Brooke Thomas said she thinks the city so far has done a good job of limiting where short-term rentals may be located, but she agreed with tabling the question for more review. The question is whether this particular property could become STRs and not affect the character of the neighborhood.

The matter will come up again at a future meeting.

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