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TOP LOCAL STORY

Development proposed for Manchester Inn, Sonshine lot

City to hold town hall
at 4 p.m. Dec. 2.

By Bryn Dippold
Staff Writer

A local developer is proposing a mixed-use development on the site of the historic Manchester Inn and Sonshine buildings in downtown Middletown, which would require both buildings be demolished.

CMC Properties, based out of Blue Ash, was the lone respondent to the city's request for developers in October, and its proposal details plans for a development including apartments and a 10,000-15,000-square-foot street-level commercial building – dubbed “The Manchester.”

The facade would be red brick and is planned to incorporate stone exterior and interior fixtures from the Manchester Inn meant to honor the city's historic character.

Jim Cohen, president of CMC Properties, and Pete Montgomery, project manager, said the company was interested in putting a development in Middletown years ago, and now, “The timing is right.”

“Our expertise is taking towns that have been passed over in many cases for decades and reinvigorating them,” Cohen said.

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COMPLETE COVERAGE

Middletown native and Major League Baseball player Kyle Schwarber (right) speaks at Middletown High School's Wade E. Miller Arena on Wednesday. The “Beyond the Field with Kyle Schwarber” event gave a crowd of baseball fans a chance to hear Schwarber talk about baseball, family and giving back to the community, with Middletown Communication Manager Clayton Castle asking the questions.

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For Middletown's Kyle Schwarber, Ohio still home

Schwarber talked about the importance of giving back.

By Bryn Dippold
Staff Writer

Middletown native and Major League Baseball player Kyle Schwarber returned to the city Wednesday to talk about baseball, life and the city that raised him.

The new free agent and former Philadelphia Phillies player signed autographs before the event at Middletown High School for Middle Way Baseball players, a league he founded in his hometown.

He also founded Schwarber's Hometown Heroes in 2017 as a way to honor first responders and his father, a former police chief; his sister, a Middletown police officer; and his mother, a dispatcher and nurse.

Vice Mayor West presented Schwarber with signs that will be placed at city entrances declaring Middletown the home of the baseball player.

West has also worked to renovate Goldman Park, home of Middle Way Baseball, as a member of the city's park board and city council.

He announced the ballfield at Goldman Park will be named “Kyle Schwarber Ballfield.”

“I'm not one to want things like that, but hopefully you're able to create those experiences for those kids that they can have fun, they can try new things ... you never know if you're going to run into another Major League

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TOP NATIONAL STORY

State election officials question use of voter data

Department of Justice seeking voter registration lists.

By Claire Rush
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. – Ten Democratic secretaries of state asked the Trump administration Tuesday to provide more information about its wide-ranging efforts to seek statewide voter registration lists, citing concerns that federal agencies have apparently misled them and might be entering the data in a program used to verify U.S. citizenship.

In a letter sent to Attorney General Pam Bondi and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, the secretaries of state expressed “immense concern” over reports that the Justice Department has shared voter data from states with the Department of Homeland Security.

“Given the unprecedented nature and scope of the DOJ's requests, we require additional information about how this information will be used, shared, and secured,” they wrote.

In response to a request for comment, the Justice Department shared a previous statement from Harmeet Dhillon, who leads the DOJ's Civil Rights Division. “Clean voter rolls and basic election

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J.D. Vance gets prison time for threats made against JD Vance. B2

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