

# **VOTERS GUIDE**



# **NON-PARTISAN VOTER SERVICE & INFORMATION FOR MONTGOMERY & GREENE COUNTIES**

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION -- WHEN — WHERE — HOW — TO VOTE

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# How the Voters Guide is compiled:

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area publishes the Voters Guide each year to provide a forum for candidates and to list the issues on the November ballot. Questionnaires were distributed to all candidates in contested races in Montgomery and Greene counties. Candidates submitted their responses, which have been printed without change, except to make them conform to word limitations.

If a candidate exceeded the word limit (40 words for biographical information and 75 words for an answer), the extra words were cut.

Because of space limitations, this Voters Guide includes candidate responses only for contested races. Where candidates are running unopposed, the names of the candidates are listed along with the positions they are seeking.

NO RESPONSE indicates the candidate did not reply by the stated deadline. Asterisks (\*) denote incumbent candidates. Not all candidates submitted photos. NOTE: Communication problems prevented some candidates from replying in time. The League is non-partisan. The League does not endorse or reject the views of any candidate, nor does the League assume responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply.

## Who will Ohio voters elect?

#### Ohio voters in 2021 will elect:

- Mayors of some cities and villages
- City and Village Council/Commission Members
- Township Trustees
- School Board Members
- Municipal Court Judges

#### **Voting procedures** Where to vote

Cast your ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which you reside. If you don't know where you're assigned to vote, call your county board of elections or visit their

Montgomery County, 937-225-5656: https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/ Greene County: 937-562-6170; https://www.boe.ohio.gov/greene

#### Eligibility

You are qualified to vote if you meet these requirements:

• You are a citizen of the United States.

- You will be at least 18 years old on or before
- · You will have been a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.
- You have registered to vote at least 30 days before the election.
- You are not incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States:
- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; and
- You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election

You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct 30 days after you are duly registered to vote in this state. You may request an absentee ballot during that 30 day period. The last day to register for the Nov. 2 election is

#### How to vote

Instructions on how to cast your ballot, including casting a ballot for a write-in candidate, will be given by the election officials at the polling place.

#### **Early Voting Hours**

You can cast your ballot up to 29 days before Election Day at your county board of elections. These are the in-person absentee voting hours for the State of Ohio:

#### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday through Friday, October 5-8: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. October 12-15: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, October 18-22: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. October 25-29: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 30: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 31: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER**

Monday, November 1: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Voter ID Requirements**

All voters must present identification for in-person voting, but photo ID IS NOT required. Any of the following forms of identification may be used, as long as they show the name and address matching your voter registration:

- 1. A current and valid Ohio driver's license (may show a prior address, provided that your CURRENT address is in the Pollbook)
- 2. A current and valid photo ID card issued by the State of Ohio or the U.S. government
- 3. A military ID
- 4. An original or copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government
- 5. Other government documents, issued by

a government office, which includes any local (city, county, township and village government), state or federal government office, branch, agency, department, division or similar component, including a board, commission, public college or university or public community college. whether or not in Ohio.

Examples of government documents include, but are not limited to, letters, tax bills, licenses, notices, court papers, grade reports, and transcripts. Such documents must show the name of the voter as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book. It also must be current within 12 months of the Election Day for which the voter is presenting it for the purpose of voting, or has on it an expiration date which has not passed as of the date of the election in which the voter seeks to vote. *The notice* of voter registration mailed by a board of elections is not a valid voter identification document.

# Voting Absentee: Make sure your Absentee Ballot is COUNTED!

Absentee Ballot Applications WILL NOT be mailed by the Ohio Secretary of State. You may download an Absentee Voter Application Form from these websites: Montgomery County Board of Elections. https://www.montgomerv. boe.ohio.gov/; or Greene County Board of Elections, https://www.boe.ohio.gov/ greene; or Ohio Secretary of State, https://www.sos. state.oh.us/elections/voters/. You may also call or visit your Board of Elections and request an absentee ballot. The completed Absentee Voter Application Form must be returned to your County Board of Elections by mail or in person.

#### **NO FAXED ABSENTEE APPLICATION REQUESTS ARE** PERMITTED BY LAW.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is three days before the election in which you want to vote.

If requesting a ballot by mail, your written request must be received by the Board of Elections by Noon on the Saturday prior to the election. Please request an absentee ballot as early as possible and allow enough time to return the ballot by mail, or hand deliver to your Board of Elections to meet the return deadline, 7:30 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

If you do not have an application form, you may request an absentee ballot by sending a letter to the County Board of Elections including all of the following information:

- Your name
- Your legal signature
- The address at which you are registered to vote
- Your date of birth
- **ONE** of the following items showing proof of identification: Your Ohio Driver's license number **OR** The last four digits of your Social Security Number **OR** a **copy** of

your current and valid photo identification, military identification. **OR** current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and current address. NOTE: you may NOT use a voter registration acknowledgement notice that the Board of Elections mailed to you as proof of identification:

- A statement identifying the election for which you are requesting an absentee voter's ballot
- A statement that you are a qualified elector
- If you want the ballot to be mailed, the address to which you want it mailed.

### **Filling in your Absentee Ballot:**

Your absentee voting packet includes:

- Voter instructions
- White Identification envelope

- Official Ballot Return Envelope
- "I Voted Today" sticker

#### Please read all instructions carefully!

- Check your ballot envelope for the correct postage to return your ballot by mail.
- Use BLUE or BLACK INK to COMPLETELY SHADE IN THE OVALS next to the candidate /issue you wish to vote for. **DO NOT** (V) or (X) the ovals on your ballot - shade in ONLY.
- If you choose to vote for a write-in candidate, complete the write-in section by shading in the oval and writing the candidates name on the line.
- · COMPLETELY fill out the ENTIRE **IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE.** along with your **SIGNATURE**.
- · Fold your voted ballot, and place inside the **IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE** and seal.
- Place the IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE in the

RETURN ENVELOPE and seal.

> Under Ohio law YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF THE IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE IS COMPLETED, SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE BALLOT SEALED INSIDE THE IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE.

The ballot must be RECEIVED by the Director of the Board of Elections no later than the close of the polls (7:30 p.m.) on Election Day in order to be counted on Election Day. Ballots can be mailed or hand delivered by the voter or a member of their immediate family. **Mailed ballots must** be postmarked by Monday, Nov. 1.

# Be sure to use correct postage.

NOTE: IF YOU REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND THEN GO TO YOUR POLLING LOCATION TO VOTE, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT WHICH WILL NOT BE COUNTED UNTIL 10 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION.





# **About the League**

#### Who We Are:

**Mission:** A non-partisan political organization that encourages informed active citizen participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Policy:** The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters was established as a national nonpartisan organization in 1920 to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The Dayton League of Women Voters opened its doors in 1920 making our League one of the first in the nation. Currently the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area serves Greene and Montgomery counties. We welcome all new members, female and male.

(all services provided free for residents in Montgomery & Greene County)

**Voter Registrations** Candidate forums

Candidate interviews in partnership with DATV & MVCC

Voters Guide, doorstep deliveries and distribution to all public libraries and other locations

Cable TV program with DATV - League of Women Voters: Empowering You

Provide community programs on hot topics and ballot issues Offer Speakers Bureau on current issues and women's history

Partner with Buckeye Girl Scouts on Behind the Badge program

#### **Community Activism and Support:**

Partner with Miami Valley Voter Protection Election Coalition

Partner with Fair Districts Ohio

Continue to provide Ohio's Deaf Population with DVD in American Sign Language on Voting

Partner with National Issues Forum to present community discussions on reducing gun violence and

increasing voter participation

Provide voter registration support to many groups Promote voting rights with Women's Therapy Court

Naturalization ceremonies annually serving over 1250 new citizens

Observation of government meetings

Audit Elections and post-election ballot certification

For more than 100 years the League remains one or the nation's most respected community-based grassroots organizations. We are unique as our members have diverse political opinions yet we believe, support and participate in civil, fact-based discussion as citizens who believe that is what will, in the end, make a difference. Join Us!

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# **League of Women Voters** of the Greater Dayton Area

We were founded in 1920, as a result of the signing of the XIXth Amendment

We are an integral part of a three-tiered organization:

League of Women Voters of the United States League of Women Voters of Ohio League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area

We are governed by a set of By Laws that guide a Board of Directors, headed by a President

We are political but non-partisan

We function through mutual respect and cooperation of all leaders

We Speak With One Voice

# Join the League

_	One-year individual mem	bership \$66 annually
	Household membership \$	\$100 annually
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
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# Montgomery County



# **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

FILL THEM IN, MAIL THEM IN!

Make sure your absentee ballot counts!

# Write-In Candidates

To be a write-in candidate in a local election, a person must file a declaration of intent with the county Board of Elections and pay the same filing fees as any other candidate for the office. A write-in candidate must meet all of the eligibility requirements of the office, such as residence in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Write-in votes are counted ONLY for those candidates who have filed a declaration of intent and paid the required filing fees. This ensures that write-in candidates are willing and qualified to serve in the office to which they may be elected.

The names of write-in candidates who have met these qualifications WILL NOT be shown on your ballot. Qualified write-in candidates ARE included in this Voters Guide, and you may take the Guide with you to the polls. To vote for a write-in candidate, follow the instructions on the touch-screen voting machine or paper ballot to insert the name of your chosen candidate.

# Convicted of a crime?

You still have the right to vote, if you are not currently serving time in jail or prison for a felony.

- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you have the right to vote, even if you are incarcerated.
- If you have been arrested for a felony but have not been convicted, you still have the right to vote.
- If you have been convicted of a felony, you may NOT vote while incarcerated, but you may register to vote using your new address after you are released.
- If you live in a halfway house, are on parole, probation, house arrest or any other sort of correctional control, you have the right to vote.

Reference: www.acluohio.org/vote



# CITY AND VILLAGE RACES

### Brookville Council Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

CURTIS J. SCHREIER\*
KIM WILDER\*
JAMES L. ZIMMERLIN\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# Brookville Council Unexpired Term Vote for 1

#### JEFFREY REQUARTH

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Centerville Council Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Centerville's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Centerville?



#### DAN APOLITO

**BIO:** Lifelong Centerville Resident; Graduated from Incarnation ('87) Centerville High School ('91), University of Dayton B.S. Business Management ('96). Owner and founder of Archer's Tavern (est. 2010);Wife – Michelle (Federal Law Enforcement Officer), Daughter - Morgan (USAF), Daughter - Ally CHS, Son - Neko, Normandy Elementary.

**ANSWER #1:** 1. Funds should be utilized to support and/or enhance police, fire and emergency services. 2. Replace lost revenue to support public services and help retain jobs. 3. Economic support for landlords affected by the federal moratorium on evictions

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Aging population particularly of homeowners 27% of population is over 65. 2. Aging commercial buildings and shopping centers



#### **LEAH E. MCCULLOUGH**

**BIO:** Leah McCullough is a veteran, an international wellness speaker and author of two critically-acclaimed books. Additionally, she and her husband of 21 years, Carl McCullough, have rental properties in Centerville that she manages. She is the proud parent of a 12-year-old son, and the helper to her 94-years young mother-in-law. Janet.

**ANSWER #1:** First, we need to take care of the people who take care of us – first responders. Hiring, retention, training and equipping them for the present and future. Next our businesses are really struggling with staffinglet's look at giving a hand up in attracting, retaining, transporting, and even helping with child care to fill the vacancies. Additionally, we have an excellent opportunity to Invest in our infrastructure for replacing, maintaining and adding such elements as sewers, sidewalks and lighting.

**ANSWER #2:** The biggest challenge our city faces is helping our businesses and residents recover from the economic disaster brought about by the pandemic. Working with stakeholders will be essential. Also, Centerville has an amazing opportunity/challenge with the Uptown District and Entertainment Area! People are eager to live in a walkable city, so intelligent planning of safe, well-lit pedestrian routes coupled with handicapped accessibility are going to be one of the keys to the success of this venture.







#### **JOHN E. PALCHER\***

BIO: Member of City Council for eight years. Chair, Finance and Long-Range Planning and Streets, Highways, and Drainage Committees. Past Board Member, University of Dayton Lifelong Learning Institute, Member. Centerville/Kettering Kiwanis. U.S. Army Veteran. B.S. in Business Administration, Pittsburg State University.

**ANSWER #1:** These funds should be used to improve life in the City of Centerville by making infrastructure improvements, especially to Centerville's water flow process. The top priorities should be evaluating stormwater abatement projects that meet eligible use requirements including swells, culverts, retention ponds, pumps, and dams; drainage projects for parking lots and sewers; improved street curbing for neighborhoods. My secondary priorities would be uptown development construction and upgrading stormwater management software

**ANSWER #2:** I look at things from a process management perspective. Processes need to be continually improved to ensure the long-term success of our City. One of the major opportunities facing the City is the development of the Uptown. The City must focus its resources on improving traffic flow and ensuring the safety of pedestrians. Another opportunity facing the City is the desire to continue to build on the customer-friendly culture in all City departments.



#### **JOANNE C. RAU\***

**BIO:** City Council for 8 years, including Deputy Mayor for 2 years; Centerville resident for 35 vears: Children attended Centerville Schools: Mechanical Engineering degree from OSU, Masters from UC: Environmental Manager for DP&L - Retired; Member of Incarnation Church, Community Volunteer

**ANSWER #1:** Centerville is reviewing the options for the use of these funds and identifying those most beneficial to the community. In 2020, the city provided assistance to small business owners with CARES funds and a similar program should be considered to help those in need. In addition, broadband expansion into areas lacking reliable internet service and other infrastructure projects, for example, replacing inadequate stormwater systems that result in serious flooding, will also be considered.

**ANSWER #2:** Centerville experienced rapid growth between 1960 and 1980. Neighborhoods, commercial buildings, and infrastructure are aging and are at risk for falling into disrepair. Many of our longest serving residents who volunteered and generated civic pride in the community are retiring from community service. In addition, the city will be challenged to maintain the character of its community as our businesses and offices struggle to respond to market changes and the lasting effects of the pandemic.





#### **BILL SERR\***

**BIO:** Centerville City Council since 2016; Uptown Steering Committee: Chair. First Suburbs Consortium; Board of Directors, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; Retired CEO. Graceworks Lutheran Services (Bethany Village); Attorney, former partner, Smith & Schnacke; B.A., J.D., The Ohio State University.

**ANSWER #1:** The City must take time to assess needs of the entire community and match them to permitted uses of the funds. High priority should be given to allocating a portion for assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits to offset economic losses from COVID, similar to small grants made by the City with CARES Act funds. The balance of funds should be used for significant infrastructure improvements not currently funded in the City's capital budget.

ANSWER #2: We need to focus on reviving our neighborhoods by stimulating upgrades of aging housing stock to attract younger families. We also need to become a more welcoming community to a diverse population. It is important to rediscover and redefine a sense of shared values that can unite us even when there is disagreement. To do this we need more engagement in public affairs but must raise the level of civility and respect in our discourse.

#### Clayton Mayor Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Clayton's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Clayton?

### MIKE STEVENS\*

No Response



#### WARREN WYSONG

**BIO:** Warren Wysong was born and raised in Bradford, Ohio. He has been in management of the transportation / logisitics industry for 20+ years. Warren enjoys spending his spare time with family, and watching his son play football for Greenville University.

**ANSWER #1:** Improving the infrastructure. storm water drainage. Many residents of

Clayton have problems with their properties flooding even during minimal rainfall, and some suffer property damage due to insufficient drainage. I feel this project would ease the burden, and improve the overall quality of our neighborhoods. The City of Clayton's share of the American Recovery plan is approximately \$2,000,000. We need elected officials who will use these funds responsibly, without further burdening the citizens.

**ANSWER #2:** CCA, the tax collection agency that Clayton currently contracts with, needs to be terminated. Bring our tax dollars back to our city, by creating a local tax department and employing local staff to manage the income tax. A few elected officials on city council that do not listen to the citizens of this community. Our city leaders should never forget "The People" are who employs them. We need a Mayor who cares about the citizens.

#### **Clayton Council at Large** Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Clayton's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Clayton?



#### **BRENDAN R. BACHMAN\***

**BIO:** 2003 Northmont graduate. 2007 University of Toledo Graduate (BBA in Marketing and Professional Sales). Currently in commercial plumbing supply sales and account management with Dayton Windustrial. Serves on advisory committee for Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at The University of Dayton.

**ANSWER #1:** First priority is to use towards

any costs incurred by the city directly responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. A majority of remaining funds should go towards infrastructure of our city facilities to further deal with the pandemic including technology for remote meetings and more touchless options (doors, bathrooms, etc).

**ANSWER #2:** Clayton has many areas with aging infrastructure going back to when the city was a village and township before merging. Roads have been a priority over the past 6 years. Clayton is poised for growth in residential and commercial. Many of the potential areas will need adjustments to roads and traffic. We continue to work with the state and county on securing funds to make necessary improvements.



#### JEREMY BLANFORD

**BIO:** I am a 25+ year Master Vehicle Repair Technician of the Automotive repair field. I am a longtime resident of Ohio, and father of three and enjoy working around the farm and horseback riding.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe the funds should be geared toward programs that aid our youth. I believe more emphasis should be placed on

vo-tech style careers. We as a nation are losing skilled applicants for nearly every sector of the jobs field. We've placed an emphasis on College education, which doesn't suit all children, and allowed ourselves to "cut off our nose to spite our face', so to speak.

**ANSWER #2:** The biggest issue Clayton faces by far is the CCA. Residents have lodged multiple complaints in person to the City Government, and is a frequent topic of conversation on Social Media platforms. Residents are fed up with CCA's ineptitude. Another area revolves around infrastructure. Drainage and traffic, just to name a few. We also need to grow, both commercially as well as residentially. Both should be done in a smart manner.

#### **TINA KELLY\***

No Response



# FORMATION Montgomery County





#### **GREG MERKLE\***

**BIO:** Graduate of Northmont, The Ohio Stte University and Wright State. Have been employed at Wright State for over 37 years working in occupational safety. Served on the initial Clayton Charter Commission and have served on City Council since 2010.

**ANSWER #1:** Recovery Plan funds should be directed to one-time investments

in providing for neighborhoods and the community as a whole. These investments would be for support of city services, community amenities, cost recovery, neighborhood improvements and possibly matching funds for grants for larger community projects or needs. How the money is spent has to be according to the guidelines for receiving the funds.

**ANSWER #2:** Economic development and financial stability are the challenges facing the city. The City has been fiscally responsible in managing the annual budget but costs to operate are outpacing available resources. The City needs growth, to attract new commercial development to provide a strong diverse tax base and lessen the tax burden on residential properties. A strong financial base is needed to support city operations and provide for community amenities.

### Dayton Mayor Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What should the city do to address the shortage of affordable housing?

**QUESTION #2:** What is your assessment of the police reform recommendations and their implementation?

#### **RENNES BOWERS**

No Response

#### JEFFREY J. MIMS JR.

**BIO:** EDUCATION: Dayton and Jefferson TWP Public Schools with higher educational work and degrees from Central State, Wright and Dayton Universities. MILITARY: Vietnam with the 604th Air Commando Squadron, AF Commendation Medal. WORK: Frigidaire, General Motors, McCall's, Dayton Public Schools; Administrator, Teacher and Coach

ANSWER #1: The issue of affordable housing in Dayton is tied to job growth. We have to continue working with key partners to create a balance of affordable housing while also creating the type of job growth in our community that increases our median income level as a city. When we were

at the height of the foreclosure crisis in 2008, Montgomery County was #1 in foreclosures in the nation and #1 in the state of Ohio for job losses.

**ANSWER #2:** I was proud to co-chair one of the five community police reform working groups, which altogether engaged 125 diverse community members from across various sectors. Together, we spent many hours over nearly a year examining the City of Dayton Police policies and made a total of 142 recommendations that will ultimately improve policing in our community. Many of those recommendations included policy reforms and suggestions for programming that have already been implemented such as community training sessions on knowing your rights.

## **Dayton Commission** Vote for 2

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What is your vision for investment in neighborhoods outside of downtown Davton?

**QUESTION #2:** What should the city do to address the shortage of affordable housing?



#### STACEY D. BENSON-TAYLOR

BIO: Biographical information: Delphi - Assembly Worker - 7 years, Montgomery County Public Defender - Paralegal/Intern - 10 years, Sinclair Community College - Professor/Advisory Board Member, AFSCME Ohio Council 8 - Staff Representative/Regional Director - 15 years; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority – Member, AFL-CIO- Executive Board, Shine Like A Diamond Consulting – CEO/Founder

**ANSWER #1:** I will be a bridge to community revitalization and stabilization. I will work to develop a plan for building stronger neighborhoods by eliminating abandoned and/or neglected properties and providing resources to replace them with affordable and quality housing. Also, work to secure significant financial investments through educational opportunities and small business ownership. Lastly, continue providing vital city services to our citizens, while maintaining appropriate staffing levels and balancing the city's budget.

#### **ANSWER #2:**

To address the shortage of affordable housing the city must work with the County to develop a new program similar to the lot links program. Creating a new program that streamlines/expedites the process will not only increase access to affordable housing, but it will also lower the number of vacant/abandoned properties. Increasing access to affordable housing will help stabilize our neighborhoods, improve our schools, and attract investors.



#### **DARRYL FAIRCHILD \***

**BIO:** As Commissioner over the last three challenge-filled years, I have led well with a strong record of accomplishments. I am the Manager of Chaplain Services at Dayton Children's Hospital. I am a husband, father, DPS graduate, life-long Daytonian and hand-cyclist.

**ANSWER #1:** My vision for our neighborhoods has always been that each is vital and safe where

people want to live and raise a family. I have worked to fulfill my campaign promise to get a comprehensive plan for our neighborhoods; plans are completed for three quarters and the fourth will be finalized by year end. Created with the input of neighbors, they highlight strategic opportunities. Now we must set priorities, select programs, commit resources, and implement.

**ANSWER #2:** There are three key components – 1) Build on the vision plans by investing in neighborhood development that increases the quality of our housing (homes and rental properties) and decreases blight. This development needs to include a comprehensive process to move abandoned properties into productive use, replacing our discontinued Lot Links program. 2) Identify potential homeowners at all income levels and incentivize appropriate ownership programs; and 3) secure permanent affordable housing throughout our city.



#### SCOTT SLIVER

**BIO:** Professional background in advertising; Sr. Assoc. Pastor, Dayton Vineyard Church; Mobile food pantry, groceries for 1,000 families monthly; Landmarks Commission (overseeing Historic Districts in Dayton.); Community Police Council; Police Reform Working Group; Executive Board, Dayton Unit NAACP; Mentor in DPS

**ANSWER #1:** Leaders must cast vision for what is possible. It takes more than grants and

"the City" to do this important work. It takes developers and investors that care deeply about our neighborhoods. Everyone knows that downtown is "the hub" and is critical to the success of this region, but the vast majority of our citizens live in the surrounding neighborhoods.

They feel left out. I will work with developers and investors to make things happen. **ANSWER #2:** It's an interesting dynamic... Dayton has so many vacant homes but lacks affordable housing. The Land Bank, County Corp, Affordable Housing (a nonprofit affordable-housing agency) received a grant from OHFA's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, and Oberer (a developer) are all partnering on a project right now in the Wolf Creek neighborhood in Dayton. This project could be replicated across the city. This model could apply to really nice affordable apartments as well. It's possible.



#### **SHENISE TURNER-SLOSS**

**BIO:** Shenise is a wife, mother of three, and proud Dayton native. A graduate of DPS, Fisk University, & Central Michigan University, she is now a WPAFB Logistics Management Specialist with ample experience in government logistics, community development, and program management.

**ANSWER #1:** I'll be a strong advocate for enhancing basic services, encouraging resident

participation, and enforcing community benefit agreements (CBA) on development projects. Key issues from residents are blighted structures/neighborhood and the lack of investment/opportunity. I will work with the community early in project planning process, and incorporate community perspectives before decisions are solidified. In addition to CBAs, I would require neighborhood investment as a condition to downtown development. Everyone wins with public/private collaboration.

**ANSWER #2:** There's an affordable housing crisis, and I will back-up my advocacy for decent/affordable housing with policy proposals. For example, I would relaunch the Lot Links 2.0 program to create a path for the rehabilitation of many of the 11,000 blighted structures into affordable housing opportunities for those experiencing housing instability. Lot Links 2.0 must include a partnership with the Montgomery County Treasurers office and prioritize low-interest loans and grants to Dayton residents.

# Dayton Municipal Clerk of Court Vote for 1

#### **MARTY GEHRES**

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# <u>Dayton Municipal Court Judge</u> Vote for 1 Term Begins 1/2/22

\* indicates incumbent

#### **CARL S. HENDERSON\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.





## **Dayton Municipal Court Judge**

Term Begins 1/3/22

\* indicates incumbent

#### **MIA WORTHAM SPELLS\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Englewood Council** Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1**: What should be the priorities for spending Englewood's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Englewood?

#### **ADRIENNE DRAPER\***

No Response

#### **ANDREW GOUGH\***

**BIO:** I have served on Englewood City Council since 2016. I served on Englewood Planning Commission for five years prior. I have resided in Englewood since 2001, work for Montgomery County, and have college degrees from Sinclair, UD, and Wright State.

**ANSWER #1:** Englewood has already received half of the 1.3 million that has been granted to our

City. The priorities for this money have rested on our public safety departments which include the Fire and Police Departments. This money should go toward continued training, equipment, public awareness education, and payroll for many new full-time fire fighters hired over the last year. Fire and Police will remain a priority for training, staffing, and communicating public awareness.

**ANSWER #2:** The City of Englewood offers excellent services to its citizens and the staff is well equipped and well trained in all areas. Fire and Police Departments have excellent response times, crime is low, and the City roads are in top shape. Water, sewage, and trash pickup are some of the best services offered in the County at one of the lowest rates. Keeping these high standards during the COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult and demanding.



#### SOLOMON D. HILL

**BIO:** Solomon D. Hill is a citizen and resident of Englewood, Ohio. Mr. Hill is currently a tenured university social work professor, businessman and a board member of several social service nonprofits. He believes in empowering and strengthening the well-being of each life he encounters.

**ANSWER #1:** Enhance Englewood Parks to include more amenities such as public Wi-Fi, public

entertainment venues, skate park, and open air art exhibits for local artists. - Establish public-private funding line to help existing businesses thrive and new

- startup businesses grow.
- Further improvement of local infrastructure geared towards the Englewood 2025

and beyond. (Improved sewer lines, water softening systems, etc)

#### **ANSWER #2:**

- Property Taxes

Vote for 1

- Englewood is challenged in establishing the city as a linchpin for economic mobility. The city needs modern infrastructure to include new building space for business growth needs.



#### **DARREN SAWMILLER**

**BIO:** Has lived in Englewood 10+ years; Father of 2 beautiful children; Chaplain of the Sons of American Legion; Englewood Elementary PTO Board Member: Leadership team at Victory Church. Children's Ministry; -Central Committee Member

**ANSWER #1:** Address economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, the elderly community, and those most

impacted by the public health emergency. Supporting health expenditures: medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff

ANSWER #2: A plan that promotes sustainable economic development, and a sense of identity. Funding of core infrastructure needs

#### **Farmersville Council** Vote for 4

No valid petition was filed for this race.

#### **Germantown Mayor** Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Germantown's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Germantown?

#### **BONNIE GUNCKEL KOOGLE**

No Response



#### **TERRY JOHNSON**

**BIO:** Council Member 26 years. President 15 years; Current/Past Liaison Board Positions Audit. Personnel. Pool. Parks. Parks Oversight (Chair). MVRPC/MVRT:

College Prep and Honors Anatomy Teacher 24 years, Miamisburg HS; AS Kettering College; MS University of Dayton: BS Miami University

**ANSWER #1:** My understanding is that the

ARPF can be used for infrastructure projects. This would be Good for the citizens of Germantown to upgrade and repair our roads and water/sewer lines, and replacing valves. Some of the original equipment/material that was installed in the 1920's and is getting beyond repairing and needs replaced. With the expected residential growth Germantown will experience in the near future the City must be prepared to handle the growth.

**ANSWER #2:** The City must continue controlled residential growth keeping a small town feel while allowing new homes without overloading infrastructure. Commercial growth needs to increase to find new businesses to come to the City to provide more choices for the citizens. The covered bridge needs repaired to preserve the historic landmark. Work with the school district so no abandoned buildings become the future financial responsibility of the City. A plan for Camp Miami needs implemented.

#### **Germantown Council** Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Germantown's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Germantown?

#### MICHAEL T. KUHN\*

No Response



#### JAMES A. LAWSON

**BIO:** I am a long time resident of Germantown. I am married, with a son and a daughter-in-law. I also have a beautiful granddaughter. I retired from a career in the Criminal Justice System. I have a degree in Political Science. I am a Past member of Council. I also served on the Pool Board.

ANSWER #1: I want these dollars used for infrastructure. Maintenance and upkeep of our

water tower/wellfield are also important. Moving forward, the money should be used to purchase more safety equipment for Police and Fire.

**ANSWER #2:** 1) I want Council moving forward toward making Camp Miami a Park of greenspace. I want the City to assure our Community that Camp Miami won't be sold to developers. 2) I also want to revisit how we collect taxes. The percentage(s) we collect from citizens who are employed outside of Germantown.

#### **ROB RETTICH\***

No Response

#### J. BRIAN WAFZIG\*

**BIO:** Lifelong Germantown resident, Valley View graduate, and current Council Member; married to Jessica with two children; graduated from Miami University and UD with a Master of Public Administration degree: currently employed at WPAFB as a Contracting Officer

**ANSWER #1:** Germantown has deferred various infrastructure projects due to funding shortfalls and the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic. The City must use the ARP funding to rehabilitate or replace our deteriorating water and sewer lines. We must also focus on employee retention. Our Police, Fire/EMS, and Service Department worked heroically over the past year to maintain essential services. However, in order to retain these essential employees, the City must ensure they are appropriately supported and compensated.

**ANSWER #2:** For over a year now, many of our local businesses have weathered the pandemic and they require and deserve our support. Both the City and our residents must do everything we can do to support our small businesses. In addition, although the City has more than doubled the annual street maintenance budget over the past several years, an even more substantial investment will be required to properly repair and maintain many of our streets.



# Montgomery County



## **Huber Heights Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe how your leadership style will help you to lead the City of Huber Heights forward.

**QUESTION #2:** What should be the priorities for spending the city's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?



#### **JEFFREY GORE \***

**BIO:** I am the current mayor of Huber Heights, and a social studies teacher at Wayne High School. I am married with three sons and have a granddaughter and grandson. I graduated from Wayne and have a master's degree in education.

ANSWER #1: I am and always will be a collaborator. I truly value and appreciate the opinions of others and the work and effort they

put forth to make our city better. I realize disagreements happen and I encourage debate. The real way we move our city forward is to be open to different ideas and compromise on solutions. The best solution normally occurs when neither side gets everything they want.

**ANSWER #2:** Huber Heights is growing. We need to use ARPA funds to ensure our infrastructure is able to keep up with demand based on our growth. We are going to continue to grow and we need to be thinking about long term solutions and invest those dollars in infrastructure that allows us to continue providing the services that not only our current residents and businesses expect, but what our future residents and businesses will expect also.



#### **GLENN T. OTTO**

**BIO:** Following military service, my wife and I have raised three sons in Huber Heights, two proudly following in our military footsteps. We have enjoyed volunteering throughout the city in various organizations including service on City Boards, Commissions and City Council.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe in leadership that places the proper people in positions to accomplish

needed goals and objectives and empowers them to take appropriate action. If we are to move Huber Heights forward, we will need to begin to trust those that we place in the process to make decisions that fall within their field of expertise and listen to their recommendations. We must believe in our people and provide more opportunity for outside input.

**ANSWER #2:** In Huber Heights, we have experienced a growing number of water main breaks and struggle to keep up with proper road maintenance as our city expands in population. I have, and continue to, believe that our priorities should be centered around providing and improving quality infrastructure such as improvements to our roads, water and sewer systems which serve all of our resident population. As our population grows, the need for quality infrastructure grows as well.



# Huber Heights Council at Large Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the City of Huber Heights?

**QUESTION #2:** How will you promote transparency and collaboration with the Mayor in decision-making?



#### NANCY L. BYRGE \*

**BIO:** Councilwoman 2016 – present; Vice Mayor: 2020; Board of Zoning Appeals: 4 years; Retired from Wright-Patterson AFB; Master of Science degree – Administration; Extensive volunteer service; Retired Small Business Owner; Active member of numerous local and regional non-profit and military organizations

ANSWER #1: Our city's rapid growth has put a strain on traffic and aging infrastructure. Consequently, all new residential and commercial developments are required to assess current traffic patterns and to minimize or improve future traffic loads. We have already begun enacting a solid city-wide plan to improve the City's aging water mains by fixing lines in urgent need of rehabilitation and lining the remaining pipes to extend their service life.

ANSWER #2: I will encourage him to keep sharing essential information with the public; to seek community input before major decisions are made; to hold special public meetings to address critical matters; and to leverage each councilmember's strength to gather information on issues. Our mayor consistently leads with openness and honesty. He informs the community about important issues and events and is open to feedback before recommending the best solution for the betterment of our community.



#### RICHARD E. SHAW JR.

**BIO:** I have served on Huber Heights City Council since 2016. I have helped combat human trafficking, supported local business, and fought for American-made materials for our Veteran's Memorial. Huber Heights is my family's home and we plan to retire in this wonderful community.

**ANSWER #1:** Infrastructure: Residents have spoken loud and clear that the aging Infrastructure

and worsening traffic issues are a major challenge.

<u>Communication</u>: We must improve the communication from City Hall to our residents and business owners. I presented a mobile City app, that has since been developed yet underutilized. Additionally, we must improve the line of communication with our city officials. We must empower our volunteers and Boards & Commission members, as they are vital to our community's success.

**ANSWER #2:** As a representative of this community, I stand willing to work alongside the Mayor. However, we must do a better job of collaboration within our own community and repairing the relationships with our regional partners. The residents of Huber Heights deserve transparency within City leadership. As a current councilmember, I believe we need to make City records more accessible. We must end the backroom meetings. I work for the residents of Huber Heights, not the special interest groups and developers!

# **Huber Heights Council District 3**Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the City of Huber Heights?

**QUESTION #2:** How will you promote transparency and collaboration with the Mayor in decision-making?



#### **KATE BAKER \***

**BIO:** I, Kate (Small) Baker, have been a life-long resident of Huber Heights. I graduated from Wayne High School, Sinclair with an Associate Degree in Financial Management, and from Wright State with a BS in Economics and Organizational Management

#### ANSWER #1:

As Huber Heights grows, our traffic plan will also need to grow with a thoughtful design that moves

traffic effectively and will be viable in the future as the city grows. The City of Huber Heights is rebuilding our infra-structure. While on council, I voted to replace / reline our older water lines and softened the water. We are currently working on solutions to make things more affordable and operate smoother for our citizens.

**ANSWER #2:** I promote transparency by making sure topics and discussions I am involved with are documented through the proper channels to maintain compliance with the Open Meetings Act. This can take the form of posts on the city's social media, email, or mail, so it is available to everyone. The Mayor and I work very well together. In collaboration with the Mayor, we have personally helped citizens from my ward to resolve their concerns / issues.



#### **FRANK WYLIE**

**BIO:** I am a 10 year resident, married with four children, three dogs, Executive Board member of the Huber Heights Athletic Foundation, substance abuse counselor, avid camper and fisherman.

**ANSWER #1:** The two most challenging issues currently facing Huber Heights are finding the community growth vision for smart growth and development and infrastructure issues (currently

water main breaks).

**ANSWER #2:** I have always believed in integrity driven action and decision making. I believe that making sure that communication in an open forum will drive trust from our neighbors and build confidence and collaboration with council and the Mayor. Making sure the citizen issues and concerns are addressed in council meetings as much as possible and communicated to the Mayor in a timely manner to be considered for the agenda.

# Huber Heights Council District 4 Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the City of Huber Heights?

**QUESTION #2:** How will you promote transparency and collaboration with the Mayor in decision-making?







#### VINCENT KING

**BIO:** I am an Air Force veteran. I work as a management analyst. I have lived in Huber Heights since 2011. I serve as the Parks and Recreation Board chair. I have two master's degrees (public safety and homeland security).

**ANSWER #1:** Improving the city's infrastructure and communication is a must. We are a growing community with an aging infrastructure.

With new developments projected, we must focus our attention on the surrounding neighborhoods to minimize any impact where possible.

Transparency is key. We must communicate and actively engage with residents. We must listen, be engage and be approachable. We must use every tool possible to get information in the hands of the people.

**ANSWER #2:** It's vital that we engage and communicate with residents consistently. In collaboration with the Mayor, I plan to put information in the hands of the people through community forums and events. I believe transparency requires leaders to be approachable, open, honest, and present. We must work together as a strong cohesive unit. Residents should have faith and trust in their city leaders and the one way to do this is to ensure information is accessible.



#### **ANITA KITCHEN**

**BIO:** I retired from MCBDDS after 30 years as the Recreation Coordinator. Currently I am the Executive Director of FOA (Families of Addicts). I hold degrees in Handicapped Services and Organizational Leadership. My family consist of my husband, mother, and four dogs.

**ANSWER #1:** Huber Heights has aging infrastructure in older areas of the city. Necessary

improvements to both water pressure and water softening have exposed weaknesses in our older water systems, creating a need for a long range and viable improvement plan so clean water is available to all residents at all times. The other issue we must address is traffic congestion in parts of the city due to a 14% increase in population.

**ANSWER #2:** Work experience taught me how to collaborate with both government and non-government agencies, and how to be open to the best ideas regardless of where they come from, which will benefit our residents. Working with others naturally promotes transparency, and that might include collaborating on projects with the Chamber of Commerce or schools whenever appropriate, and getting monthly budgets for city boards and commissions.



### **Huber Heights Council District 5** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the City of

**QUESTION #2:** How will you promote transparency and collaboration with the Mayor in decision-making?



#### MARK CAMPBELL \*

**BIO:** I'm a life long resident of Huber Heights. I've been married to my wife Lori for 45 years and we raised 5 children in Huber. My wife, children and I are all Wayne High School graduates. I'm proud to call Huber my home.

**ANSWER #1:** The two most challenging issues are an aging infrastructure and redeveloping distressed properties. The City has decided to

dedicate more resources to the repair and replacement of utilities and the City's Street Program. We have decided to purchase a distressed shopping center and the surrounding land to control the City's destiny and accelerate proper development.

**ANSWER #2:** Continued transparency and collaboration with the Mayor and all of Counci is of utmost importance. Disagreements are healthy, but in the end we need to do what's best for the City. In regards to transparency, as a member of council I have been an advocate for fiscal transparency. In 2015 while on City Council we put our budget online before most communities. I will continue to uphold transparency.



#### **NOEMI MARRERO**

**BIO:** I am a public school teacher with 26 years of experience. I have an associate degree in Theology. a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Music Education and I am currently working on my 2nd Master's Degree in Montessori Education.

**ANSWER #1:** In my opinion, the two most challenging issues facing the City of Huber Heights

are the lack of diversity in businesses and the fact that we have too many empty commercial spaces that are either falling apart or simply just sitting there, unused. Bringing more businesses to our community will help provide jobs to our residents so that they do not have to go to work in another city.

**ANSWER #2:** Collaborating with the Mayor in a way that benefits the residents of my community is absolutely necessary because ultimately, we are chosen by our community to have a relationship that works. Our residents put their trust in us to be their voice and working with the Mayor with transparency is not only a responsibility but an honor because I am trustworthy.

#### **Kettering Mayor** Vote for 1

#### PEGGY B. LEHNER

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# Kettering Council at Large Vote for 2

\* indicates incumbent

QUESTION #1: What should be the priorities for spending Kettering's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Kettering?



#### JACQUELINE "JACQUE" FISHER\*

**BIO:** Experienced incumbent, manage a food pantry in Kettering, Co-Executive Direc-tor of Kettering Backpack Program, Council Liaison for Board of Community Relations, Volunteer Advisory Council, member of Greenmont-Oakpark Church and just retired as Senior Leader from Wright-Patterson AFB with Master's Degree.

**ANSWER #1:** As I have continued to champion.

from our federal government have assisted, but not everyone has been able to navigate the unemployment side of the house. It is up to all in federal, state and local government to create nimble processes to ensure the most at need get help. Additionally, as we reduced spending last year, we need to replenish infrastructure. **ANSWER #2:** Kettering is home! While we have superior services and amenities, we can always give more sweat equity to our neighborhoods, businesses and infrastructure. With more companies working from home, we need to adjust to the reduction of income taxes. I will continue to roll up my sleeves and come up with solutions, like retaining/attracting businesses, to ensure we continue to be the city of choice to live, work and play.

the ARP funds should be focused on the most at-need in our community. Dollars



#### JYL HALL

**BIO:** I have worked for children and families in political advocacy and service organizations for 20 years. My PhD dissertation focus was economic development in the Dayton region. I'm a professor at United Seminary and heavily involved in community service locally.

**ANSWER #1:** Kettering needs smooth roads and clean water for everyone. Important priorities

for infrastructure dollars also should include creating more daycare, extending public transportation, increasing income for essential workers and enhancing public safety by providing Kettering Police with the mental health intervention services that the department has requested.

**ANSWER #2:** Kettering needs more well-paying jobs and more mid-market housing. We can create jobs by filling our empty office park that has room for nearly 2000 jobs. We also need to find ways to build more houses. Building infrastructure and homes has the added benefit of creating jobs as well.





# Montgomery County





#### JOSEPH PATAK

**BIO:** Married 28 years with 2 sons: Constitutional Conservative; Currently General Manager, R.S. Hill Construction, Inc., commercial car wash equipment, commercial and residential construction, estimating and project management; Ohio Army National Guard, Combat Medic; B.S. Geophysics, WSU; www.josephpatak.com

**ANSWER #1:** Help small businesses recover from unlawful restrictions with forgivable loans and

creating ordinances that prevent shutdowns from ever happening again; assist households that were most affected from unlawful restrictions with a priority on children and senior citizens with supplemental income and food assistance; Create jobs by improving Kettering infrastructure (roads, parks, etc) with city employees and local businesses: Empower citizens with education on natural immunity: Provide optional, limited firearms safety training for Kettering citizens

**ANSWER #2:** 1) Public safety must always be a priority; employing the best officers, firefighters and equipment to keep our citizens safe. 2) Keeping taxes low and property values high with strong public safety and infrastructure, enforcing property maintenance (residential and commercial, but assisting those in need) and limiting multi-unit housing.

#### **Kettering Council District 1 Unexpired term** Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Kettering's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

QUESTION #2: What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Kettering?

### **DAVID BROWN**

No Response



#### LISA M. DUVALL

**BIO:** 15-year resident of Kettering and single parent to three (19, 19, 16). I work at Edict Systems (Beavercreek) and serve on the Board of Community Relations, the Parks Advisory Committee and graduated from the Kettering Leadership Academy (2019).

**ANSWER #1:** Infrastructure (maintenance and improvements) and job training must be priorities while ensuring the money is distributed

with the objective of creating economic stability and equity. The money cannot be prioritized in traditional ways. We need to learn the lessons of 2020 and focus on how to begin to bridge the gaps of racial and economic inequities. Our investments should be strategic, and progress toward these goals tracked.

**ANSWER #2:** Many families are living in poverty while the rest of the city grows wealthier. We must address how to help our low to middle income families not just survive but thrive. In 2020 we saw businesses leave and take their tax dollars with them. We need businesses who will stay, grow, and invest in Kettering. Tech and government-based job growth need to be prioritized.



#### **DARREL MESHEW**

**BIO:** A thirty year resident of Kettering District One, a Wright State University Graduate, a former U. S. Government Teacher, a K-12 Energy Manager, and small businessman. Currently semi-retired & still teaching in Kettering and Centerville City Schools.

**ANSWER #1:** First priority for the American Recovery Plan funds should be for any immediate safety needs for roads and bridges in need of

repair or replacement. I would also like to see funds used to build on the fiber optic backbone available in the city and see the expansion of high quality broadband for our students, seniors and disadvantaged in our city. In addition we could explore making improvements in our parks and other amenities.

**ANSWER #2:** Kettering, like all older suburbs, is facing the challenge of the "new normal" in an age of rapid technological change. If we continue to do business as usual, we will be left behind. Therefore we must be innovative in our approach. We also face the challenge of "two Ketterings". One relatively affluent and the second composed of working poor and seniors on fixed incomes among others.

#### **Kettering Council District 2 Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Kettering's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Kettering?



#### **BOB SCOTT**

**BIO:** Husband to Letty, Father of 3, Grandfather of 2. Third generation Kettering resident and Kettering small business owner. Attended Kettering City Schools and Fairmont West graduate. Senior business executive and manager for small businesses and a Fortune 500 company. www.ElectBobScott.com

**ANSWER #1:** (1) Put Kettering Businesses & Residents First. Economic development, growth,

retention of Kettering small business. Create dynamic loan programs attracting and retaining business to fill empty storefronts and buildings throughout Kettering: (2) Necessary infrastructure improvements to buildings, roads, sewer & storm drain upgrades, bridges; (3) Serious neighborhood improvements/developments stabilizing quality Kettering housing stock for long-term community longevity; (4) Create an anonymous City hotline for citizen concerns such as crime, property, snow and leaf removal, trash.

**ANSWER #2:** Ouality housing stock/neighborhood stabilization, taxes, economic development-all are interrelated challenges. Kettering has lost near \$3 million in income tax revenue from Synchrony facility closing and WilmerHale moving out. Retention, attraction, creation of small business is necessary for sustainability and increase in city tax revenues and job growth. Many neighborhoods are struggling with property maintenance issues, availability of quality housing, incentives for troubled properties and to continue property value increase. Need for replacement of aging



#### JOHN J. WHITE

**BIO:** Former State Representative and City Councilman, Director of a nonprofit that educates and equips communities and organizations to empower people in poverty to create lasting and sustainable change. Recipient Alter High School Distinguished Hall of Fame.

**ANSWER #1:** Support our small businesses, spruce up aging infrastructure, bolster our

community life. I have learned in my years in nonprofit work the key ingredients of a healthy community: a culture where family comes first, neighbors are committed to each other, and quality neighborhoods are valued. When we all work together and hold ourselves accountable for our safety, security, and individual freedoms, we find communities that flourish and individuals realizing their God-given potential.

**ANSWER #2:** We need to make every effort to keep our jobs and graduates here in the region. With my business and entrepreneurial experience, I will champion efforts to make Kettering the place to be for business startups. We will partner with our colleges and The Entrepreneurial Center to help our graduates create and sustain these ventures. The Pandemic has set learning back. I will lead efforts to recruit 200 new community volunteers ready to help tutor our kids.

#### **Kettering Clerk of Court** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What makes you the best candidate for Clerk of Court? QUESTION #2: What changes do you think are needed in the Kettering Municipal Court?



#### **KEARA R. DEVER**

**BIO:** I am a proud UD Law alum, wife, attorney. small business owner, and high school tennis coach. I am committed to public service and wired for hard work and efficiency. I love this community and want to serve it well.

**ANSWER #1:** I am the best candidate for Clerk of Court because of my experience as an attorney, as well as my commitment to public

service. The clerk position is the quin-tessential public service job and should be filled by someone who wants to help the public and help the court get out of the debt it is in. I have the experience and the public service track record to serve the community and make meaningful change.

**ANSWER #2:** Kettering Municipal Court is in substantial debt and falling behind in its systems and programs. The entire community will benefit from new leadership that has on-the-ground experience in what actually works for the clients and attorneys doing business there. Aside from desperately needing E-Filing and other electronic system upgrades, the Court must become more full-service, helping folks resolve issues that clog our systems and drain our resources. The court needs more than just superficial solutions.



























#### **ROB SCOTT \***

**BIO:** Current Clerk of Court & Attorney for 11 years; served as Kettering Vice Mayor/City Councilman for 10 years; small business owner & Rotary member; born, raised, 4th generation in Kettering; Fairmont, WSU, UD law graduate; worships at Vineyard Christian Fellowship. More info: www.RobScott.us

**ANSWER #1:** As Clerk, I have implemented cost saving measures saving over \$200,000 just in 2021 and increased court collections by 23% (\$400,000) in 4 months. Currently implementing new court technology in partnership with other Courts creating a paperless court with electronic filing, text message notifications, more. Endorsed by ALL 4 nonpartisan FOP lodges, Sheriff Streck, County Clerk Foley, Kettering Mayor Patterson, Centerville Mayor Compton,

**ANSWER #2:** Doing more with less and always improving citizen experience with the Court. With technology upgrades in process including digitizing 50 years of Court records, we are creating the Court of the future. With implementing the Customer Service Center providing free info on legal resources and guides, plans to expand efforts improving access to justice. My office will continue to be a leader in the region offering top notch customer service while always pursuing cost savings.

#### **Miamisburg Council Ward 1** Vote for 1

and ALL 3 Washington Twp. Trustees Berry, Lowry, Paulson.

\* indicates incumbent

#### **JOHN A. STALDER\*** (R)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Miamisburg Council Ward 2 Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### **SARAH CLARK THACKER\*** (R)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Miamisburg Council Ward 3

\* indicates incumbent

#### **THOMAS A. NICHOLAS\*** (R)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

## Miamisburg Council Ward 4

\* indicates incumbent

#### MIKE MCCABE\* (R)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Moraine Mayor Vote for 1

#### **TERI MURPHY**

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Moraine Council At Large** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ORA F. ALLEN\* DONALD B. BURCHETT\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **New Lebanon Council** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

#### TAMMY LOCH LYNDON PERKINS\*

**NICOLE ADKINS** (Write-in)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Oakwood Council Vote for 2

\* indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Oakwood's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Oakwood?

#### **BRANDY MARIANI**

No Response



#### **ROB STEPHENS\***

**BIO:** As a lifelong Oakwood resident and business owner, I know the importance of local government in the lives of our citizens. We have a wonderful, welcoming, and unique community and I am honored to be part of it.

**ANSWER #1:** After thorough research is done to prioritize projects, the city should use this funding to maintain its infrastructure and

continuously seek ways to enhance public services to its citizens and businesses. There are many challenges that arise in maintaining an older city and the infrastructure systems need to be addressed on a regular basis to maintain the level of service that our citizens expect and deserve.

**ANSWER #2:** One challenge is the increasing cost of maintaining our public infrastructure due to rising costs of materials and labor. Updates and repairs are regularly needed to operate our city roadway, water, sewer, and stormwater systems. The Mental Health Crisis. Our Safety Department is committed to helping anyone in need, and provide the finest possible emergency services. We are finding multiple ways to educate our Public Safety personnel to help individuals with a mental health condition.



#### **LEIGH TURBEN**

**BIO:** Three decades of living, working and volunteering in Oakwood evidences my readiness to remain on Council: retired Corporate Banker, former Historical Society President, member of Wright Library Advisory Council, Budget Review Committee, DLM Consumer Board, and Oakwood City Council (2021).

**ANSWER #1:** Given my financial background

and 5 years on Oakwood's Budget Review Committee, I believe the estimated \$936,000 received from the American Rescue Act should be used to maintain Oakwood's infrastructure. As a mature community, we support 100+ miles of roads and sidewalks, 8 wells, 3 water treatment plants, a water storage tower, and 116 miles of underground water lines and sewer pipes. Investing in Oakwood's infrastructure minimizes unexpected issues, and positions us for the future.

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Oakwood is challenged and determined to maintain its unparalleled city and public safety services while controlling costs without additional taxation. 2. As an established, fully developed community, geographically restricted within 2.2 square miles, and without the prospect of expansion, Oakwood will be challenged to find new growth and revenue-generating opportunities in the

#### **Oakwood Council Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### ANNE SHANK HILTON\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Phillipsburg Mayor Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### REBECCA HODGE FORD\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Phillipsburg Council** Vote for 4

#### SHANNON SPATZ

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Phillipsburg Board of Public Affairs** Vote for 1

No valid petition was filed for this race.











#### **Riverside Council** Vote for 4

\*Indicates incumbent

Name:

MIKE DENNING\* **BRENDA FRY\* ZACHARY JOSEPH SARA S. LOMMATZSCH\*** 

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

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### **Riverside Council Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### JESSE MAXFIELD\*

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#### **Trotwood Council District 1** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### **BETTYE L. GALES\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Trotwood Council District 2 Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### YVETTE F. PAGE\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Trotwood Council District 3** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### **RON VAUGHN\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Trotwood Council District 4** Vote for 1

\* indicates incumbent

#### TYNA R. BROWN\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Union Council** Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

#### **ROBERT JAY NIEMANN HELEN OBERER\* KEN PRUNIER**

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Vandalia Council Vote for 3

\* indicates incumbent

#### MIKE BLAKESLY\* **CANDICE K. FARST\* DAVE LEWIS\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **West Carrollton Council** Vote for 4

\* indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending West Carrollton's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of West Carrollton?

#### **RICHARD R. BARNHART\***

No Response



#### **KEITH A. TILTON**

**BIO:** My name is Keith A Tilton. I am a proud husband to my wife, Amanda Tilton of 20 years and our 3 children. I am a Firefighter/Paramedic for Washington Township. I have an associates degree in Fire Science

**ANSWER #1:** The \$2,522,196 funds are limited to four categories. The highest priority is the safety of the city's employees. They should have

equipment and supplies that protect them. Secondly the funds should be used for overtime to cover any employee that is ill or quarantined. Thirdly the money should be used to reimburse any cost due to the pandemic. Finally if there is funds left over, work with local businesses to offer help. This could include marketing, assistance with alternative funding, or delay fees for struggling businesses.

**ANSWER #2:** The biggest change that has been facing West Carrollton for many years is getting and keeping businesses. The city does not have a good reputation when it comes to supporting and working with businesses. We need to recruit new and unique businesses that will attract people to the city. My motivation to run for office is because of the continual growth of neighboring communities while West Carrollton remains stagnant.

#### AMANDA ZENNIE\*

No Response

RICHARD H. DOBSON, JR. (Write-in)

No Response



#### **HAROLD L. ROBINSON\*** (Write-in)

**BIO:** Resident of West Carrollton for 44 years. Married, 4 children who graduated from W. C. H. S. Self-employed, printing sales and part-time with Salvation Army. Experience: 12 years, W. C. City Council, 16 years W. C. School Board, 4 years W. C. Planning Commission

**ANSWER #1:** The #1 priority will be street repair and replacement that is long overdue with a

cost of over \$700,000. The next priority should be other infrastructure replacement and repair that has been postponed for some time.

**ANSWER #2:** Economic Development in 2 primary areas: The area from I-75, exit 47, west toward the Middle School, which includes developing our own Riverscape with a by-pass of the low dam, for boaters, kayaking, etc. And the area of the volleyball complex, east. Fortunately, because of a forward thinking Administration and Council, wise investments in land acquisitions has positioned the City very well to bring about this economic development. We must continue this movement.





# **TOWNSHIP RACES**

#### **Butler Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Butler Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Butler Township?

#### **KEN BETZ\***

No Response



#### DON BIRDSALL

**BIO:** Elected to Englewood City Council served 10 years; Serving on the Butler Township Board of Zoning Appeals: Career in Management of small & large businesses; Served on National Safety & Accessibility Boards; Attended Butler Township Trustee meetings for past year

**ANSWER #1:** The funds should be used to replace lost revenue to Butler Township

through business shutdowns, limited hours, and reduced business activities. Funds should be used to replace funds the Township had to spend for first responders in many situations unique to the pandemic. Any additional funds should be used to upgrade Butler Township facilities to latest technologies in communication and emergency response.

**ANSWER #2:** The #1 issue for Butler Township is making the Miller Lane / North Dixie Drive business district a safe, clean, well-lit, and welcoming destination for local patrons and interstate travelers alike. Several issues compete for #2: eliminating PFAS contaminated wells by providing safe water from other sources: elimination of safety hazard from heavy truck traffic on rural township roads: and controlling the encroachment of other jurisdictions into the Township.



#### **BRYSON JACKSON**

**BIO:** I am a servant leader dedicated to our community. I completed my Masters at Cedarville, I pastor at First Grace Church, mentor young people, organize community events and substitute teach in our schools. I'm driven to work for our future!

**ANSWER #1:** The purpose of the American Recovery Act is to sustain people, businesses,

and governments through the end of the pandemic financially. Available funds should be made available to our service, police, and fire departments as our top priority to take care of township employees to ensure ongoing service. I would also explore increased funding towards the Vandalia-Butler food pantry which helps our needy families.

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Miller Lane is a constant disorganized mess. We need new infrastructure, we need standards of propriety enforced in the businesses, and we need increased police presence for township residents to feel safe shopping. Cleaning up Miller Lane is a long-term battle, and I am ready to take it on.

2. Water contamination, aggressive development, and annexation on the north side are threatening our residents. I will fight for solutions to benefit our citizens.

#### MIKE THEIN

No Response

#### **Clay Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MARK B. BROWNFIELD **DALE WINNER\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Clay Township Fiscal Officer Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

TEFFAN MOLER (Write-in)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **German Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending German Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**OUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing German Township?

#### **MARK D. CROSS**

**BIO:** Bachelor of Science - The Ohio State University (1979); Doctor of Dental Surgery - Case Western Reserve University (1983);; German Township Resident since 1994; German Township Trustee (2016-2019); Served on German Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission

**ANSWER #1:** How the American Recovery Plan funds can be utilized by townships is much more restrictive than American Cares Act Funds. With that in mind, I believe German Township should prioritize replacing revenue loss from decreased gas tax income in the first and second quarters of 2020. The other priority would be to use the funds to get more reliable, faster internet service to the residents of the unincorporated portion of German Township.

**ANSWER #2:** Like most communities, trying to maintain our 37 miles of roadways with limited funding is always a challenging issue. Trying to divert available general fund dollars to the Road Department while being fiscally responsible makes this issue even more challenging. Unlike most communities. German Township is in the process of forming a Joint Economic Development District at the site of our proposed new K-12 school buildings. This will also be a challenging issue.



#### **ABRA REED\***

**BIO:** My name is Abra Reed and I am the 6th generation to live and raise a family in German Township. My husband and I are blessed to be raising our 4 boys in this wonderful community.

**ANSWER #1:** Currently these funds have strict criteria of what the funds can be spent on. When looking at the current criteria, I believe it would be most beneficial to the residents of

German Township to spend the money on expanding internet access. This would hopefully give residents an option of internet providers and help to reduce the cost for the residents.

**ANSWER #2:** The two main challenges for German Township right now are funding and securing a JEDD agreement with the neighboring municipalities. German Township and the employees do a great job of being fiscally conservative while still doing a great job maintaining the Township.



#### LYNDSEY BROOKE RITZE

**BIO:** I am a mother, a woman of faith, an advocate for constitutional rights, a dedicated medical professional practicing as a Physician Assistant (Master's degree) for eleven years, and proud member of the German Township community.

**ANSWER #1:** We have a need in the township for safe, secure, reliable, and affordable access

to broadband internet, now especially more than ever due to many people working from home since the beginning of the pandemic. We need choices that fit each family's needs and budgets. In addition, we should ensure our public safety offices are fully staffed, and consider premium pay for frontline workers who incurred hardship during the pandemic.

**ANSWER #2:** We certainly face a challenge in economic growth, both given the predominance of farmland in our township leaving little room for business development, as well as due to the pandemic's added constraints. It is always a challenge continuing to be responsible stewards of our funds to maintain a safe community in the face of supply chain shortages and diminishing resources.

JAKE STUBBS \* No Response



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# NFORMATION MONGGOMERY COUNTRY



# German Township Trustee Unexpired Term Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending German Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing German Township?

#### WALTER LYNN CLEVELAND

**BIO:** German Township resident for 20 years. Works as a mechanical engineer in the HVAC field.

**ANSWER #1:** Repairing roadways and maintaining right of ways. along with other work that has been reduced due to funding cuts from county and state

**ANSWER #2:** Maintaining the rural roots of the community will being faced with changes that come with progress.

#### LOU POTTER, JR.

No Response

### **Harrison Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

# GEORGEANN GODSEY\* ROLAND WINBURN\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# Harrison Township Trustee Unexpired Term Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Harrison Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Harrison Township?

#### **DANIELLE BRADLEY**

**BIO:** Harrison Township home owner, Community Servant and holding a Bachelors in Business Administration. I served as President of my Community Neighborhood Watch and Volunteer at various Community Service projects. This gives me an ear for what the residents need and want.

**ANSWER #1:** One challenge that Harrison

Township faces is the long term recovery from the Memorial Day tornados. Although the community has come a long way since the tornados there is so much left to do. Revitalizing Dixie is a challenge because this is one of the main roads in the Township. If the area is more inviting and appealing then more people will decide to have their business here in the Township.

**ANSWER #2:** The American Recovery Plan funds should be spent on supporting the local small businesses that were affected by Covid.

All businesses were impacted by the pandemic differently. It's important to focus on each businesses unique needs. I would also like to see money invested to figure out why roads flood so bad when it rains. We need to look at why this happens and what can be done.

#### **CHARLES M. WALDRON JR. \***

No Response

# Harrison Township Fiscal Officer Unexpired Term Vote for 1

PAULA ROYSE (Write-in)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Jackson Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Jackson Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Jackson Township?

#### **RANDALL DEVILBISS \***

No Response

#### **RYAN HODSON\***

No Response

#### **JIM WAMPLER**

**BIO:** The fourth generation living at their 179-acre farm on Bull Road, retired lawyers Jim and Sherry Wampler have married daughters, Jennifer and Nancy, and four grandchildren. Both daughters are Valley View graduates and We Liket 4-H Club alumni.

**ANSWER #1:** [ No response to this question.]

**ANSWER #2:** Jackson Township households pay 37% more for trash pick up than Miami Township does. With about 980 Jackson Township customers that totals \$62,916 more/year. Jackson Township has raised trash rates FIVE (5!!) times since 2014 without ONCE telling us ahead of time. The Township Administrator said it was 'too expensive' Jim Wampler will never vote to raise trash rates without at least telling you first—even if he has to personally pay for the notice himself!!

### **Jefferson Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Jefferson Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Jefferson Township?



#### **SHEILA BACK**

**BIO:** Sheila Back a native Jeffersonian and graduate, has an AAS in Mental Health and certificate from Neighborhood Leadership Institute. Sheila is founder and president of the Neighborhood Association of Jefferson Township a non-profit service to the citizens of Jefferson.

**ANSWER #1:** My priorities for the American

Rescue Plan are: 1. Replace revenue loss. 2. Provide premium pay to qualified employees. 3. Invest in water, sewer and Broadband Infrastructure

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Trustees' not working together for the advancement of the Township. 2. The need to update, develop and follow policies and procedures.

#### **JOSEPH BARNES**

**BIO:** I am Joseph Barnes, and I am running for Jefferson Township Trustee. My wife and I have raised my children and have lived in Jefferson Township for the last 31 years. I have been an Ohioan my whole life, but the beautiful scenery has convinced me to plant roots in Jefferson Township.

**ANSWER #1:** Any money received should be used to benefit the Township and its residents. There needs to be an in depth review of areas that need immediate attention but also with high priority of areas that will also benefit the people that live here. I believe all funds from any source should be spent with careful consideration; the money received is our money from our own wallets, and it should benefit us, the residents the most.

**ANSWER #2:** My main concern is to keep what land we have left in Township jurisdiction. I believe the board does not manage our agendas and funds properly, which could result in losing our township to neighboring cities. Our board needs to focus on what's best for us and preserving what we have left. With almost 20 years as a Treasurer, I believe I have the knowledge and experience to vote on expenditures that matter the most.

ROY R. MANN, SR.\*
No Response

MIKE MCLAUGHLIN \*

No Response







#### **Miami Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Miami Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**OUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Miami Township?



#### **JOHN GOMEZ**

**BIO:** John serves on the Miami Township Zoning Commission. He works on staff for Congressman Steve Chabot and is the founder of a consulting firm. Gomez is a veteran of several political campaigns. John graduated from the University of Dayton.

**ANSWER #1:** These funds should be used on securing the economic future of

the Township. This includes investing the funds into our infrastructure, supporting local businesses and jobs, and finding ways to provide tax relief for residents. These funds should not be used on pet projects like milliondollar parks in Township Trustees' backyards. It is critical that these funds are used to revitalize our community and equip us for long-term success.

**ANSWER #2:** 1) The Dayton Mall bankruptcy, the former LexisNexis property, and the future of Austin Landing all present major concerns for the safety and economy of Miami Township. Our current challenges demand leaders who will focus on these critical issues. 2) The high tax burden felt by residents negatively affects our ability to attract and maintain businesses and new residents. I pledge to never raise taxes and to seek tax cuts by eliminating wasteful spending.



#### **BOB MATTHEWS**

**BIO:** Bob served as Miami Township trustee for 3 years. Bob is a professional Project Manager, not a politician. Bob has lived in the Dayton area for 50 years, 15 years in Miami Township. He is married, 2 children, 3 grandchildren.

**ANSWER #1:** 1) The use of the funds must meet the legal requirements of the Federal government, so that we don't end up having

to repay the US Treasury 2) The money must be used to help individuals, businesses, and first responders who truly had a loss due to COVID. It should not be given to wild, pet projects of the trustees. 3) Finally, it must be used for projects with long term value to the Township



**ANSWER #2:** 1) Roads. The ever-increasing maintenance cost for roads makes this an ever-increasing challenge. The current trustee board has mostly opted for "pot-hole" patches, instead of finding a way to pay for much needed residential street resurfacing. 2) Parks. The current trustees targeted ½ million dollars for a SINGLE park near one of the current trustee's homes. That money should be spread to all of the parks, not just boost the property value of one individual.



#### **JOHN MORRIS \***

**BIO:** John Morris, current Miami Township Board of Trustees President, is a 22 year resident/homeowner. Married parent of Three. A non-profit CEO, former Economics Professor, HS Principal and Teacher, Electrician and Small Business Owner. Graduate of 2021 Ohio Township Leadership Academy

**ANSWER #1:** Trustee John Morris works

for the people. He created the Miami Township Investment and Innovation fund to make sure that these and even more funds would be spent in neighborhoods, not on administrative salaries, added staff or supplies. Too often government tells rather than listens. Trustee Morris is organizing meetings so residents tell the government their neighborhood priorities. Trustee Morris is reforming a parks and recreation/events board to find more ways to improve our community.

ANSWER #2: Leadership and Leadership! Miami Township needs an experienced Trustee working for citizens, not politicians working for re-election. We have resources for outstanding services; but not enough to do everything. As a former small business owner and teacher, Trustee Morris brings leadership experience, is a team builder focused on neighborhoods not politics, makes tough choices, collaborates to find partners with additional resources, responds to citizen calls for help. Trustee John Morris brings Better Leadership Better Services.



#### **TERRY POSEY\***

**BIO:** I live in the township with my wife Lindsey and our two dogs. I am a litigation partner at the law firm of Porter Wright Morris and Arthur, certified Ohio appellate specialist. and have been Township Trustee since 2020.

ANSWER #1: Miami Township has a lot of needs, but the American Rescue Plan has specific requirements for the use of funds.

First, the police department and fire district need to make sure they are as equipped as possible to address the challenges posed by Covid-19 and the resulting economic impacts. Second, I have worked with the other trustees to set up an "innovation fund" to seek community input on creative ways to benefit the community.

**ANSWER #2:** First, finding a way to assist in redeveloping two of the most underutilized assets in Miami Township - the Dayton Mall and the former LexisNexis campus. These properties are critical to the commercial success of the township as an anchor to the surrounding businesses. Second, making sure our parks are properly developed and maintained to encourage outdoor activity. The pandemic has demonstrated that outdoor space is crucial whether for gathering, exercise, or play.

#### **Perry Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Perry Township's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?

**OUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Perry Township?

**MELISSA E. MEARS\*** 

No Response

**ZACH MUSIC** 

No Response



#### **DALE E. SEIM**

**BIO:** A graduate of New Lebanon school and Montgomery County JVS, past President of Montgomery County Soil and Water board of supervisors, past president of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, past Perry Township board of Zoning appeals, past Perry Township Trustee

**ANSWER #1:** Perry Townships share of the American Recovery Plan funds use may be

limited to what the current Perry Township Trustees put in the request. It is my understanding the request for American Recovery funds has already past. The funds can only be used for certain things only after being approved by the state of Ohio who could declare them ineligible. A Ohio state rep said Perry Township may not have much funds could be for.

**ANSWER #2:** The Perry Township trustees need to spend the taxpayers money more wisely to provide services so it does not run out of funds then requiring them to put on additional tax levies. There are many current Township issues that residents are not able to get straight answers about and all the current trustees want to do is blame the past employees and administrations. The past trustees didnt have the serious problems that are happening now.

MINDI WYNNE \*

No Response

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER **Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

**CHARITY F. GRILL** 

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **SHARON A. LOWRY\* SCOTT RICHARD PAULSON\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.



# Montgomery County



# **SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

GARY M. ROBERTS\* TERRY L. SMITH\* MARLA JOY WEAVER\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### **Brookville School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational process?

**QUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

### **JOY EYLER**

No Response



#### **JUDY HOOVER\***

**BIO:** Retired Director/Teacher Community Preschool; Associate Degree Early Childhood Education; Pre-K Certification; Licensed Practical Nurse; Current member Brookville Board of Education, 36 years experience. Have served on multiple committees including school levies; new building construction and social/emotional support groups.

**ANSWER #1:** During the past two years our school has adjusted the learning experience, first due to the Memorial Day tornadoes and then to COVID-19. Having these experiences have better prepared the district for future emergencies. Prior to these events the district adopted emergency plans for different scenarios. Our school is fortunate to have strong working relationships with other community services in the event of emergencies.

**ANSWER #2:** When dealing with controversial issues it is important for the board to know the community. What does the community value and how best do we meet the needs of all involved? Mutual respect for all is of utmost importance. I believe discovering and understanding the events of our history using fact-based information and not agenda driven material provides us with the skills and tools to make better decisions about our future.

#### **JESSICA MILLER**

No Response

### Centerville School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational process?

**QUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?



#### JOHN R. DOLL\*

**BIO:** Married with two children; both CHS graduates. Four Grandchildren. A 2021 graduate, a junior and two at PVS. BA in Ed.; MS in Ed. Admin. Both from OSU; JD from UD. Member of the Centerville Board of Education for 26 years.

**ANSWER #1:** Prior to the pandemic the District had plans in place and personnel to

deal with all expected emergencies. Now that the District has experienced a pandemic, the District has a plan in place and the same highly qualified administrative staff and other personnel in place to execute that plan to limit the disruption of the education process keeping the safety of our students and staff as the highest priority.

**ANSWER #2:** As a current Board member, I have been involved with the other Board members in divisive issues previously. On any issue on which there is disagreement, Board member should listen to all stakeholders and engage civilly and with respect. A Board members job is to provide the excellent educational opportunities our community demands for our students as safely as possible.



#### LYSA KOSINS

**BIO:** Born-and-raised in Centerville with two children in the district. BA from University of Dayton. 12 yrs experience in educational publishing building textbooks, online learning solutions, and supplements for K-12 schools. Small business owner. Home educator. Academic volunteer.

ANSWER #1: The school should work with parents and faculty to determine the best course of action by conducting a survey. A one-size-fits-all policy will not satisfy everyone. We need to work together as a community to find creative solutions that will ensure the best educational outcome possible for all students without compromising the safety of our schools. We are in this together and everyone's voice matters.

ANSWER #2: Every student should have an equal opportunity for

**ANSWER #2:** Every student should have an equal opportunity for academic success regardless of race, gender, or religion. It's important, as educators and policy makers, that we provide an environment where a diverse

community of students can thrive. This includes taking into consideration individual differences in medical, physical, religious, and ethnic needs and ensuring that no policy or curricula marginalizes any group of students or impedes their ability to receive a quality education.

#### DAWN McGUIRE

No Response



#### **DAVID ROER\***

BIO: I'm a pediatrician, living in Washington Twp. since 1988. I received my Master's in Genetics from OSU, Medical Degree from WSU, and trained at Dayton Children's Hospital. My wife, Jenni, and I raised two Centerville graduates and are proud grandparents!

**ANSWER #1:** Should future emergencies arise, the school district will learn from

invaluable lessons of this highly disruptive and unprecedented past year, listen to all input, and follow-up with, and support, all families to ensure learning can continue taking place as safely and seamlessly as possible. No matter what the circumstances, safe and high quality education that meets the needs of ALL families and students will always be the top priority!

**ANSWER #2:** As a Board member and Pediatrician, the education and safety of ALL students is very Important to me. I would ensure members of the community have the opportunity to respectfully share their ideas and concerns with the Board. I will do my due diligence to understand each topic so when making a decision, I vote with knowledge from experts and compassion for the community, while ensuring the best education available for each and every student.

#### **HEATHER SCHULTZ**

No Response



#### **MEGAN E. MURRAY SPARKS\***

**BIO:** I'm a Centerville graduate, a secondgeneration Elk, and the mother of five children. I earned a master's in Early Childhood Education from The Ohio State University. I advocate for special needs students and volunteer at Incarnation Church.

**ANSWER #1:** The primary purpose of our public school system is to educate our students.

We have set a high bar for excellence within Centerville City Schools. We have learned lessons from this pandemic that will enable us to quickly pivot and evolve in the event of future emergencies. Then, as now, the path forward will be to listen to all perspectives and then do what is best for the safety and educational needs of our students.

**ANSWER #2:** As a school board member I've learned that as divisive issues arise the best course of action is to consider which decision will provide our students the greatest opportunity to achieve success. In-person learning provides the best environment for students. Masks are a means





to ensure equal access to in-person learning for all students, including the immunocompromised. Our district adheres to all state and federal laws and guidelines regarding history education and protecting all students.

#### **Dayton School Board** Vote for 4

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as extended school closures for public health reasons, mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is nonthreatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**OUESTION #2:** What will be your top priorities for your term of office?



#### **CHRISONDRA GOODWINE**

**BIO:** I'm a resident of West Davton! I'm a DPS graduate & an active member of the Black & LGBTQ+ community. I come from a civil rights family & the Baptist faith. Today, I work as a Small Business Attorney.

ANSWER #1: Resolving divisive issues requires board members to research information, speak with impacted individuals.

and debate with fellow board members to arrive at conscionable decisions. Decisions should never be made in an isolated bubble. We must operate with a growth mindset. The goal should be to make decisions that serve our community's best interest for the long term.

**ANSWER #2:** I want students, parents, staff, and alumna to display DPS pride in our city and beyond! I want to see our district win! Winning in the classroom & in life. I am working to improve the district's interaction with technology, investing in sports & after-school activities, improving partnerships between community groups and the district, improving the work-life balance for district staff, & doing a better job of bridging the gap between the district & parents/caregivers.



#### **JOE LACEY**

**BIO:** I am a DPS parent with a daughter attending Stivers School of the Arts, a Certified Public Accountant, a former DPS Board member, and a volunteer in my neighborhood. I served in the US Peace Corps in the Solomon Islands.

**ANSWER #1:** Public health may require going from learning in schools to online

learning, but DPS closed the district for a month in 2020 with no online learning. The only local district to do so. DPS then extended school until the end of June. Students had a very short summer break. Mask requirements are necessary to fight Covid. 75% of transgender students felt unsafe at school. They need our respect. History lessons must be historically accurate.

**ANSWER #2:** The district is budgeting most of the \$40 million in Covid relief money to hiring more classroom teachers in a push to close achievement gaps. I want to work on keeping those teachers and that effort going beyond the onetime money. It involves budgeting and focusing our efforts. The African American achievement gap is a problem that needs more attention nationally and locally.



#### **JOCELYN RHYNARD \***

**BIO:** Jocelyn Rhynard currently serves on the Dayton Public Schools Board of Education. She works to defend public education at the local, state, and federal levels and hopes to continue serving for a second term.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe in listening to experts, whether those be experts in public health, education, human development, history,

and our teachers and staff. I am also proud to be part of a collaborative board for the last 4 years; we listen to each other with respect and focus on educating students.

**ANSWER #2:** I will continue my work of building strong leadership, providing equity to the district, strengthening parent and community engagement, and advocating for public education at the local, state, and federal level.



#### **KEN HAYES** (Write-in)

**BIO:** Dr. Ken Haves lives in the Linden Heights area with his partner, Blair, and their two children Sam and Ben. He is an Assistant Professor of English and Writing Program Coordinator at Central State University.

**ANSWER #1:** When dealing with the many difficult issues facing any school system. the board should work to gather as much

information as it can and work objectively to make sure that its students and teachers are safe and well supported. There are always divisive issues that not all agree on, and it is the job of the board to make sure that the DPS community is treated with respect and with an goal of equity.

**ANSWER #2:** My top priorities will be to make sure that we continue to take Covid seriously, and work to keep our community safe, and to make sure that our teachers, staff, and students are properly funded and resourced to provide them with the tools necessary to thrive to, in and beyond the classroom.



#### **EUGENE F. JACKSON** (Write-in)

**BIO:** I am a lifelong resident and owner of properties in Residence Park and Five Oaks neighborhoods. My children attended DPS. I graduated from Central State University and the University of Dayton with Education Degrees. Currently, I substitute teach in DPS.

**ANSWER #1:** Dayton and Dayton Public Schools are multi-culture, multilingual and

multi-diverse societies that must work hand in hand. As a Board team member, I'll invite civil discussion with all concerned parties. I will involve and include the voices of students, parents, teachers, administration and the community in the discussion to work diligently to find sound Educational solutions as we approach these potentially divisive issues. Differing opinions and respecting the responses will lead to growth in DPS.

**ANSWER #2:** My Priorities: Broad, Innovative Thinking: - Upgrade services and support for teachers. -Seek new developments and move forward; Close Analysis -Review the last budget. -DPS schools are Non-Partisan and should close on Voting Day; All schools as voting precincts. Decisive Action -Two counselors in every school. -Pre-school, kindergarten and first grade classes capped at 15 students with a para in each room. -Middle schools have after school intramurals + after school tutoring.



#### **RONNEÉ TINGLE** (Write-in)

**BIO:** My journey began in a Dayton Public School. I have six children, three of which are in Dayton Public Schools and three have graduated and gone to college. I have degrees in early childhood education and computer and electronics engineering.

**ANSWER #1:** As a school board member I would approach divisive issues by using

surveys. A live poll survey could help give the community voice to make certain our decisions effective. Assuring that families are aware of a plan prior to an emergency. For example masks, they are a safety feature similar to a seat belt. Involving the decision of the mask mandate among the students, teachers and staff by informing the public of its safety.

**ANSWER #3:** My top priorities for my term of office will be to make certain a better relationship between the board and community is established. Creating a check and balance to ensure that quality and equality for everyone in the district. Teaching and learning is more than a business. The community should be confident that they were involved with decisions. As a write-in candidate, I Ronnee Tingle will represent our children, students and the community.

KAREN WICK \* (Write-in)

No Response

#### **Huber Heights School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational process?

**OUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues. such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

#### **KELLY G. BLEDSOE\***

**BIO:** Retired prior-enlisted Air Force officer. Graduate. University of Tennessee and Wright State, Huber Heights School Board since 2010, Threetime Board president. Married 44 years to Wayne teacher. Father of four Wayne graduates. Grandfather of nine. Member, Christian Life Center.

**ANSWER #1:** The past year provided a foundation for future emergencies through such steps as online and hybrid learning and increased access and use of technology. It also showed the creativity and dedication of district leaders

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and staff. The board can help build on these successes by making sure policies prioritize in-person learning while offering flexibility for individual and district emergencies, continually investing in technology among spending priorities, and empowering superintendent and administrators to lead district.

**ANSWER #2:** Our ultimate responsibility is to make sure all students have a chance to learn. I try to promote that by understanding conflicting beliefs and values on all sides of controversial issues. I work to be informed. objective, and respectful of others' opinions in hopes of promoting productive dialogue. I know some will disagree with my views and decisions on divisive issues, but I have and will vote for what I believe is right.

#### MARK A. COMBS\*

**BIO:** Occupation: Product Line Director, Global Automotive Business Education and related experience: 1984 Wayne High School; 1987 St. Louis University Avionics Engineering, 1987 St. Louis University B.S. Aeronautics; Advancement Chairman, MVC; Committee Chairman, BSA Pack 268, Sulphur Grove UMC: Cannon Man.

**ANSWER #1:** It is essential that affordable education alternatives. technology and staff be ready for three types of execution. Preferred is to be in person however readiness for hybrid scheduling and online alternatives need to be ready, turn-key alternatives, to the point they can be equally effective providing high level education experiences. Training staff to be able to effectively use these different teaching methods and technologies needs to be priority on training days.

**ANSWER #2:** The Preamble to our US Constitution states: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice. insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." To me the words "we", "common" and "Blessings" are key to caring and respecting each other.

#### **WILLIAM HARRIS\***

No Response



#### MARK STANKIEWICZ

**BIO:** I'm 36 years old, born in New Jersey, raised in Huber Heights and proud to call it my home. My professional experience includes several years in leadership roles. I am married, a father of two children, and an avid outdoorsman.

**ANSWER #1:** I think it is imperative that administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students all work together to put in place a pre-

determined plan that can be implemented upon any emergency situation. The transition our district had to make to e-learning was challenging for everyone. It was a tough adjustment for teachers and students, as well as the parents who work while their kids are in school. It's important to learn and adapt from this experience.

**ANSWER #2:** First and foremost, the safety needs of our children should always be our number one priority in any decision made. I pride myself on being able to keep an open mind. Everyone's opinion is important and should be considered, especially when it involves our children. We must focus on what is important, and that's our students. No decision we make should ever make a child feel left out, unwelcomed, or unsafe while at school.

#### JOHN D. WILSON

**BIO:** Hi, my name is John Wilson. I am married with two grown children. Education: B.A. Religion; A.A. Business; forty-five plus educational credits. Experience: twenty plus years working in the public school setting - fifteen plus in Huber Heights.

ANSWER #1: Our district should follow all state and county recommendations. The goal is to keep student in the classroom, for in-person learning. I don't like mandates, but, will use them when necessary. I believe parents are ultimately responsible for children, not the state.

**ANSWER #2:** I believe in parent responsibility. I don't favor mandates although they are sometimes necessary. I believe masks and vaccines are effective and recommend them. I believe in equal access, not outcomes. Grades should be earned not given. All students should be treated with fairness and respect – period.

#### **Jefferson Township Local School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**CUTTINO DARGAN\*** PATRICK MAXWELL (Write-in) ANGELA McCLESKY (Write-in)

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Kettering School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational process? **OUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues. such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

#### JIM AMBROSE\*

**BIO:** Kettering resident for 38 years, a member of the school board for 9 years. Practicing attorney for 46 years. Graduated from the University of Dayton in 1970 with Bachelor of Science degree, and Ohio Northern University College of Law in 1974 with a Juris Doctorate degree.

**ANSWER #1:** When dealing with disruptions in our schools, such as the Covid pandemic, the district must continue to do the prudent, informed, and best thing for the students. The best interests of our students must be our guiding light. Being influenced by agendas not in the best interest of our kids is flat-out wrong. Students must be protected and cared for while receiving the best education we strive to provide. As I have been saving for the last 18 months, "There is no playbook we can merely turn to address this pandemic." **ANSWER #2:** Again, the board must decide issues (health, curriculum, safety, etc.) in a fashion that is in the best interests of our students. Any decision based

and predicated upon agendas, misinformation, political bent, and so on, would be grossly misguided. Our district has a long standing "curriculum committee" that passes upon course content and resources. Further, our decisions regarding safety and health of students, staff, and other personnel are based upon the best professional advice available.



#### TOBY K. HENDERSON\*

**BIO:** Toby has served on the School Board for 4 years. An Air Force Veteran, he is a practicing attorney with more than 20 years of experience and brings deep business, financial and legal experience to his role on the Board.

**ANSWER #1:** Education, decisiveness, communication and respect - this is how the District addresses emergencies. We educate

ourselves through objective expert guidance. Once we are educated, we act decisively and in the best interests of our nearly 8,000 students, more than 1,100 teachers and staff, and countless community stakeholders, but remain open to change as circumstances dictate. We then communicate clearly and consistently our strategy. And, we treat everyone with respect as we navigate the emergency together.

**ANSWER #2:** Every decision MUST be in the best interests of all of our students. Perhaps the most important attribute of a good board member is understanding you are part of a team and you must respect other's views. When it comes to especially divisive issues, I gather information from unbiased experts while also considering and respecting views from District stakeholders. Ultimately, I always support what I think is in the best interests of our students.

#### MARK J. MARTIN\*

No Response



#### LYNN QUILLEN

**BIO:** I am a proud parent of a KCS student for the last 8 years and love my community. I am an engineer and Kettering small business owner. I received my bachelor's degree from UD and my associate's degree from Sinclair.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe the school district should request feedback from the community, staff, guardians and students to document their

concerns, evaluate their findings, and identify areas in need of improvement for future emergencies. The data should be organized, prioritized and shared with the school and community, with action items on how they plan to improve those areas, while ensuring our students receive the best education and providing the community with excellent and accurate information.

**ANSWER #2:** On divisive issues, I would seek data and understanding from the district, superintendent, staff, guardians and community on how these issues affect our students, school and citizens. I will approach these issues with mutual respect of all viewpoints and seek to ensure that our students are not discriminated against, their personal health choices and freedoms are honored, they receive the best education without indoctrination while promoting respect, unity and compassion for one another.





#### Mad River Local School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?



#### YOUSSEF A. ELZEIN

**BIO:** Lived in the Forest Ridge neighborhood since 2001 with my wife and two children who are graduates of the Mad River Local Schools. I have been serving our community for many years. Volunteer American Red Cross, Forest Ridge HOA previous Trustee

**ANSWER #1:** If it is a health emergency, the board must not be held accountable for

the failure of local and state governments. The school board should carefully collaborate with the local and state health departments and implement the most appropriate practices that provide the safest possible environment for our children, educators and the school employees. Schools like Mad River Local do not have the resources to tackle such a massive health emergency like the Covid 19.

**ANSWER #2:** Was not planning to run this year, however the Poisonous Political environment and the diversion of paying attention to our children and teaching them what is best led me to reverse my decision and run again. School board's responsibility is providing and supporting the EDUCATION of our children and keeping our political views away from the board room. Our schools are failing but yet we bring our personal believes to influence our decisions. Equity+Equality+Stability=Success.

#### **RUTH NEWHOUSE\***

**BIO:** 64 years old. Have resided in Riverside for over 50 years. Retired medical librarian from St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Attended Wright State University. Served on Riverside Parks & Recreation Commission 1994-present. Served on Mad River Local School Board 2010-present. Stebbins Graduate.

**ANSWER #1:** The pandemic has presented the district with new and unique challenges. No matter the nature of the next challenge we will continue to keep our students at the front of our decision making. Our top priority is to ensure every student has access to a high quality education. We will continue to make investments in hybrid learning options that can help extend the classroom outside our buildings should circumstances dictate.

**ANSWER #2:** I ran for School Board previously to improve parent and community engagement; this has not changed. I strongly believe there is a correlation between parental involvement and the success of our students. I would like to work on making that path easier and more comfortable for parents. Over the past year many parents have been more engaged than ever, and I look forward to harnessing that engagement for the benefit of our students.



#### **CRISTINA M. PICKLE\***

**BIO:** I was born and raised in Riverside, Ohio. I attended Mad River Schools and graduated from Stebbins High School. I attended Bowling Green St. University where I received my Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.

ANSWER #1: Mad River has been determining the safest possible way to re-open schools while also keeping our students

and staff safe. Fortunately, our team has worked hard in previous years to establish emergency plans to keep our students and staff safe from a wide range of emergency events. Having a school crisis/emergency management plan to prevent, manage, and respond to a school crisis is vital to making sure school is not disrupted during an emergency.

**ANSWER #2:** I am a lifelong resident of Riverside, a Stebbins graduate, and a parent of two daughters who graduated from the district. I believe that my experience as an educator, along with my history as a current board member allows me to provide valuable feedback, support, and guidance in shaping our schools to meet the demands of an ever-changing social landscape. I have worked hard to advocate for our students and their families.



#### A.J. RICKER

**BIO:** AJ Ricker, a graduate of Stebbins High School, earned a BA and M.Ed. in English and Education at Wright State University. He teaches high school locally and is actively involved in the community.

**ANSWER #1:** The district's staff and community members must stay focused on our mission. We are here to provide a quality

education for the students and should not be divided in that goal. We should work as a community of stakeholders to implement informed plans that best serve our students and staff. I'm confident that our schools have the willingness and the ability to provide this education even during cases of

**ANSWER #2:** As a Mad River Local Schools alum, long-term Riverside resident, and public school teacher, I will bring multiple perspectives to the school board. I will not only offer an educator's point of view but will also represent the student and community-member perspectives. Collectively. the current board has served for decades. I am seeking this position in order to bring a fresh voice to the conversations and decisions that impact our school district.

#### **MARILYN STEINER\***

No Response

#### **Miamisburg School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHRISTOPHER AMSLER\* COREY A. DAFLER ANN NIESS\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### **New Lebanon Local School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

STEPHANIE R. CRAWFORD\* **DAWN LEONARD\*** JEFF MILLER

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Northmont School Board

\*Indicates incumbent

**LINDA BLUM\* CHRIS PULOS\*** JANE A. WOODIE\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Northridge Local School Board Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MARK BRUMLEY\* MARGIE GLOCK\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Oakwood School Board

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?



#### **AMY HONAKER**

**BIO:** Graduated from United States Air Force Academy, Harvard Master's Degree; Served in Air Force seven years, including combat zone deployment: PTO volunteer who helped raise over \$75,000 in four years; Co-President, Oakwood MOM's Group; Mother of four amazing children

ANSWER #1: Transparency and

communication are the keys to building trust. In times of conflict, it is especially important all stakeholders dialogue with kindness and respect. The Board should achieve parental buy-in before major decisions. We are teaching our community's children. Schools should be a politically neutral environment where facts are taught and theories debated. When children are free to bring their family's knowledge and diverse experiences into the classroom, child engagement and critical thinking soars.



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**ANSWER #2:** My grandfather always said, "An education is something that's always with you." Education helped my family rise out of poverty, and in my mind, it's a true gift. I want to ensure we keep Oakwood's excellent educational experiences by: setting high expectations; creating more community involvement in the Board's deliberations; equipping teachers with scientifically-based teaching methods; helping parents get the support they need for their children; and careful, transparent management of our tax dollars.



#### **LAUREN KAWAI**

**BIO:** I graduated from DePauw University with a degree in Elementary Education and received a Master's in Education from the University of Dayton. I've taught 2nd and 3rd grade. I have three children and am an active volunteer in our community.

**ANSWER #1:** I feel school board members should make decisions about what is in the best

interest for students' health and safety based on scientific data (i.e. mask wearing). I also feel that public schools should be safe, welcoming places where all students are accepted and feel a sense of belonging. I believe it's important that students learn an accurate history of our country - celebrating our successes and learning from our mistakes.

**ANSWER #2:** I grew up in Oakwood and look forward to the opportunity to give back by serving our schools and community. As a parent of children in the school system, I care about maintaining academic excellence in our schools, while also making essential improvements. I look forward to supporting our teachers, staff, and students in all that they do, including the work they're doing to make our schools as welcoming and inclusive as they can be.



#### **GWYN KING**

**BIO:** Hello! I'm a dermatologist. I have been married 10 years and we have 7 year old twins. I am the current treasurer of the Ohio Dermatological Association and past president of my medical school class.

**ANSWER #1:** We must balance safety and choice. We must treat ALL students with kindness, dignity and respect. We must teach

ALL subjects with accuracy. We must teach our children HOW to think, not WHAT to think. Teach facts and critical thinking skills. As a public servant, we must listen to the community who has elected this position. This must be interwoven in these decisions. Most importantly, we must create schools that put students over politics.

**ANSWER #2:** I want to increase communication and transparency between the district and families. I want to ensure all children receive the resources they need to meet their highest potential in a supportive and safe environment. I want to ensure our money is spent wisely and transparently. I want to keep the focus of our schools on academic excellence. I want Oakwood to continue to be among the top schools in Ohio, if not the nation!



#### **LAURA MIDDLETON**

**BIO:** I earned my Ph.D. and M.A. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Kansas. I earned my B.S. in Psychology, B.A. in English from Drake University. I am a Clinical Psychologist at Dayton Children's, and I own a private practice.

**ANSWER #1:** One of my platforms for BOE is to improve communication and transparency

between the school district and community. Authentic, open dialogue including thoughtfully listening and responding is essential, and this is especially important when it comes to controversial topics. Ultimately, I make decisions based on science and data. I rely on experts in their respective areas. Furthermore, it is essential to make decisions that will benefit the collective student body.

**ANSWER #2:** With my experience and talents, I believe I can make a meaningful contribution to our community. Most importantly, I will work to maintain and advance academic excellence. I will make social-emotional health a priority. I value diversity, equity, inclusion and will encourage environments which are inclusive and culturally sensitive. I will work toward improved communications, transparency, and emergency preparedness. Finally, I want to expand the district's childcare program so it is available to all families.



#### JOHN WILSON\*

**BIO:** I earned my Masters in Special Education at Wright State and teaching degree at Kent State, and have taught History and Government for 25 years. During my 4-year tenure as an Oakwood School Board Member, I've championed for all children.

**ANSWER #1:** District leadership, myself included, engages in extensive conversation

and correspondence with community members each month, and I would keep up this essential two-way dialogue. I will communicate the reasons behind decisions, and the connection to students' best interests. We are preparing our students to enter into the most diverse and globalized workforce in U.S. history, controversial topics are a key part of preparing the whole child to thrive in life.

**ANSWER #2:** I value this community, and I believe in contributing to your community. I bring a practical, hands-on classroom perspective of how school policies and procedures impact students, staff, and the community. I have sat at the coffee table and listened to parents about important issues in the community and taken those concerns back to the board room table and fought for what I believe is right. I am ready for the next four years.



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# Trotwood Madison School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

SONJA R. CHERRY SIDNEY DAVIS JR. DENISE MOORE\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Valley View Local School Board Vote for 3

TIMOTHY RUDD BOB SKIDMORE STEPHANIE SMITH

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Vandalia Butler School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

SCOTT FULLAM\*
HOLLY HERBST\*
DANIEL J. PIERRON\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### West Carrollton School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?

#### **JONATHON LEWALLEN\***

No Response

#### **LESLIE A. MILLER\***

**BIO:** My family has lived in the West Carrollton School District for 30 years. All 3 of our sons have graduated from West Carrollton and have gone on to exciting careers.

**ANSWER #1:** No response to this question

**ANSWER #2:** When I first ran for the Board my decision to run was based on the fact that I wanted to ensure that all the children received the very best education that the district could provide. This is still true to this day.

**STEPHANIE ALBRYCHT** (Write-in)

No Response

**NATHANIEL MUNDY** (Write-in)

No Response









#### **KAREN R. POINDEXTER** (Write-in)

**BIO:** I am a 1994 graduate of West Carrollton High School and long-time resident of the West Carrollton school district. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Xavier University and am employed as Associate Practice Administrator of Behavioral Health Services at TriHealth.

**ANSWER #1:** My wonderful West Carrollton

teachers taught me to effectively state my opinions without diminishing the beliefs and viewpoints of others, to treat others with dignity and respect, the skills needed to disagree peacefully, to seek out the opinions of others, and to use critical thinking and collaboration to find compromise when necessary. I plan to honor my educators by applying those principles to any controversial issues I face as a school board member.

**ANSWER #2:** I want my children to have access to the same great education in the West Carrollton school district as I had. My goal in seeking to serve on the school board is to ensure that input from parents is valued and considered as decisions are made. I also intend to promote and maintain a respectful, supportive dialogue between school district administration, teachers, and parents to provide the best academic environment for our

## WEST CARROLLTON SCHOOL BOARD **Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JOE COX\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2021**

**Note:** 1 mill is equal to \$1 per \$1.000.00 of taxable value of property. The taxable value is often less than the appraisal value. A renewal levy continues at the same tax rate as a previous levy, so there is no increase in taxes.

#### **Montgomery County** Issue 1

Renewal levy 8.21 mills for 8 years For Health and Human or Social Services

#### City of Brookville Issue 2

Additional levy 3.85 mills for 5 years

general construction, reconstructing, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and

Tax increase of \$134.91 annually per \$100.000.00 value

#### City of Brookville Issue 3

Referendum

Amending zoning of parcel at intersection of Upper Lewisburg-Salem Rd. and Albert Rd.

#### City of Englewood Issue 4

Additional levy 1.65 mills for a continuing period of time For operating and maintaining the Fire and EMS Department

Expiring general tax of \$11.83 and additional tax of \$62.39; Net tax increase of \$50.53 annually per \$100,000.00 value

#### City of Germantown Issue 5

Charter amendments to Section 2.04 and Section 2.05 to clarify language and effective dates of ordinances and resolutions.

#### City of Germantown Issue 6

Charter amendments to Sections 1.06, 2.01, 2.02, 6.02, 7.13, 8.06, 8.08 to clarify language and remove redundant requirements.

For more detailed information on Issues 5 and 6. contact the City of Germantown or visit https://germantown.oh.us/

#### City of Oakwood Issue 8

Renewal levy 2.72 mills for 5 years For current expenses.

#### City of Riverside Issue 9

Additional municipal income tax Increase 1% local income tax for a continuing period of time

For Police, Fire, and EMS

Additional 1% increase: Total income tax rate to 2.5% and restoration of the 100% income tax credit for residents employed outside of county and paying taxes to another city

#### **City of Trotwood** Issue 10

This issue combines twelve amendments to the City Charter into a single ballot issue. These revisions deal with clarifying and streamlining the city's procedures and processes.

For more detailed information on Issue 10, contact the City of Trotwood or visit https://trotwood.org/

#### Village of Phillipsburg Issue 11

Additional levy

3.0 mills for a continuing period of time

For general construction, reconstructing, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads, and

Tax increase of \$105.00 per year based on \$100,000.00 value and \$63.00 per year on \$60.000.00 value

#### **German Township** (Incorporated and Unincorporated) Ìssue 12

Replacement Levy 0.5 mill for 5 years For parks and recreational purposes Levy based on current value of properties not original value at time of initial levy

#### **Jackson Township** Issue 13

Renewal levy 1.8 mills for 5 years For providing and maintaining police services

#### **Jackson Township** (North Fire District) **İssue 14**

Additional levy 2.5 mills for continuing period of time For operating and maintaining the Fire and EMS Services

Tax increase of \$87.50 annually per \$100.000.00

#### Perry Township Issue 15

Additional levy

2.5 mills for continuing period of time For operating and maintaining the Fire and **EMS Services** 

Tax increase of \$87.50 annually per \$100,000.00 value

#### **Washington-Centerville Public Library District** Issue 17

Renewal levy 3.0 mills for a continuing period of time For current expenses

## **LOCAL OPTIONS**

#### City of Kettering Issue 7

Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages D.I.M. Restaurant Group, L.L.C. dba Submarine House, 930 E. Dorothy Lane 45419

#### Washington Township (WASTWP-A) Issue 16

Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages S.A, G. Inc., dba Geez Grill & Pub 6061 Far Hills Ave. 45459



# NFORMATION GREENS COUNTY



# **CITY AND VILLAGE RACES**

#### **Beavercreek City Council** Vote for 3

\* Indicates incumbent

**GLENN DUERR\* JOANNA L. GARCIA\* TIFFANY SCHWARTZ\*** 

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Bellbrook City Mayor** Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### MICHAEL W. SCHWELLER \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Bellbrook City Council** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Bellbrook's share of the American Recovery Plan?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Bellbrook?



#### MEREDITH BRINEGAR

**BIO:** Graduate of Ohio State and Miami University. Clinical Psychologist and business owner. Resident of Bellbrook for 10+ years. Married with a daughter in Bellbrook Middle School, Girl Scout leader, Chair of Bellbrook Board of Zoning Appeals and Property Review Commission.

**ANSWER #1:** Bellbrook could use its allocated \$769,000 to help families in economic need and to upgrade stormwater infrastructure, two approved uses of ARP funds. We could partner with the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center, who has existing relationships with families in need. Flooding is a concern among residents, due to increasingly severe storms and heavy rainfall. These are my ideas, but the city would be best served by seeking input from residents before allocating these funds.

**ANSWER #2:** First, 100-year storms are becoming more frequent. Bellbrook had a bridge wash out, a main artery (Little Sugarcreek Rd) is slipping down the hillside, and residents' homes have flooded. The city needs to be proactive, rather than reactive, for these costly repairs. Second, we need to restore fractured relationships related to school funding. Bellbrook could create a Culture and Relations Board, to promote diversity in thought and background, and make our city more inclusive.



#### **KATHERINE R. CYPHERS**

**BIO:** Retired Marine and proud mother, lived in Dayton until I joined the military. I returned home to continue public service. With a degree in Management/Finance, I also hold certifications as Certified Defense Financial Manager and DoD Financial Management.

ANSWER #1: Priorities should include support to: -upgrade stormwater infrastructure

to eliminate flooding and damage of resident households and roads. -improve safety on public sidewalks and roads by installing crosswalks, signs, and sidewalks for pedestrians to access schools, parks, &homes. Improve existing bike route to prevent additional youth accidents. -install and upgrade

accessible routes and provide accommodations that adhere to standards of Americans with Disabilities Act requirements to afford opportunities for inclusion for those with disabilities.

ANSWER #2: Upgrading antiquated stormwater infrastructure for resident safety and quality of life, while incorporating road improvements, with limited resources. Conflicting City priorities/goals amongst the City composition of residents, staff, and businesses. For example, some want to use funds for the aesthetics of Downtown, like replacing operable streetlights to adopt new trends or to modernize the Downtown footprint. While many others would prefer resources be invested into City-wide infrastructure and safety deficiencies.



#### FORREST GREENWOOD\*

**BIO:** Biographical information: Jackie and I moved here 38 years ago and raised three children. Marine Corps Veteran, retired Air Force Reserves, and U.S. Civil Service. My passion is serving our Citizens as a member of City Council.

**ANSWER #1:** My goal is to see to it the funds are used to implement programs and services

that build sustainability in the recovery efforts to maximize the funds for several elements of the community, rather than finding one single project or use for the funds. We must focus on a healthy community, assist local small businesses to grow and thrive, provide services for those needing housing assistance, and address immediate needs for infrastructure.

**ANSWER #2:** Stabilizing Little Sugarcreek Road. Along with that comes continued maintenance and repair of drainage and culverts to manage and contain storm water. The other challenge Bellbrook faces is managing and adjusting resources to meet the service needs of the community. We need to continue evaluating sources of revenue making sure to maintain the quality services provided for the community, keeping the community modern and safe, and staying prepared to capture our great future opportunities.



#### **BRADY HARDING**

**BIO:** Bellbrook Resident for Over 25 years: Licensed Architect 46 states; Current Bellbrook Planning Board Member; Past Bellbrook Village Review Board Member; Active Board Member Access Center for Independent Living; Past Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools Financial Advisory Board under Dr. St. Pierre

ANSWER #1: ARP funds can be utilized

to support and strengthen our fantastic first responders (fire and police). They have been strained throughout the pandemic and we need to ensure they are well supported to handle any situation that may arise. We need to do everything in our power to help our small business community grow. We need to enhance the existing downtown environment so it can bring new businesses in and grow existing business revenues.

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Our financial stability is of utmost importance and we need to find better ways to drive funding through state and federal grants. We need to be able to ensure our city can handle the unforeseen situations that may arise. An income tax is "NOT" an option. 2. Our downtown needs to create an environment that will bring in people and new businesses. Our city needs to be aesthetically pleasing, accessible with adequate parking.

#### **Bowersville Council** Vote for 4

No valid petition was filed for this race.

#### **Cedarville Village Council** Vote for 4

\* Indicates incumbent

JOHN CODY JR. **GUY DARREN DAWES\* HAROLD L. STANCLIFF\*** 

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Clifton Village Council** Vote for 4

\* Indicates incumbent

#### **ANTHONY SATARIANO\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Fairborn City Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Fairborn's share of the American Recovery Act?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Fairborn?









#### ADAM FRITZSCHE

**BIO:** I served in the USMC, currently a federal employee at AFIT on WPAFB with 19 years total government experience. BS in Information Technology. My wife and I have called Fairborn our home and raised our children here since 2008.

**ANSWER #1:** ARPA funds should be used wisely and with a comprehensive plan established for optimal usage. There will be

municipalities that just spend these funds indiscriminately and there will be some that have invested in their communities. Fairborn needs to be the latter. I would advocate that investing in infrastructure improvements and programs to help displaced workers and resources for struggling small businesses during the pandemic would be a great start.

**ANSWER #2:** Bringing businesses to Fairborn that can provide living wages and continuing to revitalize small businesses back into downtown is key to long term success in Fairborn, however there are many challenges these efforts face. I would argue that the biggest challenge currently is with the biodigester, or that "smell" you may have noticed as you are out in town is of great concern. The negative impacts can overshadow all other progress that Fairborn has made.



#### **JERRY GUESS**

**BIO:** I am a public relations practitioner; military veteran: a Certified Aging Services Professional. I serve on the Planning Board, and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee. I have completed the Fairborn Leadership Institute, and the Fairborn Citizen Police Academy.

**ANSWER #1:** Under ARA guidelines our elected officials should focus on assistance to small business, households (food, rent, mortgage utilities), premium pay for essential workers, grants to non-profits, assistance and care of senior citizens dealing with the pandemic, support public health issues related to COVID-19, loans or grants to resolve financial hardships, improvements to public hospitals and health clinics, and finally medical care testing and contact tracing.

**ANSWER #2:** The dominant issue is the biodigester. Our growth potential and future business opportunities are now at risk. Big business may have worked with various Federal, State, and local authorities to create a smelly situation. The second issue is communications. The city does focus on Facebook and does a good job. But there are other ways to increase communications. Try face-to-face meetings with citizens and their representatives to share ideas and concerns.



#### **RODNEY MCCUBBINS**

**BIO:** 26 years US Air Force Veteran, Husband, Father of 3 children, and "Pop Pop" to 2 grandkids. Chairman of the Planning Board. Former member Neighborhood Betterment. Fairborn Leadership Institute & Citizen Police Academy graduate. Experienced leadership vou can trust.

**ANSWER #1:** A sound strategy should be developed when deciding how to spend the money, with a priority focused on stabilizing the budget (if needed), infrastructure, people, and small businesses. An immediate focus on programs supporting the needs of our citizens who live and work in our community. Due to pandemic restrictions some small businesses may have suffered financial hardships, and need help getting back on their feet. Infrastructure spending is an investment into the Cities future.

ANSWER #2: Economic development is always challenging and must remain at the forefront. Pandemic has only compounded an already difficult climate for our economy so can't lose any more ground. Results from the US Census revealed Fairborn was fortunate to have experienced the highest rate of growth than any other community in Greene County. With this growth, a renewed focus on safety services in our community is warranted. A top to bottom review of Policing is overdue.



#### DANIEL PALMER. JR.

BIO: Fairborn has been my chosen home for several years. I obtained my B.S. in Economics from Wright State in 2019. I will be receiving my J.D. from the University of Toledo this December. Currently, I handle Government Affairs for Wright State.

**ANSWER #1:** The funds received from the American Recovery Act have very specific

guidelines. The only infrastructure spending that is permitted is broadband expansion and investments in water/sewer. To further the range of the funds. I would partner with Greene County and Bath Township to handle broadband expansion and water/sewer investments. Remaining funds should be directed to hazard pay for first responders and those in Fairborn that can demonstrate need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, particularly small businesses.

**ANSWER #2:** The two major issues facing the City of Fairborn are infrastructure and enhancing the communication between the city government and citizens. Significant investment needs to continue to improve roads and other community needs. Forming a landbank should be explored to efficiently eliminate blight within the city limits. A resolution between citizens and Renergy needs to be prioritized. Laslty, citizens need to know and trust their concerns are being heard and handled guickly.

#### **MARY REASTER**

No Response

#### Jamestown Village Council Vote for 4

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Jamestown's share of the American Recovery Act?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the village of Jamestown?

#### JOEL ARMLOVICH\*

**BIO:** Retired after 26 years at LexisNexis managing day-to-day network operations. Resident of Jamestown since 1994. I'm married to Lee Armlovich: father to Levi. John, and Jacob. Attended SUNY Buffalo. Served in the USAF in US, Europe, Middle East.

**ANSWER #1:** Repair/replace Jamestown's infrastructure such as the alleyways, many of the streets, curbs and sidewalks; portions of the towns old sewer lines are near the end of life and need rejuvenating. The street drainage system needs immediate attention especially on the south side of Jamestown.

**ANSWER #2:** 1) Storm drainage on the south side of Jamestown centered around S. Limestone Street. Route 72 and several residence basements flood during rainstorms. The south branch of Caesar Creek and the surrounding land needs to be assessed and ideas on how to get water moving out of the southern part of Jamestown should be explored. 2) Finding a way to motivate owner's of the vacant buildings in downtown Jamestown to rehab and attract new business interests to their buildings.

#### **KYLE CALHOUN**

No Response

**ANITA S. CHANEY\*** 

No Response

JONATHAN CROSSWHITE\*

No Response

**LEFONDA SUE MCDANIEL\*** 

No Response

#### **Spring Valley Village Council** Vote for 4

\*Indicates incumbent

**R. NICHOLAS ANDERSON \*** ASHLEY CRAWFORD **CAROL J. HARNER\*** 

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### Xenia Mayor Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe how your leadership style will help you lead the city of Xenia forward.

**QUESTION #2:** What should be the priorities for spending the city's share of the American Recovery Plan funds?



#### DALE LOUDERBACK

**BIO:** My name is Dale Louderback. I am a lifelong resident of Xenia. I have been married for 54 years to Becky and we have a son, Jeff. I was elected to city council for three 4-year terms previously and am very proud of my public service accomplishments.

**ANSWER #1:** The position of Mayor in Xenia is much more than a ceremonial role. As a

three-term former city councilman and a businessman. I plan to be pro-active in bringing good paying jobs to Xenia.

**ANSWER #2:** As Mayor one of my top priorities will be to pave our deplorable streets. I would strongly suggest we use the American Recovery Plan funds to accomplish this.





#### **SARAH J. MAYS\***

**BIO:** Lifelong Xenia resident; married, 3 children. Served on Traffic Commission, BZA, Charter Review, and BRACA volunteer. Coordinates Community Easter Egg Hunt and Thanksgiving Day Meal. Cedarville University grad, worked in Advancement at CU, currently works and volunteers in EBC ministry.

**ANSWER #1:** Leadership is about serving. As

Mayor, leading the City means how I can best serve the City and the citizens. When building bridges inside and outside the community, working to attract new businesses, growing our tax base, and developing long term strategic plans, having a servant-leader mentality and attitude pushes Xenia forward. Being Mayor means leading by example; thus having a servant-leader focus sets the tone for City leaders, staff, and ultimately the citizens.

**ANSWER #2:** The funds for Xenia (approximately \$2.5mil) are limited to public health, economic impact recovery, investment in water/sewer/ broadband infrastructure, and revenue replacement. With that in mind, ideally funds could be used to help replenish the revenue decline Xenia has experienced by replacing funds that were used for core services like police and fire. Replacement funds could also be applied to lost public service funds which could possibly free up funds for road maintenance and rehab.

## Xenia City Council Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Xenia's share of the American Recovery Act?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Xenia?



**LEVI P. DEAN\*** 

No Response

#### **ETHAN REYNOLDS**

**BIO:** In my professional career I started off working for State Representative Ron Hood while attending Wright State University. I went on to work for the Ohio Attorney General's Office and still working in state government today.

**ANSWER #1:** I opposed the two trillion-dollar stimulus package because it financed special interest and pet projects, while every American could have received over \$6,000. However, because the city received these monies, I believe it is our duty to be responsible with it. Our number one priority is to look at our budget and see what debts can be paid off, by using the stimulus money to offset general fund budget items.

**ANSWER #2:** One of the most challenging issues Xenia has faced in the last 20 years is the lack of road repair and construction. Now I know all candidates say that that have a plan for it, I do. We can fix multiple city roads through chip and overlay. Our budget should be constantly updated online the states online checkbook. This way every citizen can see how their money is spent.



#### WILLIAM URSCHEL\*

BIO: Xenia resident 37 years, married, 3 children. USAF Veteran, 34 years WPAFB, Technical Director. Volunteer 10-15 hours/week since 1990, various community organizations. Xenia City Council, Pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, Chair Xenia Economic Development Board, former Board Chairman Dayton Christian Schools

**ANSWER #1:** Xenia's share is 2.4 million dollars, and by law can only be spent four ways: public health expenses, economic impact recovery, revenue replacement, and investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The city had minimal covid health expenses and covid economic impacts, but did experience revenue loss in the millions. The majority of these dollars should be targeted at revenue replacement, which funds the city core services of fire, police, water, and road maintenance.

**ANSWER #2:** No issues just opportunities! Not in decades has Xenia looked forward to such significant residential and business growth as is coming in the next 5 years! 500+ new homes, the renovation of Xenia Towne Square, the development of the Eavey building and Hooven-Allison plat are just a start. To carry us forward, we need a refreshed economic development and land utilization plan, coupled with renewed partnerships with local schools, businesses, and WPAFB.

# Xenia City Council, Unexpired Term Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Xenia's share of the American Recovery Act?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing the city of Xenia?

### JEREMY COX

No Response



#### **WESLEY SMITH\***

BIO: Currently serving on Budget Finance Committee (Xenia), Council President (2 years), Vice President Council (4 years), Board for Recreation and Cultural Activities, Sinclair Community College (ATS Degree 1996), Owner/President/employer local business in Xenia, past contributor Sinclair Advisory Curriculum Committee

**ANSWER #1:** Xenia's allotment \$1.4 million (2021) and \$1.4 million (2022). Statutory eligible expenditures by US Department of Treasury state Covid-19 public health uses, grants for essential workers, offset for lack or city revenue by Xenia during fiscal year of emergency, or investments in water/sewer/broadband infrastructure.

Highest priority will be accountability and transparency. Xenia City Council will collectively decide in 2022 the best investment for those dollars (possible street repairs, infrastructure investments and safety services enhancements).

**ANSWER #2:** Budgetary issues are always top of mind. (Staffing and street repair) Council is working to increase our revenue base without raising taxes and supporting commercial and residential growth. We want to make Xenia a place people desire to live, affordable, safe and enjoyable to raise a family. Council and city staff look for additional opportunities in grants, and shared services with neighboring communities to help offset these programs.

### Yellow Springs Village Mayor Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### PAM CONINE\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

## Yellow Springs Village Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most crucial issues for this community, and how would you propose to address each?

**QUESTION #2:** "Affordable Housing" is a catchphrase within the Village. What does it mean to you, and what criteria should be used to determine a good mix of housing opportunities and associated property values in the Village?

#### **CARMEN V. BROWN**

No Response



#### **LINDSAY BURKE**

**BIO:** Ms. Burke is a single parent, an artist, a business owner, and a community volunteer who has lived and worked in Yellow Springs for 12 years. Her community engagement has centered around social and economic justice in the village including involvement in HUMAN

**ANSWER #1:** Affordable housing- we need realistically priced housing that accommodates

young people and families; we need to focus our energies on infill development; we need to address the state of existing rentals, build updated multi-family dwellings, and create more opportunity for low income villagers. Infrastructure- address the dilapidated state of many of our buildings and facilities with investments that focus on our long-term sustainability. We must steward our village to give youth a foundation to build on and create support that keeps pace with our intended growth.

**ANSWER #2:** A good metric for affordable housing to me would be to look at the conditions of working class people in Yellow Springs. We have a large service industry that supports our tourism, we have trades people and artists, teachers, retail workers, mom and pop shops, students, and innovative workers. Many villagers support non-traditional and sustainable housing options, which would be in keeping with our comprehensive land use plan. We need to make these types of housing options, and quality multifamily homes more accessible.







#### **LAURA CURLISS\***

**BIO:** Village resident, attorney, musician and committed public servant. I've spent most of my life in public service and consider it an honor to do so. Currently finishing my first term as a Council member.

**ANSWER #1:** Pandemic – are we at the limit of what locals can do? The

future of education (all levels) in the Village. Infrastructure, including "green infrastructure. Social justice issues, increase diversity and effective policing reform/CRB. Environment, residential solar, Vernay, preserving Mills Lawn greenspace. Economy, cost of living and taxes. I favor preserving our historic destination economy, including arts and culture offerings. Small businesses are struggling. We need "real" conversations about cost of living/taxes and solutions. Governance issues.

**ANSWER #2:** An updated count of affordable units (private, public, non-profit) is needed. I think we have more "affordable" units than is known. We need to address extreme poverty. We also need "middle income" housing (market rate apartments and condos). Density is sufficient now; open land/trees for stormwater management and native habitat s needed. I will preserve single-family zoning. Focus should be on infill and re-purposing available buildings.



#### **BRIAN HOUSH\***

**BIO:** I am committed to employing my legal, business and nonprofit experiences to ensure that our Village is a healthy, thriving community. As a Council member for 8 years, I appreciate collaborating with community members to improve our quality of life.

**ANSWER #1:** Affordability, economic

development and environmental sustainability are our most important issues. We must continue efforts to support housing for low-to-moderate income as well as address utility burdens via expanding customer-base and incentivizing energy efficiency improvements. Our continuous infrastructure enhancements are facilitating smart growth with good-fit companies that appreciate our community values. The Village's focus on meaningfully addressing climate change is critical to our resiliency; we are fortunate to own our utilities and be renewable-energy ready.

**ANSWER #2:** Recognizing "affordable housing" as key to guaranteeing everyone safe and comfortable homes has been core to Village Values for decades. Our 2018 Housing Needs Assessment provides a roadmap for criteria, emphasizing need for a variety of options including rentals, diverse family-oriented offerings and senior housing. Housing is unaffordable for most, and moderate-income is crucial for a good mix; responsible government strives to mitigate gentrification and support diversity. Glen Cottages illustrates we can make a difference



#### **SCOTT OSTERHOLM**

**BIO:** A graduate of YSHS, returning in 2014, I've been active on the HRC, the Villager Manager Search Committee 2019 and currently serve on the BZA. I have a CDL and drive for BD Transport in Dayton.

**ANSWER #1:** Hiring the new police chief is the most crucial current issue facing the community. I insist the new

chief be a resident of Yellow Springs. Secondly, infrastructure. Local tourism demands this be a priority. Hopefully, we can benefit from the Federal Infrastructure bill.

**ANSWER #2:** To me, "Affordable Housing" means low income housing opportunities. In addition to Home, Inc's work, for example, educating landlords and eliminating the stigma of Section 8 housing and related programs should be done.

#### **KEVIN D. STOKES\***

No Response



#### **ISSA WALKER**

**BIO:** My name is Issa Walker, 33 years of age. I'm a life-long resident of Yellow Springs and graduate of Yellow Springs Highschool. I recieved a Bachelors degree form Central State University and a Masters Degree in Public Health from Wright State University.

**ANSWER #1:** Affordable Housing:

Better housing for younger families. Improving the condition of housing that is already existing in the village. Apartment complexes for lower income people as a better option than the Oberer development, which would further gentrify our community, and outpace our community resources.

- -Economic Sustainability: Creating jobs, attracting talent, increasing revenue in the village to create a larger tax base
- -Cultural Diversity: Affordable housing would support cultural diversity. Representation which would further cultivate a welcoming culture.

**ANSWER #2:** Affordable housing would enhance cultural diversity in the community, which I've seen dwindling over the years. Working class, and lower income people in village are the metric. Also housing would also go hand in hand in increasing the cultural currency of the village.



# **TOWNSHIP RACES**

## **Bath Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Bath Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Bath Township?



#### **MICHELLE CLEMENTS**

**BIO:** I am a leader who will return trust and confidence to our community. I hold a degree in Emergency Management and Fire Science. I look forward to Improving the quality of life for our residents of Bath Township and Fairborn.

**ANSWER #1:** From a recent meeting that included public input, several ideas have been identified to spend the American Recovery Plan

dollars on. The project that stood out to me was the stormwater project on Ravenwood Dr. This would be a great opportunity to address not only a safety concern, but to leverage other grant funds to complete the whole project at once. With the potential to partner with other governmental agencies.

**ANSWER #2:** Bio-digester is a major challenge facing Bath Township, currently. Ensuring the health, safety and quality of life for our residents is a number one priority. I would be A Voice for You, Not just a Few, if elected! The second challenge I see is lack of planning. Planning for our future has to be at the forefront of our minds. Bath Township needs a strategic plan to ensure the visions and goals align together.



#### **ROB HOFFMAN**

**BIO:** I am currently Fairborn's Deputy Mayor and a Senior Sales VP with a local real estate company. I've served our country & community for 25+ years (USAF Veteran & 2-Term City Councilman). Visit www.ElectRobHoffman.com to learn more!

**ANSWER #1:** ARPA funds are intended to mitigate financial loss incurred within the Township from 2021-2024. Immediate spending of

\$809,201.94 on a single project would be fiscally irresponsible. I support using the funds to assist the many households and small businesses that are negatively impacted by the pandemic. Funds should benefit the many, not the few. In 2020, Bath Twp. failed to distribute \$340,000 in CARES Act funds and gave it back to Greene County.

**ANSWER #2:** 1) Many citizens lack trust and confidence in their Trustees. I will work to rebuild their trust by treating all citizens with respect and genuinely listen to their concerns

2) The biodigester currently being used on a Trustee's property creates foul odors negatively affecting everyone in our community and school district. I would vote AGAINST any biodigester expansion! Note: Fairborn & Township citizens vote for Bath Two. Trustee. Visit www.ElectRobHoffman.com today!





#### **TOM PITSTICK\***

**BIO:** Lifelong township resident. President Pitstick Pork Farm Inc, a five generation family farm. Bath Twp Trustee and President of Greene County Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission. Member of Fairborn Chamber of Commerce and MHC Catholic Church, 3RD degree Knight of Columbus.

ANSWER #1: We have had one work session for residents to give input and will have at least one more. The priorities so far:

- 1 The money should be used for infrastructure improvement.
- 2 The number of people benefiting should be considered.
- 3 Will the funds cover the cost of the project or can they be leveraged to attract additional money.
- 4 Future cost to maintain the improvement need to be considered.

**ANSWER #2:** Residents concerned with truck traffic and possible odors associated with the Dovetail biodigester is the most challenging issue the township has faced. Because I lease property to Renergy I must recuse myself from official actions involving Dovetail. I would like to see the township find a common ground in which more informative, constructive conversations can be had with residents without all the negativity and hate surrounding this issue. I believe we can work together.



#### **STEVE ROSS\***

**BIO:** Bachelor's Degree, Ohio State University, 1974 – Trustee Tenure: 18 years

Business background: former owner, Midwest Optical & OptiGroup in Fairborn.

Experience includes Human Resources management, negotiations, legal contracts, mergers and acquisitions, sales and marketing, writing, facilitating groups and public speaking.

**ANSWER #1:** THE PRIORITY is that we listen to the needs of our constituents and address those needs with infrastructure improvements. Examples include Ravenwood Drive and Clearcreek Trail where updated storm water drainage systems are sorely needed. In addition, some residents living in the township need access to clean drinking water. There is an underutilized water tower owned by Greene County that could provide substantial improvements to both the quality and quantity of water along DYS Road.

**ANSWER #2:** In addition to ARP Funding priorities (discussed above), the primary challenge is our ongoing struggle with Dovetail-Renergy, owners of the Biodigester facility. The court's decision that the facility is a public utility has been appealed; but if our appeal is unsuccessful, the effort must be to effectively encourage Dovetail-Renergy to become good neighbors. Such neighborly behavior could become reality if the trustees, our citizens and our attorneys worked together and collectively moved toward the solutions.



## Beavercreek Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Beavercreek Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Beavercreek Township?

#### **JOSEPH A. JENKINS**

No Response



#### TOM KRETZ\*

**BIO:** A Beavercreek resident for 28+ years and Township Trustee since 2014, Tom Kretz is also a Husband, Father, Successful Entrepreneur, Business Owner, Creative Thinker, and Problem Solver. Tom Kretz brings unmatched Business Experience with a Common-Sense approach to local government.

**ANSWER #1:** Beavercreek Township should

use American Rescue Plan funds to support COVID-19 mitigation efforts for residents and businesses impacted by the pandemic, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, and support local wastewater and stormwater infrastructure improvement projects. Beavercreek Township should also use American Rescue Plan funds to offset the extraordinary pandemic-related expenses for essential workers such as Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs, Sherriff Deputies, and staff who put their health and safety on the line daily.

**ANSWER #2:** Tom Kretz will fight hard to keep taxes low for Senior Citizens, Working Families, and Businesses, eliminate wasteful spending, keep neighborhoods safe, and ensure Beavercreek Township fulfills its obligations to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and businesses. Tom Kretz has a keen understanding of the challenges Beavercreek Township families and businesses face and is the most qualified and experienced Candidate for Beavercreek Township Trustee. God Bless the USA.



#### **DEBBORAH L. WALLACE\***

**BIO:** Current Beavercreek Township Trustee with MPA from UD, Zoning and Plan Board experience. Ohio Veteran Hall of Fame and Greene County Women's Hall of Fame Inductee. Wallace Insurance Services, LLC for 38 years. 8 years Beavercreek City Council, Vice Mayor. Involved and Strong commitment to Community, Chamber, Veterans, and VA.

**ANSWER #1:** As Trustee, Beavercreek priorities would be for water/sewer extensions, more storm water management, and increased Broad Ban expansion in the Eastern part of Beavercreek Township.

**ANSWER #2:** Creating a balance as farms sell to developers, with an increase in residential properties, maintaining current neighborhoods along with providing great services (roads, fire, EMS) for everyone. We want our citizens to have neighborhoods free of flooding and erosion issues. Providing a safe environment for families in the Township along with great services, fast response times for our fire and EMS.

## Caesarscreek Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Caesarscreek Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Caesarscreek Township?

#### **TIM KERNS**

No Response

#### **JEROMY SMITH**

No Response

#### **DONALD VANTRESS\***

No Response

### **Cedarville Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\* Indicates incumbent

# TIMOTHY R. BOECK DEBBIE KRAJICEK\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

## Cedarville Township Fiscal Officer Unexpired Term Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### JENNIFER ORR \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

## Jefferson Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### GARY W. BURTCH RICHARD ZEHRING \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# Miami Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What is your position on maintaining green space around the village of Yellow Springs?

**QUESTION #2:** With the increasing importance of agrotourism, what is your position on permitting commercial enterprises on agriculture property in the Township?

#### **DONALD H. HOLLISTER \***

**BIO:** Currently Miami Township Trustee, Clifton Union Cemetery board member and Greene County Community Foundation board member.





Past service includes Explorer Scouts advisor, Village Council, Planning Commission, Acting Director Glen Helen, Tecumseh Land Trust board, carpentry instructor at Greene Career Center

**ANSWER #1:** I support the goal of a greenbelt defining the edge of our compact walkable village. Toward that I served on the Tecumseh Land Trust board, 2001-2007 and as Acting Director of Glen Helen, 1999-2000.

**ANSWER #2:** Miami Township is 70% active farmland. Agriculture based businesses that do not generate a lot of noise or traffic are appropriate.

#### MARILAN M. MOIR

No Response



#### **DINO PALLOTTA**

**BIO:** Husband to Sheila for 30 years; Owner of Dino's Cappuccinos for 23 years; former member of the following YS Organizations - Community Resources, ESC, Planning Commission, BZA, UDRB, Village Manager Search Committee, Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee, Downtown Business Association (current).

**ANSWER #1:** The function and goal of the Tecumseh Land Trust is to purchase and maintain green space. like the Jacoby Greenbelt, surrounding YS. Through the development of the Jacoby Creek Partnership, it has enabled TLT to minimize sprawl of commercial and residential development of land by managing it permanently for conservation and agricultural purposes. I fully support this greenbelt initiative which prevents the encroachment of sprawl surrounding YS. It's why we live here.

**ANSWER #2:** Agritourism ordinances need to be updated and applied equitably to all commercial enterprises on agricultural property. Currently, the Township has inconsistent interpretations regarding agritourism. Agraria, Wirring Pavilion (Chappelle Events) and Peifer Orchards are three different examples of properties zoned agricultural with each having alternative revenue streams other than farming. Two have been denied their commercial enterprises while Peifer's was permitted. These inconsistencies need to be corrected in order to promote agritourism not deny it.

#### **DENISE SWINGER**

**BIO:** Born and raised in Trotwood, Ohio, Denise has lived the past 28 years in Miami Township. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and presently serves as the Planning & Zoning Administrator for the Village of Yellow Springs.

**ANSWER #1:** Miami Township and Yellow Springs long ago identified the green space border around the village. Both the township and the village support the Tecumseh Land Trust's efforts when properties in this area become available for a conservation easement, and have further identified the greenbelt in their comprehensive land use plans. I support these preservation efforts.

**ANSWER #2:** It depends. Agrotourism is a catchall for a number of activities and Miami Township should first consider if and what types of agrotourism they would accept. Specific requirements, such as number of participants, hours of operation, traffic and noise impacts can be further defined. For example, a seasonal pick your own pumpkin farm versus a year round dude ranch will have different impacts. I support Miami township leading a discussion on this issue.



#### **ZO VAN EATON-MEISTER**

**BIO:** My family history goes back for generations of farming in this area. Agriculture, gardening, landscaping, health, safety and nature preservation have been the focus and the joy of our experience living here. I have been a licensed mental health professional for over twenty years

ANSWER #1: Green space preservation is an absolute top priority for me. We are very fortunate to have the federal Gorge reserve, the Glen Helen and the state park all in Miami Township, Maintaining this rich bounty of beauty is imperative as is protecting the integrity of our farmlands. There is nothing more important. Any industry needs to be carefully contemplated with all factors meticulously weighed out prior to implementation.

**ANSWER #2:** Land use is another one of the most essential and basic factors in our township. We have long been an area of conservation and I feel it is imperative to continue with our culture and these values. The wave of ecotourism and other elements that have been drawing interests is something to cherish and consider as deliberations are made cautiously as we look towards the future.

#### **New Jasper Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending New Jasper Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing New Jasper Township?

#### **PHILIP CLEVENGER**

No Response

#### **MIKE HORSLEY\***

**BIO:** Married to my wife Patty for 29 years. Resident of New Jasper Township since 1984. Retired. Trustee for New Jasper Township for past eight years. Served on New Jasper Township zoning board. Currently on the Greene County Regional Planning Board.

**ANSWER #1:** The American Relief Plan has limitations on what it can be used on. We are looking to replace a 15 year old ambulance The new ambulance will have a built in UV disinfecting system to clean the air and surfaces. This system is effective on COVID 19. This will protect patients as well as first responders. The balance of the money would be used as best needed in going forward.

**ANSWER #2:** The number one problem is storm water drainage. At Shawnee Lake it would be a large project. We are and have been looking for grant money to help pay for this costly project. On a smaller scale we have the same issues in the rural area also. The second would be as cost rises to budget money to maintain the township and keep it a great community to

#### PAM KINGSOLVER

No Response

#### LISA TOWNSEND\*

No Response

## **New Jasper Township Fiscal Officer Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### **AMY B. TEST\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Ross Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Ross Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Ross Township?



#### DAVID BOECK

**BIO:** Married to Marcia and a daughter Heather; Ross Township resident for 52 years Greeneview High School 1981; The Ohio State University BS in Agricultural Economics 1985: Regional Manager for Brechbuhler Scales for 23 years; Partner in Boeck Brothers Farms

**ANSWER #1:** The funding is very limited as to what it can be used for. An approved area

for spending is investing in broadband infrastructure. Many Ross Township residents can't get good, reliable internet. With so many people working from home and trying to do business online, reliable internet is essential. The funds don't have to be spent until December 2026, which leaves us plenty of time to consider the options.

**ANSWER #2:** 1. Infrastructure- Roads and culverts need to be evaluated and a priority list established for maintenance and replacement to spend taxpayers money wisely. -Broadband internet infrastructure needs to be a priority to meet residents needs

2. Funding- Our trustee's have to figure out how to do a lot with limited funding. We must be aggressive in searching for and applying for new sources of funding, including grants for special projects.

#### MARK CAMPBELL

No Response

#### JAMES SPAHR\*

**BIO:** As a lifetime resident of Ross Township. I have a special interest in this community. I graduated from Wilmington College with a B.S. in agricultural / economics and began my farming career thereafter. I enjoy my job as Ross Township trustee.

**ANSWER #1:** Townships will receive ARP funding in two payments approximately twelve months apart. Under Treasury guidance, Ross Township will use these funds wisely. I believe public health expenditures and infrastructure are of prime importance to benefit our residents.



**ANSWER #2:** One of the most challenging issues in Ross Township is to protect our rural quality of life, maintaining our agricultural heritage for future generations. Also, we must continue to allocate adequate funding to Cedarville and Silvercreek Fire and EMS departments to ensure the high level of services they provide for the safety and welfare of our residents.

## Silvercreek Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Silvercreek Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Silvercreek Township?



#### JAMES GORDON DWYER\*

**BIO:** I have been a lifelong resident of Greene County. I graduated from Greeneview High School and started my career as a self-employed farmer, which I currently do. I have served as Silvercreek Township Trustee for three terms

**ANSWER #1:** My priority for spending the American Recovery Plan Fund would be to

update Fire and Emergency Medical vehicles and equipment for essential services for the safety of the citizens of Silvercreek Township. The funds would also be beneficial for new training and hiring qualified staff for Paramedics and Fire personnel.

**ANSWER #2:** The two most challenging issues facing Silvercreek Township has to do with the upkeep of the township infrastructure. The maintenance of the roads and bridges for the safety of our drivers is of utmost importance. Our roads need resurfaced and paved on a regular schedule and the Silvercreek trustees work to apply for state grants to receive money for these projects.

#### **TONY WHALEY\***

**BIO:** I have been running whaley excavation since 1988, I have brought my experience to help run the township. I am a 1980 graduate of greeneview high school and have lived in the township most of my life.

**ANSWER #1:** [No response to this question]

**ANSWER #2:** 1) The most challenging thing we have is keeping up with road repairs with the budget we have. 2] Applying for grants to do projects around the township and save voters money.

**RANDY APPLEGATE** (Write-in)

No Response



## **Spring Valley Township Trustee** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

# JOHN DEWINE\* PAUL J. MARTIN\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

### Sugarcreek Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What should be the priorities for spending Sugarcreek Township's share of the American Recovery Plan Funds?

**QUESTION #2:** What are the two most challenging issues facing Sugarcreekcreek Township?



#### **BOB BAIRD**

**BIO:** A Wright State graduate who moved to Bellbrook in 1991, Bob Baird served two terms on Bellbrook City Council and 7 ½ years as Bellbrook's mayor before relocating to Sugarcreek Township, where he remains deeply involved in the community.

**ANSWER #1:** The priority for the funds should be focused on helping residents

experiencing hardships as a result of Covid-19. I was selected as a member of the committee to help distribute township funds, and we distributed more than \$30,000 to help residents with utility bills and house payments. Additionally, these funds should be used to offset other township expenses related to Covid-19 and to explore the potential of expanding high speed broadband to areas without access.

**ANSWER #2:** Managing growth will be one of the township's most significant challenges. The demand for new housing is high and we will need to follow the township's Long-Range Land Use Plan to manage growth and avoid annexation. Fiscal responsibility is my highest priority. The township provides an extremely high level of public services that our residents deserve, and we will need to maintain a sound and stable budget to sustain these services.

# FRED CRAMER\* No Response



#### **KIM MCCARTHY**

**BIO:** I have raised my family here in Sugarcreek over the past 20 years. I am an accountant with decades of small business experience and I believe that local government works best when residents are involved in the process.

**ANSWER #1:** With the grant's goal focused on helping local economies recover from the pandemic, we will first take care of families

who are in need, including our essential workers. Then, we will invest in our infrastructure, including delivering broadband to the most rural areas of the

township. Also, connecting bike paths across the township will be prioritized, so that our community can enjoy our open spaces fully and bring residents to local businesses.

**ANSWER #2:** Green, open spaces define our township. First, we face the challenge of continued housing development versus the need for additional tax revenues. I encourage involving our residents in discussions regarding this issue to help increase public understanding of the complexities involved. We must also consider the environmental landscape in these decisions. Second, threats of annexation from neighboring communities present ongoing challenges. State law ultimately needs to be amended to protect modern-day townships like ours.



#### **MARVIN MOELLER**

**BIO:** Lifelong Sugarcreek Township resident, Served our Township as Firefighter/Paramedic, First Fire Chief, former Township Trustee, Fire prevention officer, college Degree in Public Safety Administration. Recently retired from the fire service and farming. Well qualified and educated for the position.

**ANSWER #1:** Township Officials need to

meet the needs of those that are affected by the resent set of events. The Trustees need to know who has been affected and set priorities on how to meet their needs. Some have been affected by not being able to pay rent and other needing health care and groceries. There needs to be away for those needing help to contact the Township Officials and receive the help that is required.

**ANSWER #2:** Annexation is always the biggest challenge for Sugarcreek Township. If we lose another annexation to any city as we did to Centerville around the Feedwire/Wilmington Pike area it would be devastating to our tax base. The loss of tax dollars would affect our Public Safety Services such as the Police and Fire Departments. Our Service Department would also be affected by losing our tax base. This would cause lost of jobs and slower response times.

## Xenia Township Trustee Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

# SCOTT W. MILLER\* JEREMY VANDYNE

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

# Xenia Township Trustee Unexpired Term Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### L. STEPHEN COMBS\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.





# **SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

#### **Greene County Educational Service Center** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ELIZABETH BETZ RITA CANTY\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Beavercreek School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?



#### **CARL H. FISCHER IV**

**BIO:** Eleven year resident Dr. Carl Fischer is father to three Beavercreek students and is passionate about education. He served our community as Cubmaster and Lego League coach with his children and our nation as a Chief Technologist at Ball Aerospace.

**ANSWER #1:** Disagreements are normal. I work through contention with consensus-building.

I start by recognizing the shared values and values of all people so we have a foundation on which to construct a lasting solution. I seek to establish trust by setting an example of honesty, openness, and fairness. I work hard to understand all concerns and settle factual disagreements by consulting experts. And I encourage consideration of novel solutions that maximize wellbeing for all students.

**ANSWER #2:** Beavercreek is home to thousands of military families and is a thriving, diverse community of multi-generational families. Our community provides great opportunities for my children, so I hope to contribute back by serving in this role. My objectives are to ensure an accessible, world-class education in STEM and other foundational skills: maintain a vibrant slate of activities including sports, arts, and service; and prepare all students to excel in a rapidly changing world.



#### **KRISTA HUNT\***

**BIO:** Krista is a graduate of Fairmont HS & Wright State. Krista and her husband Andrew live in Beavercreek with their two children, Hannah and Rvan. Krista is a Ministry Assistant for First Baptist Kettering serving Kids and Youth Ministries

**ANSWER #1:** All decisions we make as school board members must always focus on what is best for kids. I will always advocate for what is in the best interest of students' safety and well-being. The day-to-day issues are not handled by the school board, but by the superintendent and administration. Certainly, the board provides oversight on many topics, but our superintendent is empowered to lead. There is no room for personal agendas as a board member.

**ANSWER #2:** I hope to keep serving on the board because I am passionate about continuing the excellence this district already provides and helping to guide future opportunities. It is critical to have a parent perspective on the board as a diverse group of board members best represents our community. I have built strong relationships with my fellow board members, our Superintendent, Treasurer and staff. I believe I am viewed as a trusted leader in our district.



#### **ALLISON LINDSAY**

**BIO:** Advocating for my children's educational needs (Down syndrome, speech delay, high achiever) gives me a fresh/outside perspective. More parent choice in schools = better educational outcomes for students. Learn more on Facebook: Allison Lindsay for Beavercreek Board of Education.

ANSWER #1: Data-driven, non-emotional decision making is best when it comes to Covid policies. All students should be treated with respect and dignity. We can teach our students accurate history and discuss difficult subjects at the appropriate grade-level without politicizing things such as race, culture, religion, gender, current events, etc. We should not fabricate US history to be politically correct.

**ANSWER #2:** School board is the link between community and school administrators. As a parent with both special needs children and high achieving children, I bring a fresh perspective to school board. More parent choices = better educational outcomes for individual students. While serving on school board I want to ensure parents have freedom to make best education choices for their children.



#### JOANN RIGANO\*

**BIO:** Educator for 31 years. BA & Master in Education. Beavercreek Board of Education member for the last eight years. Member of Clark State College's Foundation Board; Dayton Performing Arts Alliance; member and past president of the Beavercreek Women's League.

**ANSWER #1:** The Board works as a body politic. They must collaborate to: Identify the

controversy, consider all sides of the issue, consider expert evidence and facts, consider laws and best practice guidelines, use the best judgement in analyzing the facts and always follow a pathway that leads to the safety and well-being of students and staff. Opposing groups may not get the resolution they want, but the Board must always be honest and transparent.

**ANSWER #2:** As a former educator, I believe that children are the future

leaders of our society. They must attain the best education possible. One of my goals as a board member is to provide all students, teachers and staff with the resources they need to get the best education. To that end, another goal is ensure that the district communicates with, and is transparent and honest with all stakeholders: students and their parents, employees, and taxpayers.

MARK PASSAGE (Write-in)

No Response

### **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?



#### **HEIDI ANDERSON**

**BIO:** I have lived in Bellbrook for 32 years and am a 1994 Bellbrook Graduate, Learned a B.S.in. Secondary English Education from Wright State. I have 19 years of teaching experience and am currently a stay-at-home mom.

ANSWER #1: I firmly believe that the function of any educational institution is to teach ALL students how to think and not what

to think. Every student already has parents who are raising them with the values unique to their culture, religion, and family unit. As a board member, I would always listen to all viewpoints, seek out opinions from local experts. refuse to make emotional, political, or fear driven decisions, and above all use common sense.







**ANSWER #2:** My philosophy has always been if you have time to sit and complain about a problem, then you have time to fix it. I believe our district plays a critical role in healing the divides that have plagued our community for decades. We must have complete transparency, fiscal accountability, and open communication. I am a strong advocate for students, and I will always make decisions that are in best interest of our entire community.



#### **AUDRA DORN\***

**BIO:** Audra is an Air Force veteran and senior contract negotiator at WPAFB. She has a B.S. in Business and a M.S. in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She and her husband have two boys who are third-generation Golden Eagles.

**ANSWER #1:** I've chosen the phrase "Let's Be the Adults Our Kids Need" as the motto for

my campaign. I think this phrase sums up how I have and how I will continue to address these topics. In today's polarized political climate, there will always be keyboard warriors poised to criticize every decision. Facebook is not the place to tackle divisive issues, and I will continue to address challenges through open and honest CONVERSATIONS with my neighbors.

**ANSWER #2:** I, like many, moved here because Bellbrook was small, quiet town with patriotic citizens and great schools. In recent years, however, our community has been plagued by individuals who insist on creating controversy, and our citizens are growing tired. Civil debate is healthy, and I've worked to achieve more open and honest debate at our meetings. Those to further improve this level of mature dialogue while keeping unnecessary political disruptions out of our schools.



#### **MIKE KINSEY**

**BIO:** We've loved being your neighbor for nine years and have two children enrolled in our excellent schools. I'm the son of a retired 35-year educator. I've spent my Engineering career solving difficult problems with logic, data, integrity, and principles.

**ANSWER #1:** Divisive issues should be approached with empathy for individuals and a

commitment to first find common ground. How we discuss difficult topics might be more important than what's being discussed. Modeling respectful civil discourse for our children is the best method for strengthening our community. Critical thinking through impartial and objective study of controversial topics should always be welcome in our classrooms. Advocating for political agendas should never be tolerated.

**ANSWER #2:** My primary goal is to help reunite our charming town while voicing our community's values. Promoting meaningful conversation is my priority. For example, it's time we stop infighting over local levies and direct one unified voice toward the real problem – Columbus's unfair redistribution of our tax dollars. The state funds BSS with pennies while neighboring districts receive millions and millions of dollars... I pledge to work alongside you to continue the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek tradition of excellence!



#### **KEITH ST. PIERRE, Ed.D.**

**BIO:** Keith St. Pierre, Ed.D. and wife Cathy have three daughters who graduated from Bellbrook High School. Keith was Superintendent of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools for 24 years. He was adjunct graduate professor of education for Miami University and the University of

**ANSWER #1:** Board members and administrators routinely face controversial issues. The Board and administration have an obligation to provide a healthy, safe learning environment for diverse populations of students. School board members should research and familiarize themselves regarding various issues. They should expect the superintendent to make what may be a controversial recommendation to the board. Recommendations should come after research of the issue, policy review, state standards reviews and input from staff, parents, and the community.

**ANSWER #2:** By serving on the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board, I will provide experienced educational leadership ensuring Bellbrook-Sugarcreek students have access to outstanding programs that serve the diverse inclusive needs of all students. I will be a board member who listens to and respects input from students, staff, administration, parents, and the community, helping all parties work together to best serve our school learning community. I will continue pursuing educational excellence advocating for "what's best for kids."



#### **KATHERINE KIPLING** (Write-in)

**BIO:** A Southwest Ohio native, my family built our forever home in Sugarcreek Township in 2017. I am an Engineer at WPAFB and have experience leading medium sized teams. I believe our district needs proactive, transparent, and accountable leaders.

ANSWER #1: It is not possible to be an expert on all topics, but we do have experts that

weigh in on difficult issues. We need to follow the science/data for health issues, ensure all students feel comfortable expressing their true selves, and ensure we are not hiding the uncomfortable pieces of our history from future generations. I will advocate for public work sessions to ensure the community knows each board member's position before decisions are made.

**ANSWER #2:** My family settled in the district specifically for the schools and the small-town feel. Over the past four years, we have watched many of the pieces of the district that brought us here get slowly stripped away due to funding issues and, now, covid. I know how to look to the future and how to plan for the potential roadblocks in our path. I want to help heal this community through transparency and proactive thinking.



#### JOSH PRESSNELL (Write-in)

**BIO:** Always an Ohio native, my wife and I settled in Sugarcreek Township with our children in 2015. As Chief Technology Officer, I have experience leading small and medium businesses. I believe transparency and proactivity are critical to our district's future.

**ANSWER #1:** These issues are often a balance of equity, where the "right answer"

isn't black-and-white. As an elected leader, I must actively listen to all sides and weigh decisions against citizen's concerns. I must listen to, understand. and follow the guidelines set by Ohio. Public work sessions are needed so citizens can hear the board's reasoning. I will never avoid hard questions. I hope my judgement regularly earns the right to represent the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District.

**ANSWER #2:** My mother and mother-in-law retired from public education. My wife and I led the pro-levy PAC until the district received the funding it needs. We are committed to supporting public education. I understand how large organizations function and am trained to find creative solutions to problems. I want to improve communication/transparency between the community and the district, starting with regular public work sessions, and to focus on becoming more proactive with financial and policy planning.

#### **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?



#### **KEVIN PRICE\***

BIO: Bellbrook resident since 2009; With Jovce, parents of 6 children; all attended Bellbrook Schools: Retired Air Force Lt Col (29) yrs, Fighter Pilot, Program Manager); Taught Middle/High School; Civilian employee at WPAFB: BSS Board member since 2020: https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Price-for-Bellbrook-Schools-102330121627694

**ANSWER #1:** It is imperative to follow national expert/authority direction. However, we must differentiate between mandates and recommendations. Without Federal/State mandates (e.g., masks), districts are forced to tailor recommendations to their local realities. Districts must be fully committed to the unbiased treatment of all students/staff. Accurate history, favorable/ unfavorable, must be taught. However, Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project, etc., that distort history for ideological reasons and undermine The Declaration of Independence/Constitution/Bill of Rights must be opposed.

**ANSWER #2:** I was appointed to the BSS Board in Jan 2020. Since then I have worked tirelessly and successfully to assure our district's financial







health (levy passage in May 2021), to restore things that were cut after 3 previous levy failures (full-time libraries), to improve district communication/ transparency with the community (community meetings), and to keep our children safe (practical COVID protocols, safe pathways to schools). I am enthusiastic to continue service to my wonderful community.



#### **SARAH WILLIAMSON**

**BIO:** Mother of 3 young boys, owner of a small local business, and former manager for commercial and residential properties. Together these experiences give me a foundation in working with diverse communities, creating policy, maintaining financial discipline, and creative problem solving.

**ANSWER #1:** I would always prioritize expert opinions on topics that I am not an expert on. Teachers should have the freedom to teach our history without politicians getting in the way. I do not support CRT being taught in our schools. Additionally, all students should be actively included and supported by the schools. This allows us to be exposed to new ideas and perspectives that make us stronger as a community.

**ANSWER #2:** My three boys are just entering the school system now so I am fully invested in the long term growth of our district regardless of the outcome of this election. Our district has three unelected incumbents that were about to run unopposed and somebody had to stand up to bring much needed transparency, accountability, and leadership to the board. I will advocate for fiscal responsibility, public work sessions, sound policy, and positive community outreach.

#### **Cedar-Cliff School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational

**QUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

#### **PHILIP CHANCE BALDWIN**

No Response



#### **CHRISTOPHER CROSS\***

**BIO:** Christopher Cross has been a Cedarville resident since 2005 and a Cedar-Cliff local board member since 2010. He has 3 children. 2 of which are Cedar-Cliff graduates and 1 is a sophomore in the district

**ANSWER #1:** Flexibility and data are the two necessary components to drive decisions in this ever-changing culture. We need to be cautious

about being blown about by the current directions of our culture. We must

search for truth and be driven by data in how we respond to emergencies. Over-correction is a common mistake made by those in a leadership position. We must weigh all opinions and verify those opinions with facts and data.

**ANSWER #2:** As a board member we must listen to our constituents who have elected us. We must gather data to make an informed decision and make the decision in the best interest of educating our students in the most beneficial environment. Our culture has been so divisive lately, with very little listening of others positions. These are troubling issues with passionate people on both sides. We must listen to others and understand their stance.

#### **BRITTNAY GILLAUGH**

No Response



#### MARIA WAYMIRE\*

**BIO:** Business degree from The Ohio State University. Own and operate Waymire Family Farms LLC and Ivory Meadows LLC Wedding Venue. Married to Chris for 29 years. Two sons and one daughter are all CHS graduates. I currently manage Ivory Meadows wedding

**ANSWER #1:** Cedar Cliff has "crisis" plans in place for different emergencies should they arise, such as a school shooting etc. The pandemic was something totally new that we all experience for the first time. From my previous board experience, the district has always put the students' education and well-being first. Making the best decision with what we know at a given time, along with community input, is the best way to respond to unexpected situations.

ANSWER #2: Its' important for a school board member to listen to its' community members and get their input on these issues. All districts have their "own culture" and it important that board members know and understand their community. Public schools are governed at a state and local level. New laws and guidelines from the state are constantly implemented and the schools can be limited to a certain extent on how they respond to some issues.

#### **Fairborn City School District** Vote for 2

#### KATIE MLOD\* TIM STEININGER

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Fairborn City School District Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

#### **WENDY LANDON**

This is not a contested race. No other candidate was certified for this race.

#### **Greeneview School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?

**QUESTION #2:** Why are you seeking to serve on the school board?

#### **BRANDON MAXIE**

No Response

**SCOTT POWERS\*** 

No Response

#### ANGELA REAGAN\*

No Response

#### **MEGAN SMITH**

No Response

#### **ROBERT WRIGHT**

**BIO:** Greeneview High School graduate; Served 8 years on Greeneview school board; Constructed new middle school; Repairs to high school; Hired policemen for school safety; Installed cameras on school buses; Updated bleachers and track

**ANSWER #1:** Mask wearing continues to be a safety issue more than a freedom issue although some treat it as such. All students should be treated equally regardless of how individuals may expect to be treated. History should always be accurate. All these issues can be made worse by blowing them out of proportion.

ANSWER #2: While serving 8 years on Greeneview's school board bringing experience to the needs of Greeneview School, problem solving and facing difficult obstacles. Attending board president's workshop two different times, each workshop was three days which have given me the ability to be a team member and relate to steering Greeneview school to the future. I also attended 40+ construction meetings, and was the recipient of Award of Achievement two times.

#### Xenia School Board Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Based on the experience of the past year, how should the school district address future emergencies that disrupt the educational process?

**OUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues. such as mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?



#### **JOSHUA DAY**

**BIO:** I am an Aerospace Engineer for the USAF with a Master's degree from Auburn. I have led multi-million dollar projects from F-15s to hypersonic technology. I am a husband and father of 3 kids. My oldest started kindergarten this year.

ANSWER #1: I think we have all learned





the true importance of in-person learning over the last year. The social and academic impacts of at home learning is far too devastating for many students. In the future the school district must do everything they possibly can to keep our kids in school. We can't risk our kids falling even further behind.

**ANSWER #2:** First and foremost I will represent the voice of the people. The school district does not have the right to tell parents how to protect their children. As a school board member I will make sure that parents are well informed so they can make decisions for themselves as to what is best for their child. Politicized topics such as CRT have no place in our schools, we must protect our kids from damaging ideas that teach hate over love.



#### MARY M. GRECH

**BIO:** I am a licensed Occupational Therapist with over 30 years experience, over 20 of them in school settings. I have 3 daughters that attended Xenia Community Schools. My husband and I are small business owners in our 20th year.

**ANSWER #1:** As a therapist in the schools, I have witnessed the educational disruptions

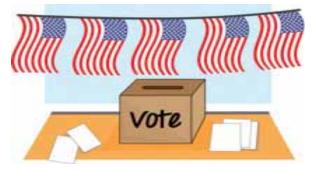
first hand. Going forward, there needs to be a working definition of the latest emergency. With the definition, the Xenia community school board develops plans that provide students and their parents/caregivers with flexibility but accountability to the teaching staff. The teaching/support staff needs reassurance and clear guidance to keep the disruptions to a minimum.

**ANSWER #2:** Important issues, however, it is critical that they don't distract from the main goal of educating students. Masks: parents need to be part of any decision making process, the district needs to use the most up to date science. Transgender issues: addressed on a case by case basis, with parent involvement. Teaching history needs to happen using age appropriate materials. It is imperative that students learn to critically think before they learn about controversial topics.



#### **HEATHER LEE**

**BIO:** Educator, Committed volunteer and supporter of Xenia Community Schools, BA in Elementary Education from Cedarville University, Current Ohio Professional Teaching License, Xenia resident--18 years, Married--26 years, 2 adult daughters, 1 son--10th grader at ZHX



**ANSWER #1:** School districts should continue connecting and consulting with professionals in the field of the emergency with the emphasis on the health and safety of all students, teachers and staff. As with the shift to online learning, retooling educational delivery needs to remain a priority so that districts can continue to facilitate student learning. Effective communication with parents, caregivers, and other stakeholders is essential for the welfare and success of every student.

**ANSWER #2:** When dealing with issues, my approach would be to listen to what the person is saying and ask clarifying questions with the goal of seeking to understand their point of view. Next, I would research best practices and consult with professionals in order to make informed decisions. While I realize that every decision will not be appreciated by every person, my goal is to treat all students, families, teachers and staff with respect and dignity.



#### **GEORGE W. LEIGHTENHEIMER**

**BIO:** I am George Leightenheimer I'm married with three boys in Xenia Schools. I've lived in Xenia for 16 years. I'm a 2010 graduate from Central State with an BS in education. I teach special education, working with students with emotional disorders.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe that the board has to use a combination of factors. The board should

consult with local experts, parents, and adapt policies that already exist. The board should consult the local expert; they know what is going on in the local communities. Consult with parents because it lets them know that you are listening to them, boosting trust and showing parents you are being as transparent as possible. Also, the board cannot be afraid to adapt policies to fit current emergencies.

ANSWER #2: It is very important to stay away from using political preference in your decision making. We need to be using the best information at our disposal. It is important to use the advice of the experts, and parents. Masks should be used when students are in close proximity. It is important that everyone be treated with respect. There are lots of history curriculum that teaches history in a historically accurate. We just need to find the one that best fits us.



#### MICHAEL LEIPOLD

**BIO:** Michael is a retired Chief Warrant Officer with over 22 years of military service. Michael completed a Bachelor of science and MDIV at Liberty University, a Master of Science from Grand Canyon University and is currently a PhD Candidate in Psychology.

**ANSWER #1:** Much of the disruption of the educational process was caused by

misinformation and panic. In the future, when emergencies arise, decisions must include the participation of the local community during emergency board sessions. Only through management of information and committee research should decisions that disrupt the educational process be implemented.

**ANSWER #2:** Public schools used to be a safe haven for students to learn and mature into contributing members of society. Today students are challenged with illegitimate teachings that aim to destroy personal identity. Students should be afforded the same freedoms and opportunities as all citizens which include the freedom to worship, sexual orientation and/ or preference, and accurate unbiased teaching methods. I would approach these issues with a vision of individuality of the student and not force biased teachings onto our youth.



#### MARY ADELINE R. LEWIS

**BIO:** After graduating from Xenia High School, I received a B.A. from Miami University in Political Science and Sustainable Agriculture. I then received a Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law. I am currently an attorney in the Greene County Public Defender's Office.

**ANSWER #1:** As a school district we need

to develop a comprehensive plan for teachers to be trained on yearly that addresses a multitude of different responses and resources that can be utilized in the event of an emergency. We need to update this plan yearly so that as technology and resources evolve so does the plan of action, and so that when and if an emergency does occur, each member of the district responds uniformly.

**ANSWER #2:** As far as controversial issues go, I am a big believer in public input, and educating children as a community rather than as an isolated administration. Personally, I believe school is a place children should feel safe in and a place where they can focus on learning the fundamentals. I believe the role of K-12 schools is to provide a strong base education so that students can make their own observations and develop individual opinions.



#### CHERYL D. MARCUS, Ed.S.\*

BIO: Cheryl D. Marcus, Ed.S., elected to Xenia's Board of Education in 2013. Her professional career spans more than 20 years in higher education serving diverse roles and responsibilities. Cheryl is married to Robert Marcus and they have five adult children.

**ANSWER #1:** The pandemic required school districts to be flexible and innovative in its

ability to continuously deliver instruction. Institutions were abruptly shut down and we pivoted to virtual instruction; quickly identifying barriers and limitations caused by infrastructural gaps to internet access in some of our homes. We must be advocates for broadband access in our communities as we seek to minimize the disruption of the educational process. Innovation and flexibility are key drivers too!

ANSWER #2: Public schools face multiple issues. As individual board members, we have our own personal values. However, when we serve on a public board, we're asked to bring reason and wisdom to deliberate issues and construct policies. Our decisions prepare youth to contribute to the world of tomorrow. As a school board member, I will bring a willingness to deliberate in a way that helps us identify shared values for solutions aimed at the public good.







## Yellow Springs School Board Vote for 3

**QUESTION #1:** If the levy does not pass, how do you propose funding education in this community?

**QUESTION #2:** The school board must deal with controversial issues, such as extended school closures for public health reasons, mask-wearing as a safety issue vs a perceived encroachment of individual freedoms, treatment of transgender students, and teaching history in a way that is non-threatening but historically accurate. How would you approach these divisive issues as a school board member?



#### **LUISA BIERI RIOS**

**BIO:** Luisa Bieri Rios is Associate Professor of Cooperative Education, Community Arts, and Performance at Antioch College. She earned a Master's degree in Comparative Women's Studies from Utrecht University and BA from Smith College after attending Yellow Springs Schools.

ANSWER #1: Many of the challenges facing public schools are due to gaps in state and federal budgets that leave districts scrambling for funding. Families then face difficult decisions around affordability and exceptional schools in their community. I will advocate for safe, accessible, energy-efficient facilities for our children to learn and thrive. Postponing the issues that the levy addresses will only make them more challenging over time. I will prioritize a comprehensive and cost-effective solution.

**ANSWER #2:** I value dialogue and strive to be an active listener when concerns arise. I will invite student perspectives and input. I remain open to learning new information and ideas, while relying on science, historical facts and area experts. I unequivocally support inclusionary practices and the advancement of intercultural understanding and equity. I am undeterred by engaging in difficult conversations as long as we humanize others and respect the wellbeing and education of our young people.



#### **DOROTHÉE BOUQUET**

**BIO:** I am a villager, an educator in higher education, and a parent of both a Mills Lawn student and a preschooler. Since moving to Yellow Springs in 2014, I became a U.S. citizen, after 12 years of being an immigrant taxpayer.

**ANSWER #1:** The current levy proposal is the most affordable and long-term solution we have on the table to address our worn-out

facilities. Not adequately funding education would not make the village more affordable. On the contrary, it would drive away young families. I will keep lobbying our state legislature for proper funding, and I will work with the community to find creative sources of financing: maybe less through property taxes, and more through income-based tax and private fundraising. **ANSWER #2:** Many of these issues are not controversial in the YS school district. I am proud that we have embraced the AAP COVID guidelines, that we have a 95% vaccination rate among school employees, and that we have been striving to make our schools safe and welcoming for all members, including those from historically-marginalized communities. Our next steps should be

to improve the board's communication with the community and to serve our IEP students better.



#### **JUDITH HEMPFLING**

**BIO:** I served on the Yellow Springs Village Council for 11 years, six years as council president. I have two grandchildren who attend Mills Lawn Elementary school. I am a registered nurse working at Miami Valley Hospital downtown Dayton.

**ANSWER #1:** Rather than support the current new school buildings levy and buy into

the throwaway culture, the newly elected school board should preserve Mills Lawn Elementary and Yellow Springs Middle and High School by doing the due diligence of completing a plan to care for the current facilities. An adequate permanent improvement levy for ongoing maintenance should then be placed on the ballot within the year.

**ANSWER #2:** I support rigorous democratic debate among school board members, along with robust citizen input, for optimal decision making. However, the issues listed in this question are ones in which our citizens have strong consensus: that is, villagers support following CDC guidelines regarding Covid; respecting and supporting transgender and gender nonconforming students; and teaching the truth about white supremacy's destructive role in our country's history, and currently.



#### **AMY MAGNUS**

**BIO:** My family settled in Yellow Springs drawn by its schools, activism, and culture. Community organizer, 20-year USAF veteran, experienced program manager, researcher of group instruction, and math & science instructor, I develop the children's museum Yellow Springs Science Castle.

ANSWER #1: The \$35.6MM bond levy should fail due to its unreasonably high cost. I propose a permanent improvement

levy instead. The Schools Facilities Task Force recommended a permanent improvement levy as the preferred means of financing improvements over time; many villagers prefer maintaining existing facilities over building all new. A PI levy manages the schools' credit with greater flexibility and sets a sustainable pace for updating schools on the Mills Lawn and East Enon campuses.

**ANSWER #2:** Black lives matter. Vaccines save lives. In democracies, we build capacity for learning and growth by cultivating diverse communities and practicing a deep commitment to care and inclusiveness. We listen to each other with concern and interest. We do our part when any one of us meets trouble. We build trust. If elected, I will work to lift community through public policy, connecting with villagers daily, interlinking community wellsprings of agency, identity, and hope.

- Enact sustainable fiscal policy that maintains and improves school facilities without maxing out the schools' credit or scrapping existing facilities such as our beloved Mills Lawn School and playgrounds.



#### **PAMELA NICODEMUS**

**BIO:** I'm a single mom with one child in our schools. A product of public schools in southwest Ohio, pre-k through graduate school, I'm also a teacher myself. Yellow Springs has been good to my family; I'm excited to give back.

**ANSWER #1:** If the levy does not pass, the Yellow Springs community will need to come together to develop an outside-of-the-box plan

for keeping our schools local. Instead of spending our time on social media discussing what the schools are doing wrong, perhaps some community members could be tapped to fundraise for the schools. Yellow Springs is filled with great minds.

**ANSWER #2:** Transparency and open communication are, in my opinion, the best ways to combat divisiveness. No one will ever agree with all of an organization's decisions, but clear and consistent communication at least provide a complete picture of the organization's goals and vision. Parents and community members should be kept informed of decisions and changes, providing sources for required policies when necessary.







# **GREENE COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2021**

**Note:** 1 mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of property. The taxable value is often less than the appraisal value. A renewal levy continues at the same tax rate as a previous levy. so there is no increase in taxes.

#### **Greene County** Issue 1

Sales tax levy

To increase sales and use tax in the amount of 0.25% - to support criminal and administrative justice services, specifically for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, equipping or repairing a detention facility in the county – for a period of 16 years

#### **Greene County** Issue 2

Renewal tax levy 0.25 mill for 5 years

For general construction, reconstruction, maintenance, resurfacing and repair or removal of bridges in all subdivisions of the county

#### **City of Fairborn** Issue 3

Renewal tax levy 4.4 mills for 5 years For fire and emergency services



#### City of Fairborn Issue 4

Renewal tax levy 4.4 mills for 5 years For police services, operations and equipment

#### City of Bellbrook Issue 5

Renewal tax levv 1.3 mills for 5 years Current operating expenses of the general fund

#### **Spring Valley Township and Village** Issue 6

Renewal tax levy 1.1 mills for 5 years For current operating expenses

#### Silvercreek Township Issue 7

Additional tax levy of 2.0 mills for a continuing period of time For fire and emergency services

Tax increase of \$70 annually per \$100,000.00 value

#### **Cedarville Township and Village** Issue 8

Renewal tax levy 1.0 mill for 5 years For fire and emergency services

#### Jefferson Township Issue 9

Additional tax levy of 3.0 mills for 5 years For roads and bridges Tax increase of \$105 annually per \$100,000.00 value

#### **Jefferson Township** Issue 10

Renewal tax levy 2.0 mills for 5 years For fire and emergency services

#### **Spring Valley Township and Village** Issue 11

Renewal tax levy 0.3 mill for 5 years For current operating expenses

#### **Spring Valley Township and Village** Issue 12

Replacement and additional tax levy Replacement of 1 mill and an increase of 2 mills For fire and emergency services Tax increase of \$70 annually per \$100.000.00 value

#### **Ross Township** Issue 13

Renewal tax levy 1.5 mills for 5 years For fire expenses

#### **Village of Jamestown** Issue 14

Additional tax levy of 2.3 mills for 5 years For streets, roads, and bridges Tax increase of \$80.50 annually per \$100,000.00 value

#### **Village of Jamestown** Issue 15

Renewal tax levy 5.4 mills for 5 years For police services, operations, and equipment

#### **Village of Cedarville** Issue 16

Renewal tax levy 2.6 mills for 5 years For current expenses

#### **Spring Valley Village** Issue 17

Renewal tax levy 2.3 mills for 5 years For current operating expenses

#### **Yellow Springs School District** Issue 18

Income tax and bond issue

Income tax of 0.50% on the school district income of individuals and of estates for a continuing period commencing in 2022

Bond issue for the purpose of constructing. furnishing, and equipping school facilities, and improving the sites in the principal amount of \$23,000,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 37 years Property tax levy of 6.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation

Tax increase of \$227.50 annually per \$100,000,00 value

## **LOCAL OPTIONS**

### City of Fairborn Precinct 201

On/off premises Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages

Business located at 428 N. Broad St., Fairborn

#### **Yellow Springs Village** Precinct 440

Operation of local micro-distillery and winery, including on/off premise sale of wine and mixed beverages and off-premise sale of spirituous liquor on Sundays

Business located at 305 N. Walnut St... Yellow Springs

#### **Yellow Springs Village** Precinct 443

Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages Yellow Springs Brewery Barrell Room. 1475 Xenia Ave., Yellow Springs

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# Unformation



### **VOTING RIGHTS FOR OHIOANS** WITH DISABILITIES

#### CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE A DISABILITY?

- Yes, you can vote! If you're at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote.
  - · If you have a guardian, you can still vote.
  - · If you cannot read or write, you can still vote.
  - · If you cannot leave a hospital, nursing home, or your house you can
- The only time you may not be able to vote is if a judge in probate court decided that you do not have the "capacity" to vote. "Capacity" refers to the ability to understand voting information.

#### CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME?

- Yes, you can still vote:
  - · If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor.
  - · If you have been arrested for a felony but not convicted.
  - If you are on parole or probation for a felony that did not involve jail time.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE?

• To find out if you are registered to vote, go to <a href="www.myohiovote.com">www.myohiovote.com</a>.
Once you are on the website, go to [Check My Voter Registration] and type in your name and the county you live in.

#### **HOW DO I SIGN UP (REGISTER) TO VOTE?**

- To vote, you must first fill out a voter registration form. You can ask for help filling it out.
  - OPTION 1: Print the form from www.mvohiovote.com.
  - OPTION 2: Go in person to the Board of Elections, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, a public high school, or library and ask for a voter registration form.
  - The deadline to register to vote is 30 days before Election Day.
- You need to fill out a new voter registration form if you:
  - Have a new address, even if it's in the same city.
  - · Have changed your legal name.

#### DO I HAVE TO SHOW MY ID WHEN I VOTE?

- Yes, you must show an ID that has your name and address.
  - · Your ID does not need to have your photo on it.
  - · You can use for an ID: An Ohio driver's license; a state ID; a current utility bill; a cell phone bill; a bank statement; a government check or a government assistance letter that has your name and address.

#### **CAN I VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL?**

- Yes, if you are registered to vote, you can vote by mail with an absentee ballot.
  - · Voting absentee means you can vote from home and mail in your ballot.
- You can request an absentee ballot online at www.myohiovote.com or by calling your local Board of Elections. A family member, support staff or friend can pick up a form for you at the local Board of Elections.
  - · For persons with accessibility concerns, sensory issues and communication challenges, this may be an easier option than going to the voting polls on Election Day.

#### WILL MY POLLING PLACE BE ACCESSIBLE?

- Contact your local Board of Elections for questions about accessibility.
  - All voting places must be physically accessible unless an exemption is granted.
    - · If an exemption is given, you may ask to vote curbside.
  - Each polling place must have one accessible voting machine for persons with disabilities, including those with vision disabilities.
    - When you arrive at your voting place, let a poll worker know if you would like to use the ADA-compliant voting machines.

#### WHAT IF I NEED HELP AT THE POLLS?

- You can bring a family member, close friend or support staff into the voting booth if you need help to vote because of your disability.
  - · You may not bring your employer, an agent of your employer or candidate whose name appears on the ballot.
  - You can also ask for help from the poll workers where you vote.

#### FOR HELP OR MORE INFORMATION:

- Call the Ohio Secretary of State's office at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446) or go to www.myohiovote.com. Email options are listed on the website.
- If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the AČLU of Ohio at 614-586-1959 or contact@acluohio.org
- If you feel that you have been discriminated against while trying to vote because of your disability, contact Disability Rights Ohio at 614-728-2553 or 800-858-3542 (TTY) or by emailing at http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/contact.

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