

# League of WomenVoters

Of the Greater Dayton Area



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# VOTERS GUIDE

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

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Polls are open from

6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.



# How the *Voters Guide* is compiled:

The League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area publishes the Voters Guide each vear to provide a forum for candidates and to list the issues on the November ballot. Questionnaires were distributed to candidates in Montgomery and Greene counties. Responses were printed without changes other

than cuts for exceeding length limits (250 characters for biography, 500 characters for

Due to 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 sought. Additional information on all candidates may be found at VOT411.org

NO RESPONSE indicates the candidate did not reply by the stated deadline. Asterisks (\*) denote incumbent candidates. Not all candidates submitted photos.

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.

## **Voting Process in 2023**

#### Ohio voters in 2023 will elect:

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

#### 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 website:

Montgomery County, 937-225-5656: https://www.montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/

Greene County: 937-562-6170; https://www.boe.ohio.gov/greene

#### How to vote

Election Day -- at your precinct polling

place; 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Early Voting at the County Board of Elections; schedule shown below
- Absentee vote at home and return your ballot by mail or to the County Board of Elections

#### **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 Nov. 7.
- 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. The last day to register for the Nov. 7 election is Tuesday, Oct. 10.

**Voter ID Requirements Have Changed** Photo ID IS NOW REQUIRED for in-person voting. 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)
- 2. A current and valid photo ID card issued by the State of Ohio or the U.S. government
- 3. A military ID with photo
- 4. A valid passport

Your ID must not have expired.

Check your ID before Election Day to make sure it will be valid.

If you do not have an acceptable photo ID, you can vote by mail (absentee) using the last 4 digits of your Social Security

**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

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Wednesday, Oct. 11 through Friday Oct. 13

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 16 through Friday Oct. 20

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 23 through Friday Oct. 27

7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 30

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Tuesday, Oct. 31

7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Wednesday Nov. 1 through Friday Nov. 3

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Saturday, Nov. 4

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Sunday, Nov. 5

No Early Voting - Monday, Nov. 6

## 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 listed 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.

# 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.montgomery.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/

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.

Your application for an absentee ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 (the Tuesday before election day). 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.

**Absentee Ballot Contents:** 

#### Voter instructions—READ **ALL INSTRUCTIONS** CAREFULLY

- White Identification envelope—MUST **BE FILLED OUT. SIGNED AND SEALED**
- Official Ballot Return Envelope—

### **MUST CONTAIN SEALED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE**

- "I Voted Today" sticker
- Check your ballot envelope for the correct postage to return your ballot by mail.

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 to the Board of Elections (NOT to a polling location) by the voter or a member of their immediate family.

### Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Monday, Nov. 6.

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.

## 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

























# **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 people age 16 and above to join the League.

#### What We Do:

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

Voter Registration

Candidate forums

Candidate interviews in partnership with DATV & MVCC

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

**Election Hotline** 

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

## **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

Present community discussions on redistricting and increasing voter participation

Provide voter registration support to many community organizations

Participate in naturalization ceremonies serving over 1000 new citizens annually

Observe government meetings

Audit Elections and post-election ballot certification

For more than 100 years the League has remained one of 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!

## **League of Women Voters Board of Directors**

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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 19th 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

The League of Women Voters welcomes everyone without regard to gender and age 16 and above to join us.

	One-year individual me Household membership	
_	Student membership	\$10 annually
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

Mail to: LWVGDA, 127 North Ludlow St., Dayton, OH 45402 or join online at www.lwvdayton.org. PH 937-228-4041 Thank you for your support!



# **OHIO STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES FALL 2023**

## Issue 1: A Self-executing **Amendment Relating to Abortion and Other Reproductive** Decisions

League Explanation of Issue 1: This issue would amend the Ohio Constitution to guarantee the right to reproductive freedom with protections for health and safety.

A "ves" vote supports amending the Ohio Constitution to:

- · establish a state constitutional right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," including decisions about abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care, and continuing pregnancy;
- prohibit the state of Ohio from interfering with this constitutional right, except when the state demonstrates "that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care:"
- allow the state to restrict abortion after fetal viability, defined as "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures;" and
- prohibit the state of Ohio from banning abortion when. in the professional judgment of a physician, an abortion "is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health."

A "no" vote opposes amending the Ohio Constitution to establish the constitutional right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions." This, then, allows the General Assembly to pass legislation banning or restricting abortion and other reproductive decisions.

#### Pros:

- 1. This amendment would restore the rights and protections for Ohioans that were eliminated by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision (Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization) in which the court held that the U.S. Constitution does not confer a right to abortion.
- 2. The amendment would restore rights and protections for Ohioans that were guaranteed in 1973 by a U.S.Supreme Court decision (Roe v. Wade) that held the right to privacy

under the 14th Amendment protected abortion as a fundamental right at least up until the time of fetal viability.

- 3. The amendment would establish that the doctor-patient relationship in Ohio ensures that individuals are empowered to make their own reproductive health decisions without interference from the government.
- 4. The amendment would establish that every individual in Ohio has the right to make reproductive decisions including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion. This is important for underserved populations, especially those with limited resources.
- 5. The amendment does not address gender affirming care
- 6. The amendment does not address or change any laws involving parental rights over minors.

- 1. The amendment would prohibit the Ohio General Assembly from regulating reproductive health decisions, including abortion, contraception, fertility treatment, continuation of pregnancies, and miscarriage care.
- 2. While the amendment says it allows a health exception for abortions after viability, it uses language that has been interpreted by the courts to include mental, financial, and social health—making it effectively impossible to enforce any protections for the fetus.
- 3. The amendment could only be changed by voters through a subsequent amendment. The policy on abortion should not be in the state constitution, but in state laws.
- 4. The amendment states that "every individual" has the right to carry out one's own reproductive decisions. This language could be interpreted by courts to mean that "every individual" includes minors, threatening parental consent laws on the medical care of minors.
- 5. The amendment states that reproductive decisions are "not limited to" contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion. This "not limited" language could be interpreted to include gender affirming care.
- 6. The State of Ohio, through the elected members of the General Assembly, should be able to enact laws that attempt to protect fetal life as much as possible.

For the complete ballot language for Issue 1, go to https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/ certified-language-9-21-ballot-board.pdf

## Issue 2: An Act to Commercialize, Regulate, **Legalize, and Tax** the Adult Use of Cannabis

League Explanation of Issue 2: If approved by voters, the initiated statute, titled An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis (the "Act"), would legalize and regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, and sale of marijuana in Ohio for adults who are at least 21 years old. Pursuant to the Act, Ohio residents would be permitted to cultivate up to six marijuana plants at their primary residence, with a maximum of twelve plants per residence where two or more persons who are at least 21 reside, and marijuana sales would be subject to a 10% adult-use tax, in addition to the traditional sales tax.

The Act also establishes a Division of Cannabis Control ("DCC") within the Ohio Department of Commerce. The DCC would be responsible for overseeing the adult-use market with the authority to license, regulate, investigate, and penalize licensees and those required to be licensed under the Act. This centralization is meaningful because currently, under Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program, dispensaries are regulated by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy while cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories are regulated by the Ohio Department of Commerce. The establishment of the DCC is expected to alleviate certain headaches resulting from the inter-agency regulatory overlap.

Another important impact of the An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis, and a result of adult-use legalization generally, is that the medical program's burdensome advertising restrictions are expected to be relieved significantly. As many Ohio licensees are aware, Ohio currently has very restrictive, burdensome, and, at times vague, advertising rules related to medical marijuana that significantly reduce the impact and effectiveness of marketing and advertising. With the legalization of adult-use marijuana, Ohioans can expect to see more creative and targeted advertising through more traditional outlets.

The Act also provides a significant boost to existing industry participants. Licensees who have either a certificate of operation or provisional license as of the effective date of the Act will be grandfathered into the adult-use program to expand into the recreational use area.

Importantly, there will be an opportunity for new operators to enter the Ohio market through a cannabis social equity and jobs program. At the outset, the DCC is to issue 40 recreational cultivator licenses and 50 adult-use dispensary licenses "with a preference" to applicants who are participants under the cannabis social equity and jobs

•This is an Act (law) which could be amended or repealed by the General Assembly and is NOT an amendment to the Ohio Constitution.

- 1. Decriminalizes cannabis, reduces incarcerations, and encourages sentencing reform.
- 2. Recreational cannabis is purported to have lower risks than alcohol. Cannabis will be regulated like alcohol (21
- 3. Unlike alcohol, cannabis has some health and medical benefits. Medical marijuana already is legal.
- 4. Would create jobs in cultivation and sales. Would establish a cannabis social equity and jobs program to help employ the social and economic disadvantaged.
- 5. Cannabis legalization would spur more research on health benefits and risk of usage.

#### Cons:

- 1. Cannabis is addictive and could lead to more serious drug use. Today's marijuana is much more potent than in the
- 2. Cannabis alters thinking and coordination, which could have dangerous consequences especially in relation to operating motor vehicles and job impairment.
- 3. Allowing home-grown cannabis will expose more youth to a psychoactive drug.
- 4. Legalization of recreational cannabis will require another state bureaucracy with increased government costs.
- 5. Legalization would require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction services to create a new program for cannabis addiction.

For the complete ballot language for Issue 2, go to https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2023/ issue-2-certified-language---08-24-23.pdf











# **CITY & VILLAGE RACES**

#### **Brookville Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHUCK LETNER \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Brookville Council** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in

#### **STEPHEN CRANE\***

No Response



#### JD FOWLER\*

**BIO:** Bachelors of Business

ANSWER #1: Securing funding for infrastructure projects and economic development. This is more difficult for smaller cities because we often rely on just a few industries or employers which makes us more vulnerable to economic downturns. -Limited retail options and restaurants.

**ANSWER #2:** At this time, residential

development is growing at a steady rate. Two of our preexisting subdivisions are just finishing construction, and we have one new subdivision currently being developed. We intend to continue to work with developers that will bring in affordable housing options while maintaining the small town feel of Brookville.



#### **DAMIAN KRISTOF**

**BIO:** BA History - The Ohio State University Masters Library & Information Science - Kent State University

**ANSWER #1:** Finding a balance between continuing to grow as a city while maintaining the community and traditions that make Brookville such a great and attractive place to live. As is common with many areas, infrastructure concerns must be addressed, so finding ways to fund and make

improvements to Brookville's roads and buildings will definitely need to be a priority. **ANSWER #2:** Our schools are some of the highest rated in the area and the parks and amenities offered are also very appealing to those looking to move. Combining that with our close-knit, active community, charming downtown and small-town feel, demand for housing in the area will only increase. Focusing on the right kinds of housing developments, with a commitment to them fitting into the styles and setups already present in the city should be the aim and if possible, offering more affordable options too.

#### **DENNIS PIPER**

No Response

#### **Centerville Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **BROOKS A. COMPTON \***

This not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Centerville Council** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing news in the city?



#### MARK A. ENGERT\*

**BIO:** Mark was born in Columbus. Ohio. He has lived in Centerville since 1999. He is married to Denise Scarpino Engert and has two daughters. Christina Engert Fischer and Carolyn Engert. He works for Stryker Orthopedics.

**ANSWER #1:** The challenge is enticing young families to move here and raise their families. We have tackled this issue by improving our green

space. For example, we have new upgrades coming to Stubbs park, including recently installed playground equipment. We also have a new park at Corner Stone, a great place for people to stroll, shop, or eat. Families enjoy the activities provided by our city including the Fall Fest, Party in the Park, & the Sunday Night Concert Series. Uptown is blossoming.

**ANSWER #2:** The City housing needs are being met. Allure Apartments, Gateway Lofts, Cornerstone Apartments, and Dogwood Commons are all newer available living spaces in Centerville. There are many options for our seniors including Bethany Village, St. Leonards and Randall Residence, In addition, Cornerstone Villas is currently under construction. This will provide new single family homes.



#### **BELINDA KENLEY\***

**BIO:** Centerville City Council-16 years; Deputy Mayor-4 years; Board Secretary-Centerville Community Improvement Corporation; Delegate-Dayton Development Coalition; Chair-Mayor's Business Advisory Task Force: Vice President-Ohio Municipal League

**ANSWER #1:** As Uptown Centerville becomes an increasingly desirable business area, Council

must make wise decisions about the types of businesses to allow and incentivize as well as address traffic and parking issues 2) Our population is aging. We must attract young people back to the area by proffering walkable, community-oriented neighborhoods 3) Balancing the desire of commercial property owners who want to sell to businesses that are not a good fit for the location, despite meeting zoning

**ANSWER #2:** Recently, quality multi-family units have been built in the city that offer appealing homes for empty nesters who no longer want to maintain a house and yard while also appealing to young professionals. Council understands issues that face elderly homeowners and have made grants available to help with expenses for exterior maintenance. We've partnered with Rebuilding Together Dayton and churches to provide free labor to assist homeowners unable to take care of essential maintenance issues



#### LOUIS T. (DUKE) LUNSFORD

**BIO:** Centerville resident since 1978. Two daughters CHS Grads; My wife (Terry) Centerville teacher 31 yrs.; I served on a plethora of boards/ committees in Centerville from 1990-2019; Former Exec. Director of Americana Festival: Elected to City Council in 2019

**ANSWER #1:** Currently, our beautiful warm and cheerful Centerville is having a growth spurt

within the uptown area. Therefore "parking" has become somewhat of a challenge. However, we are in the process of rectifying the situation, and residents will soon be able to not only park but walk to their favorite location whether it be to shop or to experience many of our new eateries.

**ANSWER #2:** Ahousing study for the city predicted that Centerville would lose significant population/housing units as of 2008 (the city has shown stability). The financial health of Centerville households is positive. Centerville can support raising a family and maintaining a home. The city has shown great progress by constructing over 1000 new housing units. Centerville's owner vs. renter-occupied housing unit percentages is comparable/better than its neighboring jurisdictions.



#### JENNIFER MEINEKE MCLAUGHLIN

**BIO:** I was born and raised in Centerville, Ohio. I am married to R.C. McLaughlin and have 3 children, Jacob, Danielle and Nicole. I am the Business Systems Manager for Sunstar Engineering Americas.

**ANSWER #1:** Budgetary Constraints: Revenue sources often fluctuate due to economic changes, making it challenging balancing budgets while meeting community needs requires prudent

financial management. Public Safety: We face the dual challenge of maintaining a well-staffed and equipped police department while adapting to emerging threats like cybercrime and substance abuse. Economic Development: Our development efforts need to attract and retain businesses, stimulate job growth, and foster economic equity.



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\*Indicates incumbent



**ANSWER #2:** It is essential council ensures an adequate supply of housing to accommodate population growth and changing demographics. As part of changing demographics, council needs to understand and plan for our aging population and need for senior housing options. Council also needs to prioritize the enforcement of city home maintenance and upkeep policies. Enforcement will enhance community appeal, property values and neighborhood quality.

#### **Clayton Council Ward 1** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing news in the city?

#### RYAN FARMER

No Response

#### **DENNIS LIEBERMAN\***

**BIO:** Married, Deborah Lieberman, 2 boys David and D.J. I have served on Clayton Council since 2013. I have lived and been active in the Northmont Community for over 30 years.

**ANSWER #1:** The biggest challenge in the next decade, will be to grow and change a stagnant aging population. Our community currently enjoys great police, fire, roads and parks. In large part, our citizens pay for these services through an income tax. The only way to increase revenue is to increase the income tax and/or increase the number of people who pay into it. Clayton must provide more housing and amenities to attract young families to live and work in our community and grow our revenue base.

**ANSWER #2:** The increase of housing is critical to the financial security of our city. Clayton has spent years developing a plan to attract more housing. Clayton does not own property to offer to developers. We, therefore, are limited to those private property owners who wish to sell their land. Our staff has successfully attracted the interest of a number of developments throughout our city. Our Council must also demand that studies be conducted of proposed developments, to protect neighbors' properties.

#### **Clayton Council Ward 2** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **KENNETH C. HENNING \***

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

#### **Clayton Council Ward 3** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JAMES T. GORMAN \*

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

## **Dayton Commission**

**QUESTION #1:** What should the city do to address the need for affordable housing for residents in lower-income brackets?

**QUESTION #2:** What ideas do you have for strengthening neighborhoods outside the downtown area?



#### MARCUS BEDINGER

**ANSWER 1:** First, we should use inclusionary zoning. This is a mechanism that encourages developers to include permanently affordable units in new or renovated residential buildings. Second, I would support Community Land Trusts, which is the acquiring of land with the purpose of building and maintaining permanently affordable housing. We see examples like Unified Power, whose goal is to develop affordable housing in West Dayton for Black

Vote for 2

residents. Lastly, I would streamline the process for developers who wish to build affordable housing in our outer neighborhoods. We should make it just as fulfilling an endeavor as creating luxury units downtown.

**ANSWER 2:** We currently have a National Historic Landmark –surrounded by dilapidated properties. That is a national embarrassment. As a resident of the Roosevelt-aa similar neighborhood on the West Side-I live the daily challenges that too many in Dayton face. One of my next door neighbors is an abandoned house where the trees overgrow the power lines and we pay the city to cut the grass. We must seriously address the abandoned and blighted homes that are a nuisance in nearly every Dayton neighborhood. Secondly, we must commit more resources to fixing sidewalks and alleyways, including additional lighting. Lastly, we have to develop more green spaces, including planting trees and community food gardens.



#### **VALERIE DUNCAN**

**BIO:** Valerie Duncan was born into a blue-collar family, where hard work and caring about her neighbors was a way of life. As a student in high school, she learned about the role local government plays in serving the people. She felt a calling to serve as an elected official to enhance the community of Dayton, Valerie has a degree in Urban Affairs and a Masters degree in Public Administration.

**ANSWER #1:** Affordable Housing is where a person can live and afford to pay for housing with their income. It's a place where families feel safe and call home. It's time for the Dayton City Development and other partnerships to help restore Dayton's housing stock to expand the availability of affordable housing. The same strategies that help downtown need to be applied to help with low and moderate housing throughout Dayton. We must increase neighborhood investment, and home ownership with the boarded-up housing by leveraging institutional partnerships to reestablish a sense of community pride, and vitality.

**ANSWER #2:** Major development is continuing to revitalize downtown Dayton. As a result, millions of dollars are being invested in Downtown. The City of Dayton needs to commit the same efforts to revitalize Dayton neighborhoods. The City of Dayton needs to play a vital role in helping small business districts and improving

Dayton's housing stock to help stabilize our communities. Ensure Dayton's water is free from harmful chemicals that affect our family's health. I will address issues including food deserts, creating high-paying jobs, increasing youth development, and repaving our damaged, broken streets.



#### **MATT JOSEPH\***

**BIO:** Dayton City Commissioner Matt Joseph was first elected to the Commission in 2003 and is currently serving his fifth term.

**ANSWER #1:** Our city, just like the rest of the country, has a need for new housing in all income categories. We must continue to work with our partners to make it as easy as possible to build and provide new affordable housing. We can also watch

over the rental process to make sure no one is discriminated against in the process of finding a home. Our Human Relations Council has powerful tools available to enforce nondiscrimination laws. This year we passed an ordinance that says renters can't be discriminated against due to their source of income. We also passed pay-to-stay legislation which is designed to help keep renters in their homes if at all possible if they are paid up on rent and fees.

**ANSWER #2:** Strengthening neighborhoods has been a top priority for us. We have a plan to remove 1100 abandoned structures. We have awarded \$2.6 million in federal-funded grants for housing repair to Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity. We are spending more on neighborhood road repaving and sidewalk replacement. We have reorganized the housing inspection division, which is now fully staffed, and given them new tools to make sure that properties are in good shape. We will continue to encourage the private investments in downtown and all over the city that enable us to fund neighborhood improvements and make them sustainable.



#### **CHRIS SHAW\***

**BIO:** Chris Shaw was first elected to the Dayton City Commission in November 2015 and is currently serving his second term. He is running for a third term to continue making Dayton a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

**ANSWER #1:** The first and most important thing we can do is to work with or partners to make it as easy as possible to build and provide

new affordable housing. We have a close working relationship with Greater Dayton Premier Management, the region's biggest single provider of affordable housing (around 16,000 families annually), and other developers who are increasing the supply of quality affordable housing, including Homefull and Habitat for Humanity, Second, we can watch over the rental process to make sure no one is discriminated against in the process of finding a home. Earlier this year, we passed an ordinance that says renters can't be discriminated against due to their source of income.

**ANSWER #2:** The Commission should continue to do things that have been proven to work. We plan to knock down 1100 decrepit and unusable houses. We have reorganized the police department to put more officers on patrol and assign geographic beats. We have increased spending on neighborhood road repaving, sidewalk replacement and yard brush and branch clearing. We have reorganized the housing inspection division, which is now fully staffed, and given them new tools to make sure that properties are in good shape. And we need to continue to encourage

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the private investments in downtown and all over the city that bring in the tax dollars that ultimately make these neighborhood improvements possible and sustainable.

## **Dayton Municipal Court Judge** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **FRANK GEHRES**

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

### **Dayton Municipal Court Judge** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHRISTOPHER D. ROBERTS \***

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

### **Dayton Municipal Court Judge** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DEIRDRE E. LOGAN \***

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

#### **Englewood Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

**OUESTION #2:** Describe how your leadership style will help you lead the city.



#### **TOM FRANZ\***

**BIO:** Married to Barb 54 vears, 3 children: Paul, Chris Utt. Cathy Gough, 11 grandchildren. Served on Englewood planning commission 1983-1991, City Council 1991-2019 Mayor 2019 present, Graduated Sinclair 1978. Wright State 2006 cum laude.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe Englewood is the best ran city in Ohio. City streets are resurfaced on a regular basis. Water/sewer lines are

tops. Safe drinking water. Fall finds crews picking up leaves weekly. Winter streets are snow/ ice free as possible. Citizens tax dollars are wisely used. The City has a \$20 million balance. I believe our biggest challenge is keeping young people/families moving in. Once they see how safe they are because of our excellent Police and Fire department they will choose Englewood.

**ANSWER #2:** My leadership style is lais-sez faire attitude. I am confident me and the remainder of the City Council have hired the right person, the current manager, to run the city on a daily basis. Stand aside an allow the professional do his/her iob. So as Mayor, I do the following: stay on the side encouraging, smile, try to avoid saying something stupid, smile, tell mom how pretty her baby is, smile. Encourage the city employees to do what's best for our citizens and be there in time of crisis.



#### CATHY MCGRAIL

BIO: Englewood resident and active community member over 35 years; Northmont Rotarian; Northmont Chamber of Commerce (past president); Notary Public; Broker at Keller Williams Home Town Realty. Bachelor's & Masters from the University of Dayton. Married

**ANSWER #1:** While we have a financially secure City. what I hear citizens discussing is the need to bring a variety of complimentary businesses to the area to revitalize Englewood. They also want to see vacant buildings repurposed, provide more community style events and affordable housing. Having an actionable strategic plan in place can help achieve this.

**ANSWER #2:** I believe in open communication. All voices should be heard. I am accessible, responsive and an independent thinker. I welcome community involvement and I am a voice for the people I represent.

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

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **BRAD DAUGHERTY\*** STEVE P. HENNE \* FRED B. HUELSMAN

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

#### **Farmersville Mayor** Vote for 1

No valid petition was filed for this race.

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

No valid petition was filed for this race.

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# Germantown Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

# BONNIE GUNCKEL KOOGLE \* JEFFREY FRANK JONES \* RICK REED \*

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

# Huber Heights Council at Large

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

**QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in the city?



#### **FRED AIKENS**

Vote for 1

BIO: Dr. Fred Aikens has over 30 years of management experience in corporate operations and higher education. He is the Dean of the College of Business at Central State. Married for 32 years to Dr. Theresa Aikens, with 2 children.

ANSWER #1: Based on conversations with stakeholders, the most prevalent issues in Huber Heights are URBANIZATION, resulting in traffic congestion, stress on public services including police, fire, and EMS. An AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, of which water delivery and depreciating streets and sidewalks have been topics in recent meetings; GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY because transparent and accountable governance is crucial for addressing the city's challenges effectively. Collectively, we can mitigate these issues.

**ANSWER #2:** Addressing housing needs in Huber is a complex challenge that requires a comprehensive approach. The city must adapt and respond to the needs of those who are attracted to it. Primary, community engagement to determine needs is critical; Additionally, the city should create affordable housing solutions while leveraging the favorable position with developers; Creating homeownership programs can assist low- and mid-income families in learning how to improve credit and buy homes in Huber Heights.

#### PAUL D. WHITLEY (Write-in)

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# Huber Heights Council District 1

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **SCOTT A. DAVIDSON**

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

# Huber Heights Council District 2

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DON WEBB \***

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

# Huber Heights Council District 6 Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

**QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing news in the city?

#### **BRIAN P. LOONEY**

No Response

#### **THOMAS F. MCMASTERS**

No Response

# Kettering Council District 1 Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

**QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing news in the city?





**ANSWER #1:** Business development and land redevelopment, along with affordable housing, are the biggest issues facing our city. The rising costs of housing are forcing families out of Kettering, which has an impact on our tax base. I'm working to bring more middle income and workforce housing to our city. I'm also encouraging new businesses to set up shop in Kettering. I'm confident that these actions will help address our tightening budget.

**ANSWER #2:** Land use and zoning policies are at the crux of what the city of Kettering should be focused. We must reconsider how we look at our use of land to promote healthy, affordable homes. Zoning policies can be utilized to work towards more and better housing by being flexible and meeting the needs of residents and developers. Financial policies in Kettering must reflect our support of proven programs that help keep housing prices stable and allow our citizens to remain in Kettering.

# JOSEPH D. OVERHOLSER

**BIO:** Christian; 20+ year Kettering resident; married father of 4 Fairmont grads and grandfather to 3; IT Project Manager at WPAFB; multi-sports official; former youth sports coach and administrator

**ANSWER #1:** Fiscal responsibility and safety are our biggest challenges. We have record inflation and higher taxes than most in the state. The city must find a way to be better stewards of tax payer money and lower the tax burden. We can better utilize the Fraze and Rec Center to generate more income. The city also needs to find creative ways to decrease expenses. There has a been an uptick in crime. Thus, it is essential Kettering maintain a strong police force by recruiting and retaining the best.

**ANSWER #2:** Kettering is fortunate to have many

housing options. The city should ensure new housing projects in our limited space are quality projects. Kettering currently offers low interest loans for home improvements. This is a good program I seek to expand. Kettering should also assist with housing needs by being a good steward of tax payer money and finding ways to reduce taxes. Programs such as curb repairs need to be reevaluated due to the financial burden it places on homeowners and tenants.

# Kettering Council District 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **BOB SCOTT \***

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

# Kettering Council District 3 Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **SHANE SULLIVAN**

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

# Kettering Council District 4 Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

**QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in the city?

#### LASUE JUNIEL

No Response



#### **BRYAN N. SUDDITH**

BIO: Bryan and his wife of 26 years have been residents and homeowner in Kettering since 2001. Bryan has been active in the city graduating from the Kettering Leadership Academy in 2005, a Parks Board and a member of the Charter Review Commission.







**ANSWER #1:** One of the city's biggest challenge is housing, both affordable and market rate. As a landlocked municipality, finding ways to build new single and multi family units is the key to our growth as a city. Additionally, our demographics are changing and they are changing fast. We become more and more diverse every month. Ensuring that our city is welcoming and accessible to every citizen is a

**ANSWER #2:** They should keep doing what they are doing. Clearing the red tape hurdles and building consensus to bring new multi unit housing to the city. The city has done a great job of using local and federal dollars to assist residents with critical repair and updates to their homes, helping to maintain the stock we have.

## **Kettering Municipal Court Judge**

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JIM LONG \*

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

#### **Miamisburg Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** How do you see the role of mayor in the city manager form of

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?



#### **MICHELLE COLLINS \***

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** The city manager is the chief executive of the city. My role as mayor is to seek understanding of policies and decisions that are made on the executive level. As a symbolic head of the community, I'm in a unique position to interface with both staff and citizen. I feel a responsibility to be able to offer explanation for policies and or

procedures taken by city staff. I have great confidence in our current city manager and the dedicated department heads that help make our city what it is!

**ANSWER #2:** With every community, safety and infrastructure are always top of mind. Budgets and plans need to made yearly to address both. Retaining and attracting quality employers help a city to maintain their population and attract new citizens. And finally, offering a atmosphere that facilitates a city that not is economically viable but offers amenities for all to enjoy and be proud to call Miamisburg home!



## **KELLI L. WEBB**

**BIO:** Female, Age 48

**ANSWER #1:** The role of Mayor in Miamisburg acts as the ceremonial head of our City, and is the Presiding Officer of the Council. In the event of a tied vote among Council members, this position votes on resolutions, ordinances, and all other matters presented to Council. The importance of this role is great, as is its influence on current issues and

appropriate resolutions for residents. The position administers oaths as well as upholds judicial powers bestowed upon mayors under Ohio law.

**ANSWER #2:** Water. Our water system is the single biggest challenge, and its quality and price have a direct, negative effect on every resident, every day. As I canvassed neighborhoods, I quickly realized this issue would comprise the greater portion of my platform, and it will remain the cause for which I fight for our residents. I've heard your concerns, I share your concerns, and I promise to take action that can and will be accounted for by both monetary and quality means of measurement.

#### Miamisburg Council at Large Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**STEVEN E. BEACHLER \* RYAN COLVIN \* JEFF NESTOR \*** 

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

### **Miamisburg Municipal Court Judge** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ALYSE RETTICH \***

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

#### **Moraine Council District 1** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **RANDY M. DAUGHERTY \***

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

#### **Moraine Council District 2** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DAVID MILLER \***

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

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

\*Indicates incumbent

#### SHIRLEY WHITT \*

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

## **Moraine Council District 4**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JEANETTE MARCUS \*

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

#### **New Lebanon Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** How do you see the role of mayor in the city manager form of

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?

#### **RAYMOND ARRIOLA\***

No Response

#### **DAVID J. NICKERSON**

**BIO:** I am a 33 year U.S. Army Combat Veteran with a background in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive experience. Trained in Mass Casualty Decontamination. I was a Firefighter/EMT for New Lebanon for many years.

**ANSWER #1**:The Mayor is responsible for making sure the city manager is held to the highest levels of accountability and ensuring all department heads are held to the highest standards with regards to word orders, job performance and professionalism. The mayor is also responsible for every citizen of the community, to maintain a positive and focused relationship with all citizens.

**ANSWER #2:** Lack of community support because of the previous leadership's poor management of our communities tax dollars and infrastructure and mismanagement of tax dollars and spendings.

#### New Lebanon Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

TIMOTHY L. BACK **GALE JOY\* MELISSA SEXTON** CHRISTOPHER K. SANDS \* (Write-In)

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#### Oakwood Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**STEVEN BYINGTON \* WILLIAM D. DUNCAN \* HEALY JACKSON** 

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## Phillipsburg Mayor

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** Describe how your leadership style will help you lead the city

**REBECCA FORD \*** 

No Response

**SHAWNA L. NEWSOM** 

No Response

## Phillipsburg Council Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### HEATHER CRAFT HOPE HOARD

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

# Phillipsburg Board of Public Affairs Vote for 2

No valid petition was filed for this race.

## Riverside Mayor Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **PETE WILLIAMS \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### Riverside Council Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

# ANDY R. BROWN JESSE MAXFIELD \*

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



### Trotwood Mayor Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** How do you see the role of mayor in the city manager form of

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?



#### MARY A. MCDONALD \*

**BIO:** Mary A. McDonald is the Mayor of the City of Trotwood, Ohio, and has served on City Council since 2005. She is an entrepreneur who has served the Miami Valley for over 40 years.

**ANSWER #1:** By Trotwood City Charter, the Mayor is the ceremonial head of the city. This means she is the official leader and voice for the city. She chairs meetings and when public opinion is shared, she is that voice. I also see the Mayor's role as

providing oversight to the City Manager by sharing citizens interest and concerns, being sure the City Manager has the understanding of the community as it is their responsibility to care for the day-to-day operations of the staff and the city needs.

**ANSWER #2:** I see the need for additional housing as a big challenge. We have many citizens who wish to return to Trotwood after we lost population following the 2019 Memorial Day tornado that devastated our community. I also see the need for more retail and restaurant establishments. We are temporarily answering the food needs by providing access to food trucks, but the ideal solution would be brick and mortar restaurants and retail establishments.



#### **YVETTE F. PAGE**

**BIO:** Trotwood residence for 44 years, retired from RAI Inc with 37 years of service I have 3 children 2nd term on the Trotwood City Council I am a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc and Phillips Temple Church Trotwood

**ANSWER #1:** I see the role of Mayor in a city manager form of government as a policy maker. The Mayor has to work closely with the Council,

city manager, legal, and staff to ensure that the needs and wants of the citizens are met. In the role of the Mayor, it is extremely important that everyone involved in the decision making process for the city are given the equipment and knowledge to make an informed decision in a timely manner

**ANSWER #2:** The biggest challenges facing the city of Trotwood are attracting more businesses, home ownership, market rate housing, consumer square, more amenities for youth, seniors, and families, entrepreneurships, and lowering taxes.

## Trotwood Council at Large Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the city council



#### RHONDA C. FINLEY\*

**BIO:** Rhonda Findlay, a two-term elected official for the city of Trotwood, is employed at WPAFB as the Command Country Manager for the Middle East region overseeing a \$3 Billion portfolio. Ms. Finlay earned her graduate degree from WSU.

**Answer #1:** Economic Development (ED) - programs, policies and activities that seek to improve the economic well-being of citizens-

remains one of the biggest challenges facing our community. It is the driving force to our community's growth. It has a major impact on business locations and the places where people choose to live, work and play. Attracting investors to redevelop vacant commercial buildings and land is a major ED initiative in Trotwood. At the core, our community cannot thrive without ED.

**Answer #2:** I bring 15 years of economic development experience, a can-do proactive mindset, the fortitude to work in a collaborative, inclusive environment, and the drive to embrace challenges. I have a proven track record of delivering real results to our city where I will continue to fight for the prosperity of our community and the will of our people. I bring a sincere willingness to listen to our residents; remain committed to the growth of people, and the building of true community.

#### **ROBERT L. KELLEY JR\***

No Response



#### **DENISE MOORE**

**BIO:** Denise Moore is employed at Hospice of Dayton, and a member of the Trotwood Board of Education. In 2021, she was recognized as Dayton's Remarkable Woman. Earning Doctorate BA Dec. 2023

**ANSWER #1:** I believe some major challenges facing Trotwood, Ohio include Economic Development, Infrastructure and Public Services, Roads, Housing

and Neighborhood Revitalization, Crime and Public Safety, Trotwood Madison School System, Economic Disparities, and Community Engagement and Inclusion.

**ANSWER #2:** My 49 years of living in Trotwood have given me an understanding of the city's unique issues. As a member of the Trotwood Community Corporation, I have gained insight into Trotwood's plans. Having served 18 years on the Trotwood Board of Education, the National Alliance for School Educators, the Ohio School Board Association, and as a Board of Directors Health Policy Institute Ohio, I have developed my expertise in community activism and policymaking, which will make me an asset to Trotwood.



#### **NORMAN J. SCEARCE**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** One of the biggest challenges i see facing our city is incompetent leadership. We currently have leadership who don't completely understanding the significance of their roles.

**ANSWER #2:** The skill and experience I'll

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bring to the society include having served as a Trotwood School Board member. I've served as the city's charter review chairman and has served on the CIC which is the city's economic development arm.

#### **Union Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MIKE O'CALLAGHAN \*

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

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

\*Indicates incumbent

**ROBERT I. BENNETT \*** JOHN BRUNS \* LYNNE THOMAS-ROTH \*

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

#### Vandalia Mayor Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **RICHARD HERBST\***

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

#### Vandalia Council Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **OUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in the city?



#### AMBER AIVALOTIS WEAVER

**BIO:** I have worked as the Operations Manager for my family's small business for the past eighteen vears. I am a wife, mother and businesswoman, I serve on nine boards throughout the community.

**ANSWER #1:** Creating a more vibrant, walkable and bicycle friendly downtown with businesses that attract our residents, while competing against a large volume of semi-truck traffic. We also have an

aging infrastructure that needs attention. Many are well past their life span.

**ANSWER #2:** When approving proposed new housing developments, the City Council needs to be mindful of what the target market is. Will it fit the needs of the community and those wanting to invest here? When they weigh these decisions out before approving housing developments, they can help satisfy the housing needs. It is also time to look at newer housing options. We have limited land so considering building up may be one option to consider to add more housing opportunities.

## **CINDY DOOGAN**

**BIO:** I have lived in Vandalia for 24 years. My husband, of 44 years, and I have two sons, I received a degree in English Secondary Ed and an accounting degree. We both want what is best for Vandalia.

**ANSWER #1:** Our aging population must be provided for in new construction, parks, businesses, and homes. This coincides with ADA necessities. Building of warehouses continues to progress

and, along with them, the trucks which affect safety and air pollution. A truck goes through our city once every 7 minutes. Revenue building is another challenge we have. The majority of our revenue comes from people who live elsewhere and work in Vandalia. We must provide the right housing and jobs within the city.

**ANSWER #2:** The city needs to stop rezoning existing land to Industrial instead of residential. We need to search for public properties to purchase, solicit quotes from builders, and use that land for the sole purpose of building affordable housing for our present and future residents. Our lack of housing has caused prospects to look in other cities such as Englewood and Tipp City.



#### **COREY M. FOLLICK\***

**BIO:** A lifelong Vandalia resident and proud 1995 Butler High School graduate: earned a Master degree in Public Administration (University of Dayton); current Chief of Police for the City of Englewood, with over 28 years of local government work experience

**ANSWER #1:** Our city's aging infrastructure (streets, water & sewer systems, parks), our two

decades-long stagnant population, and balancing the financial benefits of future development (much needed income tax revenue growth) with quality-of-life concerns. Vandalia has to be "open for business," flexible and responsive to the changing regional development activities, so we can attract and retain businesses that largely finance the top-tier services our residents receive and expect for years to come.

**ANSWER #2:** With limited opportunity for new residential growth, Council needs to be selective in our zoning and planning decisions for both new and established residential areas. Using information gathered during our 2020 Comprehensive Plan

process, we are addressing the need for modern, lower-density housing options (Redwood), while exploring future mixed-use options in a reimagined-downtown, and identifying opportunities to reinvest in our older neighborhoods to attract firsttime home buvers.

#### JACK R. HERBST

No Response



#### **CONSTANCE R. WOODS\***

**BIO:** CPA. CGMA. MBA. PFS

**ANSWER #1:** In my conversations with residents, there is significant concern around the increased volume of truck traffic created by the distribution warehouses in the area. In response the council is taking steps to mitigate the problem. Such as a ring road, signage, and drafting legislation. Most of these facilities are located in neighboring cities

and townships, limiting our ability to control their growth. We hear our residents' concerns and are taking the best actions to alleviate them.

**ANSWER #2:** If we want to create a future environment of prosperity for our community, we need to embrace developments that encourage growth. This may include developing new housing communities that bring in potential working families to generate additional income tax revenue. While some may fear new developments and the impact they may have on traffic patterns or local schools, all challenges must be weighed against their potential benefits.

#### **West Carrollton Mayor** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

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

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

#### West Carrollton Council Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ANGIE FRYMAN \*** JILL TOMLIN \*

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







## **TOWNSHIP RACES**

#### **Butler Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MISSY PRUSZYNSKI \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Butler Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **GREGORY A. BRUSH \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Clay Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?

#### **KYLE GROH**

No Response

#### STEVEN A. WOOLF\*

No Response

### **Clay Township Trustee Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DUANE HEUKER \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

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

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MARK B. BROWNFIELD \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **German Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### LOU POTTER JR.

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **German Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **MARK A. HEISTAND**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Harrison Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DANIELLE BRADLEY\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Harrison Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CRAIG A. JONES \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## **Jackson Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **MICHAEL MOYER \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Jackson Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ELIZABETH KOZAREC \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Jefferson Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **OUESTION #2:** What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?

QUESTION #3: Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the township board of trustees.

#### **JOSEPH J.W. BARNES \***

No Response



#### **OSCAR YOUNG**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** school system road conditions Be more fiscal responsible in how funds are allocated.

**ANSWER #2:** Making sure properties meet current housing code standards.

**ANSWER #3:** I have 30 years of investigative and analytical experience as a retired ODRC

employee. A resident of the township for 23 plus years. An active volunteer of the community and a current member of the Jefferson Township School Board.

## Jefferson Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What will be your top priority as fiscal officer? **QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience that qualify you to be the township fiscal officer.



#### **CHARLENE E. CHATTAMS**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** Ensure the public understand where monies are being used. Haveca financial statement public can view and understand.

ANSWER #2: I have been treasure for Mv ACN team here in Dayton for over 10 years. I am the financial person for the Dayton Alumni group in Dayton for over eight years. I did complete some

accounting courses at Sinclair Community College.



#### TRACEY M. EDWARDS\*

**BIO:** Current Fiscal Officer since 2013, PhD in Organization Management - Capella University, 2008. Masters in General Administration- CMU. 2000. B of S in Math- UD, 1984. B of S in Engineering - UC. 1981, and a life time resident of JT.

**ANSWER #1:** Top priority is maintaining the official acts/records of the township, overseeing the funds and working collaboratively with the

trustees to ensure resources are utilized in the best interest of all residents. Continue transparency in the township's financial dealings through the township website and newsletter. Assist in updating the township's records retention policy making information available for public records request and ensuring compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.





Vote for 1

**ANSWER #2:** Tenured Township Fiscal Officer since 2013. Extensive background in government finances. Highly proficient in the Uniform Accounting Network used for managing of the township's finances. Extensive knowledge in the state finance laws and compliance standards. Well versed on the Ohio Revised Code. The needed continuity for the Jefferson Township community. Extensive knowledge of internal control requirements/procedures. Strong communication, organizational and interpersonal skills.

#### **Miami Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?



#### **DONALD R. CULP\***

**BIO:** As a young engineer. Don spent 6 years with NASA supporting the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs before continuing his 3 decade career at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in support of the USAF and its aircrft programs.

**ANSWER #1:** Redevelopment of vacant commercial properties is a priority. The Dayton Mall and LexisNexis campus provide unique

opportunities to reimagine the image of Miami Township's 'downtown' and attract new technologies to its outlying employment base. The Board has recently approved new development in the airport area - development which will grow our employment and tax base without requiring direct township investment.

**ANSWER #2:** Former trustee Doug Barry and myself ensured that the new Rivendell development was a responsible and positive addition to the Township by requiring adherence to building codes appropriate for the neighborhood. I approved of minor property annexations in support of new Miamisburg Pipestone area housing developments (Aberdeen and Deer Valley).



#### MICHAEL B. SHORT

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** I think one of the biggest issues facing the township today is maintaining our current infrastructure and services without raising taxes on our residents . We need to learn how to best utilize the money we have, and seek out monetary subsidies from other area agencies.

**ANSWER #2:** The Township needs to work closely with local developers and the zoning board to ensure we have enough available housing. We need to make sure the developers have resources available that entice them to build in Miami Township. We also need to work closely with the State and Montgomery County to find ways to benefit all of us. I'm prepared to build those relationships.

## **Miami Township Fiscal Officer**

**QUESTION #1:** What will be your top priority as fiscal officer?

**QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience that qualify you to be the

**GREG CLINGERMAN\*** 

**BIO:** I was raised in Cincinnati, as the oldest of four children. Sports were my favorite activity growing up

and I went to Catholic schools, graduating from La

Salle High School. As A youngster, I caddied and picked up the game of golf. That dedication to

**ANSWER #1:** My top priority, even now as the

present Fiscal Officer, is to create efficiencies in how the township monies are spent and how they are

\*Indicates incumbent

township fiscal officer.

**Vote for 1 Perry Township Trustee** 

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?

#### **BLAINE F. HEETER\***

No Response

#### **BOYD L. WARNER**

No Response

#### **Perry Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHARITY F. GRILL\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Washington Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2**: What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?

#### **BOB MATTHEWS**

invested to generate the greatest return possible. Also, just as important, is keeping

**ANSWER #2:** First, the greatest skill I have developed over the years is

relationship building. So I am very good at creating trust with the staff and keeping outside stakeholders in the loop regarding the township financial needs and mission.

Then I have over 12 years of experience managing client wealth and their financial

plans. Money is nothing more than a tool that I understand how to use, to allow

the lines of communication open with our bank and brokerage houses.

individuals as well as entities like the township to reach their goals.

**BIO:** Bob has a Master's degree in Computing Science from Texas A&M University, is married with 2 children, and has owned a home in Miami Township for 20 years. Bob has lived in Montgomery County for over 40 years

**ANSWER #1:** I will ensure tax dollars are spent well and correctly -- Personally review expenditures: Get competitive bids for buys: Enact cost saving

ideas; Maximize returns on investments; Be "On Site" in office for the team instead of being a "Absentee Officer" as the previous Fiscal Officer; Post financial statements on the Internet (neglected for 2 years). In short, I will faithfully do the real work as elected to do, instead of taking a paycheck, and paying tax dollars to someone else

**ANSWER #2:** Honest, Hardworking, Organized, Creative, Excellent Communication Skills; Master's degree in Computing Science from Texas A&M; Currently designing Digital Billing systems for Nationwide Insurance; Implemented fund-base accounting systems for Ohio cities and Montgomery County; Oversaw \$190,000 urban development projects as a government official; Doubled the annual return on for the Miamisburg Hillgrove Cemetery fund; On the project management team for a \$1 Billion project for the US Air Force



#### SCOTT COLWELL

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** I believe remaining financially responsible will continue to be the single biggest challenge facing the township. Essential services have continued to be funded via levies as I believe our community respects the quality of the services being provided. I believe that seeking opportunities for additional cost savings and investments, could help improve finances even further.

**ANSWER #2:** The township is going to have to be pro-active, while guarding the investments made by the citizens that currently call Washington Township home. I'm aware there is an increased demand for multi family homes. I believe if the community desires it, it should be near our commercial areas, not in the more rural parts of the township. There needs to be a balanced approach where everyone









#### DAVID M. CORDONNIER

**BIO:** Most of my career I worked in state and federal government various roles, such as Senior Legislative Aide in the Ohio Senate and District

Director in Congress. I'm a member of Centerville Noon Optimists and active at Normandy Methodist Church.

**ANSWER #1:** This is an exciting time for the township. The population is growing, housing market is competitive, and development is consistent. Excitement also bring challenges. Housing is one of those challenges and I'll share more in the next question. Property taxes continue to grow, so we need to work creatively and diligently to finds ways of easing the burden on township residents. We also need smart development. We must be thoughtful, forward thinking, and keep community priorities paramount. **ANSWER #2:** The trustees certainly can help

address housing needs in our community. We can find ways for a more diverse housing environment. Whether you're a senior on fixed income or a young family, the housing market is impacting everyone. Through our land use plan and strategic plans, they lay the blueprint of community priorities for developers looking to build. Updating our land use plan will be helpful and starting conversations for strategic future planing will set the township for future success.



#### BRIAN P. LUNNE

**BIO**: Married (Carev Maeder) father of three kids (Elizabeth 18. Alex 16. Emma 13), Small business owner for 30+years, President of Lunne Lawn & Landscaping.

Washinton Township Zoning Commission member since 2019, Coach/Volunteer for several youth teams.

**ANSWER #1:** Like many other communities in the State, I think the biggest challenge facing Washington Township is continuing to balance the goal of providing exceptional services in a cost efficient manner to our residents. Our residents enjoy the many amenities and services offered in our community. We

need to continue to provide those services while being mindful of the cost to the taxpayers.

**ANSWER #2:** Fortunately, in Washington Township, there is a mix of housing options for families and individuals. That wide range of options is what attracts people to live, work and play in Washington Township. We are so fortunate to have excellent schools, park district, libraries and businesses, which make Washington Township a destination.



# WEISKITTLE

**BIO:** No Reponse

ANSWER #1: As a taxpayer in the township for over 38 years, the biggest challenge I see is ensuring

the Township's efficient use of taxpayer funds. To accomplish this, we need to ensure responsible use of tax dollars, promote transparency through town hall meetings, and collaborate with other local governments to efficiently address shared challenges. We need to implement smart budgeting strategies. Finally, we need initiatives that boost local businesses. driving increased revenue and creating jobs.

**ANSWER #2:** Following a housing study, it is important the Township work with local governments and builders to address local housing needs. This includes working with the County and the State to identify opportunities to increase local funding, seek grants, and manage expenses. The Township should work with builders to find ways to bring more cost affordable housing to the Township. It is important to balance additional housing and growth with protecting the investments of existing Township homeowners.

#### **Washington Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **GARY P. SMIGA \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# **SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

### **Montgomery County Educational Service Center** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### CINDA SHELL TOMAS STECK

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

#### **Montgomery County Educational Service Center Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DARYL MICHAEL**

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

### **Brookville School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it.

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.



#### **ROGER A. BOWYER**

**BIO:** No Response

ANSWER #1: ASchool board member is to follow the mission of the school which states. The Mission of the Brookville Local School is to challenge, prepare, and support all students to realize their potential. We do this by

supporting our Superintendent and all employees of the district. We need to be the liaison(s) for all parents of the students that attend Brookville Local Schools.

**ANSWER #2:** I feel my(our) roll is to stop ALL outside influences from infiltrating our district in anyway. The board needs to be transparent in every way we legally can. We need to support our Superintendent, staff and students of our district.

**ANSWER #3:** No Response

#### **TIMOTHY J.DENLINGER\***

No Response



#### FRED GARBER

**BIO:** Brookville High School ('70); Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois ('83); Faculty, The Ohio State University ('83-'90); Faculty, Wright State University ('90 - '21).

**ANSWER #1:** The Brookville local school board is responsible

for ensuring the school system provides the best possible educational environment for each student. Each school board member represents parents and community members in oversight of this critically-important service to the community. Families throughout the district entrust their children to the teachers, classrooms, and various school functions. Every school board member is responsible for honoring this trust with transparency and integrity.

**ANSWER #2:** Brookville schools are among the most effective (in terms of graduation rate) and efficient (in terms of expenditures per student) in Montgomery County. While building on this excellence, the school system should prioritize enhancing the trust and transparency within the community, affirming and developing an excellent teaching staff, responding to the dynamic needs of the regional/national workforce, and incorporating appropriate and beneficial technologies into the curriculum.

#### ANSWER #3:

I am the father of three children, all of whom attended Brookville Schools, I have served The Ohio State University and Wright State University as a faculty member and department chair in Electrical Engineering - though I am not one who believes "college" should be an ultimate goal for everyone. I am concerned as I see the educational landscape changing in the U.S. and the technology landscape changing world-wide. I want to give back in service to my Brookville community.

#### **LAUREN N. HESTER**

No Response









#### **DARREN MCNEW**

**BIO:** Graduate of Brookville High School. Bachelor's degree and currently employed as a Senior System Engineer. Have been married for 16 years to my beautiful wife and have two daughters that I love more than anything. Previously have taught Sunday School.

**ANSWER #1:** To work with the Superintendent on school policy. To speak and work with parents

and the community to understand concerns and to work with other board members based on those concerns to creating and implement policies based on values that align with our community.

**ANSWER #2:** Minimizing and hope to eliminate outside influence and focus on issues that relate directly with our community. Our school system aligns with our community values, so we need to focus on what matters to our parents and community and work to address these issues on a local level. Ensure the staff understands the community values to better assist in working with students and parents to what matters most to them. Work on policies that relate to the community concerns to better align our values.

**ANSWER #3:** My biggest experience would be that I'm a parent. Being a parent with children in school, I'm already involved and know what is going on. I am also very big in the community and care deeply about it. I also care deeply for children and their futures. I have taught Sunday school, coached sports and just in general try to be involved and encourage our children when I can. I run projects at work, and with my ability to listen, I can help bring the voice of our community into the school.



#### **SUSAN H. STECK\***

**BIO:** Registered Nurse working at MVCTC in the Adult Ed department teaching nursing. Married Tom 42 years, 3 children 5 grandsons

**ANSWER #1:** The role of a school board member is to work with the entire school board as respresentatives of our community in which we live. The school board members are responsible to efficiently and effectively manage the school

district in partnership with the superintendent and treasurer. Enhancing the leadership of the superindentent is important in the promotion of the community's high expectations for the students we serve.

**ANSWER #2:** The first concern I see facing the school districts are the familial issues which disrupt the concentration necessary for the students to learn in the classroom. It is vital that we address the needs of the entire child and family in regards to assisting with the necessary resouces for daily survival. We not only educate the child, we must include his or her family unit. The second issue is the need to keep up with the everchanging technology. Provide resources for home and school use.

**ANSWER #3:** With approximately twenty years serving local boards of education in the communities where I have lived, I bring insight into each board meeting and work session. As a nurse educator for the past twenty plus years I am able to see both sides of the concerns posed to boards of education. I am a voice for the community members, the tax payers and hard working citizens who depend on me to provide information and education in ways that are understood.

#### **Centerville School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

**QUESTION # 3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **DAVID COBB**

**BIO:** I am a father of three Centerville City School students, and I am a Centerville Schools Graduate myself. I'm a retired Centerville Schools employee, and I am a life-long Resident of Centerville-Washington Township area.

**ANSWER #1:** I agree with the Ohio School Boards Association's statement that school boards need to be "a policymaking body and members

are the chief advisers to the superintendent on community attitudes." I believe it is important to foster community engagement in the school district, as well as to advocate for Public Schools, so that our students will find success, and the community may continue to grow stronger.

**ANSWER #2:** Recovering from the Pandemic is of our biggest challenges right now. As a School Board member, I will encourage increased parent-teacher cooperation, and promote policies that will help our students catch up to prepandemic levels of achievement and involvement, including policies to help our students better prepare and look forward to their adult lives, whether that includes college, a career in the skilled trades, serving in our military, or entrepreneurial endeavors.

**ANSWER #3:** I am a former Centerville Schools Bus Driver and a Bus Driver Instructor, training many of our districts amazing School Bus Drivers, I am the father of three Centerville Students, and the husband of a School Psychologist. I have sat on the boards of a non-profit agency, and my church. I have been a member of several parent groups. I have attended Centerville City School Board Meetings and Work Sessions regularly, and have seen how they faced the challenges of the past three years.



#### **ALLISON DURNBAUGH\***

**BIO:** Current VP of Centerville School Board: 20+ year Centerville resident with 2 children currently in the district: over 20 years experience in the local financial industry; CEF trustee; current volunteer in Centerville schools & other local non-profits

**ANSWER #1:** A Board Member first and foremost is charged with working with fellow Board Members to hire and evaluate the Superintendent

and Treasurer, set policy for the district and establish and carry out the district's vision and mission. It was my goal as a candidate 4 years ago to be sure that Centerville collaboratively created a strategic plan, vision and mission for the district and I am proud to have delivered on that promise. The strategic plan guides all decisions made in the district.

**ANSWER #2:** State funding continues to be a major challenge for public education. The implementation of the Fair School Funding Act has allowed our state revenue to remain steady but still hasn't solved the issue of our reliance on local property tax for the vast majority of the district's funding. The implementation of our new strategic plan allows us to transparently prioritize spending in an effort to stretch every taxpayer dollar so we can continue to meet the diverse needs of ALL

**ANSWER #3:** I have learned so much about the district and our community during my first term. The experience of being on the design teams for the Strategic Plan and the Portrait of An Elk has given me invaluable insight as to what fellow parents, our students and the community expect from the district. Additionally, I have continued my learning through the Ohio School Board Association, serving as a CEF trustee and apply my financial background to be a strong fiscal steward of



#### **AMANDA GRAF-HURST**

**BIO:** Dr. Amanda Graf-Hurst is a graduate of Centerville High School and The Ohio State University. She is a practicing neonatologist in the Dayton area. She has two children currently attending Centerville City Schools.

**ANSWER #1:** The school board member serves in a role of oversight and governance of the school district. School board members approve the

district's budget to ensure that taxpayer resources are allocated efficiently, support school administrators in providing safe and effective learning environments for all students, advocate for the district at the state level, and strengthen the relationship between the schools and community by being accountable to the public via popular

**ANSWER #2:** School funding and financial challenges are the most important issue currently facing Centerville City Schools. Rapidly rising costs, increases in unfunded mandates for programs and services, teacher and staff shortages, and insufficient state funding all add strain to the district finances which leads to an increased tax burden for the community.

**ANSWER #3:** As a Centerville graduate and parent of current students I bring commitment to our community and public education. As a pediatrician I bring knowledge and concern for the health and well-being of all children. And with my experiences as a teacher, volunteer, and department chair I bring expertise in policy development, collaboration, and communication.

#### **Dayton School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What would you propose the Board do to attract and retain well-qualified teachers and staff?

**QUESTION # 2:** What do you think the school district should do to close the achievement and graduation gaps that are still present between different socioeconomic groups?

**OUESTION # 3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school

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#### **WILLIAM BAILEY**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** I would try to give them a good salary and benefits. I would recruit from some of the local colleges and offering them a package to help with college loan payments after serving for a determined number of years. Since they are with the students and in the schools the most I would listen to their ideas and try to implement them.

**ANSWER #2:** I would offer classes geared toward college, science, technology, entrepreneurship and general workforce that will give them choices. I would give classes on how to manage money and the importance of credit scores. Teaching them how to contribute in a possitive way in their community.

**ANSWER #3:** I am a retired Dayton Police Officer who understands people and the safety we need in the schools. I helped with the Police Athletic league (PAL), I have been a mentor with Boys and Girls Club along with Children Services, Coached football for DPS schools, I have created and taught curriculum for Samaritan Behavioral Health in many school districts, I have been an advocate for students for many years and I have been a leader in every position I have obtained.



#### **KEN HAYES**

**BIO:** Ken Hayes lives in the Linden Heights area with his wife, and their two children, who attend Dayton Public Schools. He is an Associate Professor of English, the Writing Program Coordinator, and the University Senate Chair at Central State University.

**ANSWER #1:** Many fantastic people work at DPS, who strive everyday to make this district the best it can be. But when they feel unheard,

when their expertise is questioned or ignored, they will move somewhere they feel appreciation and support. If we want to recruit and keep the best, the board must do a better job creating an environment where our teachers and staff feel seen/heard. We must do a better job seeing, and treating, staff and teachers as the vital collaborators and contributors that they are.

**ANSWER #2:** It's the things already addressed that will work to close those gaps. From bringing in parents/staff/teachers/students/community in more meaningful ways, to improving our mental health services, to making sure we have an equitable distribution of resources and support to those who are members of the DPS community. We have to be willing to recognize and acknowledge where we are falling short in providing those resources and support, and re/develop, a plan of action to fill in those gaps.

**ANSWER #3:** I am a DPS parent. I am a Teacher. As an Associate Professor and Writing Program Coordinator at Central State, I know lesson planning, curriculum development & classroom management. I have experience hiring strong teachers and being on search committees for faculty/upper administrators (including this year's CSU President search committee). As CSU Senate Chair, I am familiar with board-style meetings, protocol and communication. I can get to work without needing as much training.



#### **WILL SMITH\***

**BIO:** Born and raised in Dayton, OH. I am a graduate of Dayton Public Schools (Meadowdale High School) and Xavier University where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems. Father of 3 (2 DPS student). Community Engagement Consultant.

**ANSWER #1:** A respectful culture that values staff and their ideas and concerns is one of the most important things to retain staff. It is also one of the

biggest tools to attract talent into the district. To that end, I have constantly pushed to do more to find out why staff leave to make improvements. I have also promoted wellness support for staff and training to ensure their concerns are heard and listened to. Creating a positive climate is something that must be lived by leadership every day.

**ANSWER #2:** We cannot afford to operate with a deficit mindset any longer. We must have no excuses as to why our students cannot be high achievers. The socioeconomic barriers that are very clear cannot be avoided, but we must tackle them. We must find partners in our community to help with the resources families need. We must be equitable in our approach and be unyielding in creating a culture of success. Only by doing what we can do instead of focusing on what we cannot do will we close the gap.

**ANSWER #3:** As a community organizer, I have a multitude of connections within communities that serve well on the school board. As a board member, I have fought for equity for students, staff and family throughout my four years. As an active parent, I understand the concerns, desires and wishes for our precious children. I have been a consultant helping organizations in engagement for years. I use the same engagement tools in this role. As a sports coach I see the skills and values in extracurriculars



#### **ERIC WALKER**

**BIO:** No Respose

**ANSWER #1:** The district has to be better with really providing resources and support for teachers. DPS has a very top heavy salary schedule for the senior staff and not for the teachers. The teachers should not have to ask for more support and better pay to ultimately have to go to other districts to meet this need. To me, the staff who serve the students

regularly deserve better pay, from the custodians, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, secretaries etc. I think these will help attract and retain employees.

**ANSWER #2:** There are quite a few things that can be done inclining, culturally responsive curriculum, extended learning opportunities, mentoring and counseling, equitable resource's allocation. The district through these means can help foster and close the achievement gab and graduation rates to help align our district with other urban districts. We have to keep in mind the socioeconomic impact students and families face as well and making sure we are prepared to fully engage and address these head on.

**ANSWER #3:** For me, I come with community experience, having worked in education for over 10 years now, parents are tired of not aging a voice, to me. I feel that I'm well educated, an organizer, a developer, as well as a person who will engage in and outside of the building. I will not allow anyone to define my role or force my hand with advocating for our youth and the families we serve. At the end of the day,

I'm running because I'm tired of the same thing happening and feeling like voices aren't heard.

## **Huber Heights School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

SHANNON WELDON \*
ERIKA-JOY CASSIDY (Write-In)
CHRISTOPHER B. HALL (Write-In)
STEVEN M. ZBINDEN (Write-In)

The names of write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot, but write-in votes for them will be counted. Write-in votes for others will NOT be counted.

If you are unsure how to cast a write-in vote, ask a poll worker.

Information on these candidates may be found at VOTE411.org.

#### **Jefferson Township School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school hoard.

#### SHAUNECE M. GILLISPE

No Response

RENEE D. MCDANIEL

No Response

**RODNEY L. TAYLOR\*** 

No Response

## <u>Jefferson Township School Board</u> <u>Unexpired Term</u> Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### MICHELLE COOPER

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

## Kettering School Board Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

school district?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.







#### JENNIFER SLANKER KANE\*

**BIO:** Born/raised in Kettering. Parent of triplets-2019 Fairmont graduates. Appointed to board 2013. Elected 2015 & 2019. Background in banking & project management. Community service-Partners For Healthy Youth, Church Mission Board. PTO. Band Boosters.

**ANSWER #1:** Responsibilities include being a good steward of taxpayer dollars, hiring & managing

the performance of the superintendent & treasurer, setting direction/policy for the district, engaging with the community & serving as advisor to the superintendent. Members do not engage in day-to-day operations. Members must be open-minded, transparent & respectful and set aside personal beliefs to make decisions in the best interest of all students, while showing integrity in non-partisan role.

**ANSWER #2:** Many students today face mental health challenges, which can hinder learning & growth. Schools must not only teach academic curriculum, but also address these issues, so that students maximize their learning experiences while at school. Keeping students & staff safe is a constant & evolving challenge. School funding also remains a challenge, as 80% of operating revenue comes from local taxpayers. I appreciate the support from our community & pledge to continue utilizing resources responsibly.

**ANSWER #3:** As a parent of 3 graduates, I have 10 years of school board experience & participated in hiring 2 superintendents & 3 treasurers. I show integrity. leadership, open-mindedness, collaboration & transparency and have the ability to set aside personal beliefs for the benefit of students. I celebrate the district's academic achievements, notably the 2022 State Report Card results with KCS earning the highest student growth scores in the region & ranking 3rd overall in the state's "growth index."



#### **JUSTIN LEBRUN**

**BIO:** My wife and I have six children, five of them currently enrolled in Kettering City Schools. Our family has lived in Kettering for 10 years, and we love this community. Professionally, I help run my family's cybersecurity business.

**ANSWER #1:** The Board of Education is the governing body responsible for overseeing our education system. Its core responsibilities include

crafting policies and regulations, as well as selecting top-tier administrators to ensure the efficient operation of our schools, and fostering a safe and effective learning environment for every student. Additionally, the Board must prioritize communication with parents and guardians, keeping them informed of any policy updates or changes within our school district.

**ANSWER #2:** The most pressing issue in our school system is the polarization of politically charged topics, which can create a divide between the school and parents. When it comes to our children, all of us become protective over their safety and well-being, but we all share the common goal of providing a safe and effective learning environment for our children. To bridge this gap, we must prioritize transparent communication and unity during these challenging times.

**ANSWER #3:** I bring robust communication and team collaboration skills, refined through my extensive experience in problem-solving and decision-making. My background in cybersecurity has instilled the ability to identify and tackle core

issues, make difficult decisions to resolve them, and communicate these decisions effectively. These qualities are invaluable for promoting transparency and fostering a cohesive team atmosphere within our community, ensuring we make informed choices for our schools.



#### CHRISSY RICHARDS\*

**BIO:** Mom of 2 Kettering students. Graduate of Miami University with a master's degree in organizational management. Local healthcare executive, employed by Kettering Health for over 19 years. Passion for quality learning opportunities for all students.

**ANSWER #1:** A school board member is part of governing body which provides leadership and

oversight to the superintendent and treasurer of the school district. As a member, one is involved in policy making, strategic planning, community engagement and being good stewards of our tax payers money while providing top quality education to our students. A board member is not involved in the day to day operations of a district, but ensures it is being managed well by high performing administrators.

**ANSWER #2:** There are several important issues so it is hard to pick one. Funding for education will continue to be an issue at the forefront. It is more important than ever that we continue to be good stewards of our tax payers money and closely monitor all of the districts expenditures. Other issues include safety in schools, the mental health of our youth, and staying on top of the rapid and constant advancements in technology.

**ANSWER #3:** I currently serve in an executive role within the health care industry. I have been with my current organization for 19 years and have over 25 years of leadership experience. I have an extensive background in strategic planning and business development and value an innovative approach to challenging situations. I am a forward thinker with a growth mindset and I believe my skills, experience and educational background will continue to make me a valuable member of the Kettering Board of Education.



#### STEPHEN R. WHITE

**BIO:** I live with my wife, Karen, of 25 years in Kettering. My children (Julia & Jimmy) are recent graduates of KFHS. Julia is at OSU; Jimmy is joining the US Navy this October. I served on the board of a local ministry - Groundz4Living.

**ANSWER #1:** School board members answer to Kettering homeowners who pay property tax; not school administrators or teachers. We serve these

taxpayers by investing in our Kettering Students and properly equipping our teachers. Two main investments are crucial: 1) Student focused curriculum which promotes academic excellence for our Kettering children of all ages. 2) Develop and provide updated tools and programs to foster confidence in our families for their student's career path or vocation choice.

**ANSWER #2:** Over the last few months, I've heard from many parents and taxpayers who've shared their thoughts and concerns about many issues. Here is a list of a few of their concerns: 1) Transparency with our tax dollars. 2) Misalignment of administration priorities over students. 3) Curriculum to prepare students for life beyond school. 4) Male & Female individual rights come first before any "special"

group. 5) Parents' rights for their own childrens' issues. 6) Graduate self-governing students.

**ANSWER #3:** Most of my professional life over the last 25 years has involved business consulting, business training, personal mentoring, recruiting and career coaching. Just a few years ago, I was involved in a workforce development project with Sinclair College and the Dayton area YMCA to close the skills gap in Dayton, Ohio. That effort, and other projects, have given me a unique viewpoint which can be leveraged within our school system on behalf of our families. Parents are excited about this idea.

#### **Kettering School Board Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school

#### **BILL LAUTAR\***

**BIO:** My wife Julie and I have been married 43 years, our four adult children are Fairmont grads. I worked in the Kettering Schools for 35 years in a variety of different teaching and administrative positions. I

**ANSWER #1:** A school board member needs to be a good steward of the community's tax monies. A school board member must also listen to, and be responsive to the concerns of parents, students, staff, and the community at large.

**ANSWER #2:** We must continue to manage our finances wisely and stretch our dollars as far as we can. We must continue to attract quality teachers and staff from an ever-decreasing pool of applicants. We must continue working to improve student attendance. We must be very cognizant of student mental health needs. We must be able to continue to offer a comprehensive high school experience. Career-tech, advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and special education support are necessary features

**ANSWER #3:** I was a teacher, coach, building administrator, and central office administrator for 35 years. I would be the only school board member with first-hand educational experience. I have been active in the community my whole life. When our four kids went through the Kettering Schools, my wife and I were active with various booster and PTA groups. I was a member of the Kettering City Council for 8 years. I am a Dor-Wood Optimist. In all of these roles I have displayed leadership skills.



#### LYNN QUILLEN

**BIO:** I am a manufacturing engineer from the Dayton area. I am a proud parent of a Fairmont junior, a 10-year Kettering resident and a Kettering small business owner and operator.

**ANSWER #1:** The role is to work as a team to determine the educational vision, policies. leadership, curriculum, and budget of the district while ensuring the students' best interests are

priority. They represent the community, are dedicated to the parents and students with a passion of making our district successful in all facets. They seek to understand

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how to better serve our students and support our teachers. They investigate what is working well and encourage discussion in areas that need improvement.

**ANSWER #2:** Important district issues include being fiscally responsible, while creating a safe, fun, and thriving learning environment for all students that will prepare them for life after graduation. We should focus on improving our methods of communication and making our district website easier to navigate, to ensure all citizens are well informed, engaged and included. We should concentrate on improving our marketability to attract prospective students and new families to our great district.

**ANSWER #3:** I am a proud mother of a Fairmont junior and a successful Kettering small business owner. I am a degreed engineer with analytical and professional skills in strategic planning, data analysis, program management, problem solving and continuous improvement. I promise that I will always have the students' best interest as priority, work hard for the taxpayers, strive for transparency, and be accountable while representing the citizens and improving our district's schools.

#### Mad River School Board Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **JULIE DENNING \* RUTH NEWHOUSE**

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

#### **Miamisburg School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1**: What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #2:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullying in the schools?

**QUESTION # 3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **NILA GETTER \***

**BIO:** Native of Miamisburg. School Board member since April 2023, Registered nurse at Kettering Health, My grandchildren are 5th generation Miamisburg High School graduates

**ANSWER #1:** It is important for the school district to actively monitor state and federal funding. The district must maintain the upkeep of buildings/ properties, while keeping current with employee

salaries and benefits. Funding is necessary for academic excellence and a positive, healthy and safe environment. We need to be aware of students who may have lost valuable learning during the pandemic. Schools may need to invest resources to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed in school.

**ANSWER #2:** The primary focus should be prevention. The board must have a policy consistent with state laws addressing the receipt of complaints of bullying or violence against a student, the investigative process, and the discipline process. Student and staff handbooks need to state that the district has a "zero tolerance" stance on bullying. The rules must be enforced with established consequences. It

must be easy for a student to report all types of bullying with no fear of retaliation. **ANSWER #3:** I am sincerely invested in the success of all students in the district. Skills: Active listener, articulate speaker & communicator, strategic problem solver & goal setter, positive community connection, clear understanding of fiscal responsibilities, Current Miamisburg School Board Member as of April 2023, Former Adjunct Instructor at Kettering College of Medical Arts, Former President of AHVAP board & KH Network Credit Union board, 30 years management experience. Registered Nurse

#### **BRENT MASTERS**

No Response



#### JASON MOWERY

**BIO:** Fourth Generation Miamisburg resident, Small Business Owner, Father of Two current Miamisburg Students

**ANSWER #1:** - Current Lack of Transparency - Hypocrisy/Double Standards of Accountability - Social Media Reform - Budget Analysis-Cuts via Periodic Internal Fiscal Audit directed by the Board not School Staff - Students Rights Manual Changes

removing "Sexual Preference" and "Gender Identification" of minors being relevant in school without parental consent - Student Discipline/Vandalism - More robust Mentoring programs including peer to peer - Maintenance Needs Not Being Met

**ANSWER #2:** The Bullying policy in the Miamisburg Schools is robust, well thought through, and offers several options for reporting bullving in person, or via the districts website. One weak point is that our district currently has a policy that disregards all anonymous allegations of bullying via staff. Due to the current climate of fear and retribution towards students that parents are feeling, there must be a second option, that offers anonymity for a parent to "speak up" without having fear.

**ANSWER #3:** COMMON SENSE! We must defend the traditional upbringing of our children from the many forces from outside of our community that seek to project themselves into our homes and tell children that alternative sexual behaviors and are the "new normal" that must be accepted, or that "gender mistakes" made at a child's conception are appropriate to consider relevant to minors when parents aren't around. The ONLY authority within matters of sex and morality to any child is their PARENTS!



#### SCOTT A. TAYLOR

**BIO:** Scott has been married to his wife Laura for nearly 32 years and has lived in Miamisburg since 2008. Each of their four kids have graduated from Miamisburg High School.

**ANSWER #1:** Issues that are affecting our district include insuring facts-based, age-appropriate curriculum, protecting student data privacy, physical privacy, recognize parent's rights, promote the

teaching of American history, and cultivate a learning environment, which embraces freedom of speech, religion and respect for all students and teachers.

**ANSWER #2:** Recognize that bullying in school in not acceptable, carries consequences and will not be tolerated. Remediation includes counselling to determine the source of the issues, appropriate consequences up to and including expulsion.

**ANSWER #3:** I have been married to my wife of more than 32 years and have four children who have graduated from Miamisburg. I am a professional software engineer that supports the United States Air Force. Since 2013 I have served on the board of the Greater Dayton Real Estate Investors Association where I have served as the organizations educational chair, librarian chair and video chair. I am a financial investor investing in single family homes, private notes, and private LLCs.

#### KATHERINE ANN WINCHEK

No Response

#### **New Lebanon Local School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

**OUESTION #3:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullying in the schools?



#### **ERICKA BOGGS**

**BIO:** I am a mother of 7 children. 5 that are students in Dixie schools. I have been involved in the district for the past 8 years. believe our number one priority is our children receiving a quality education in a safe and comfortable environment.

**ANSWER #1:** Board members direct the school policy either in development or amending when necessary. We are to work with the district

or safety issues and take swift action to remedy any issues. We need to assist with budgeting and to allocate when and where necessary while being fiscally responsible. **ANSWER #2:** I believe lack of transparency is the biggest issue. Parents are not welcomed into the building as they should be. The intention of parents in building should be to assist our educators in the success of the district. We want to speak about what we can do to address bullying, maybe the sight of a parent in building on a random basis, may adjust some attitudes. I also believe there is a lack of communication between school and parents regarding rules and policies that aren't stated in handbooks.

for children. We need to work closely with the administration to identify any bullying

**ANSWER #3:** When we include families in policy making they are vested and informed of what it is and the consequences. We also need staff awareness and professional training to recognize and address the incidence immediately before it can grow. A small team of staff members that can be called upon in a situation to correct areas of concern to any other building personnel and offer assistance when needed. The child needs to be reassured of no retaliation when they report the instance to school officials.

#### **TONYA LANKHEIT\***

No Response

#### **RONALD E. MOORE\***

No Response





#### **DAVID PETERSON**

No Response

#### **Northmont School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school

**OUESTION #2:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullying in the schools?

**QUESTION # 3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.



#### **JEFFERY BLAIR**

**BIO:** I graduated from Washington Senior High School in Washington Court House, Ohio. Degrees from Wright State University and Earlham College. I am a pastor and a chaplain at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, Ohio.

**ANSWER #1:** The balance of school funding sources and the changing face of the demographics in the community. Without a strong corporate

foundation we rely heavily on the individual property owner. The community has to see the value of the schools and the asset of the student as vital to their self interest. This is what we need to advocate for as a community.

**ANSWER #2:** The issue of bullying is real and the school board must empower the voices of reason and trust in advocating for the students who have a challenge finding a voice. Parents must feel that the board is approachable and that we are not trying to sweep difficult issues under the rug. We must also attempt to build solutions in the context of community.

**ANSWER #3:** I am able to see all sides of a situation. My entire career has been spent in providing a compassionate ear to any difficult circumstance and in finding a way forward in consensus. I believe the voters of Northmont want to be heard and I have done that on a daily basis. I may not make a decision that the community agrees with but they can rest assured that it has been made with the best interest of the students in mind.

#### **KARL G. ESPELETA\***

No Response



#### **NICK ORRILL**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** The first concern is adequate space for all of our students. Ensuring that classes sizes and physical space (classrooms) are appropriate for our IEP students, traditional students, and our gifted students where they are able to learn comfortably is an area of worry. The safety of our students is equally as important. It is critical that all of the schools in our

district have a dedicated school resource officer for many reasons.

**ANSWER #2:** A big policy that needs to be addressed is that of cyber bullying. It is important to have monitored control over what our students are doing on the school provided tablets. Our current policy gives free access to the internet, with some websites restricted. By allowing parents and administrators access to what their students are looking at/posting, this could reduce the harms from social media posts and the negative consequences both physically and mentally that are experienced by our youth.

**ANSWER #3:** First of all, I am a parent of three students in our district. I want to have a direct impact on the type of education that the children in our community receive. I have been a police officer for eighteen years and know how important safety and proper mental health are to our studens. As a Community Engagement Officer. I have developed great listening skills and strong communication skills. I am passionate, patient, and believe that open communication is crucial for developing trust.

#### **Northridge Local School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1**: What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #2:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullving in the schools?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school

#### JAMES M. DILLON\*

No Response

#### LIBBY HARNER-FICKERT

No Response

#### **TINA FIORE**

No Response

#### JACINDA FUGATE\*

No Response

#### **Oakwood School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

QUESTION #2: What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullving in the schools?

**OUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.

## **DEBRA DILORENZO\***



**ANSWER #1:** The most important issue facing our school district is funding. Our schools are supported almost entirely from property taxes which means we have to ask the voters to pass

levies every three years. Other districts have businesses that help shoulder the responsibility of funding schools, but Oakwood does not have much industry to rely on. School funding is more complicated than most people realize, I have learned a lot about it in my time on the board of education, and see the need for reform.

**ANSWER #2:** It is expected that the school should have a zero tolerance policy for bullying, but what is often overlooked is a "road to redemption" for the bully. The person being bullied needs to be protected and supported but the person bullying should also have the opportunity to learn how to handle themselves in a way that is more conducive to a peaceful school and society.

**ANSWER #3:** I am the only candidate to have experience on the school board. In the first month of my service I was integrally involved in hiring our new Superintendent and continue to contribute throughout my 2023 term. I have been a volunteer in our community for 20+ years, mostly centered around the well-being of children. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to experience having children in other districts before moving to Oakwood, which gives me a broader perspective.

## **VIVIAN JOHNSON**



**BIO:** I was raised in New York City and spent much of my adult life in Cambridge, MA. I have a 19 year old daughter and have lived in Oakwood for 17 years. I earned my Ph.D. in 2005 from Harvard University and work as a Professor and Dean.

**ANSWER #1:** Fiscal responsibility and transparency are two significant issues facing our district that must be addressed expeditiously.

Another key issue is the impact social media has on learning as I have seen its deleterious effects in the growth and development of my own child. Another critical issue is the persistent lack of diversity in the composition of the Board of Education, teachers, staff, and student body. It is critical to think through ways in which Oakwood can improve in its diversity.

**ANSWER #2:** I would first examine the current policies and procedures in place to determine where improvements are needed. Having workshops and trainings for teachers, staff, and students scheduled in the district calendar would facilitate in upholding best practices for anti-bullying. As a child, I had eczema on my face and bullying hits a deep nerve. There was little empathy among kids who insulted and taunted me too often. Because I was afraid to report it, anonymity in reporting bullying

**ANSWER #3:** I have been a leader in higher education for nearly two decades. In my work as a professor and dean, I develop and oversee curricula, policies, and procedures. I engage in decision-making daily with an authentically diverse community of professors and staff. I have a proven record of collaboration in figuring out the best solutions for an educational institution. I have a Ph.D. from Harvard University and excel at teaching Biblical Hebrew. Academic rigor is a strength that I bring to the table.

# DREW MOORE



**BIO:** I'm a dad to three young boys, Cameron (4), Leo (2), and Joev (4 months). I am a Sales Director for a local not for profit. After growing up in Oakwood, my wife and I moved back two years ago as a final landing spot to raise our kids.

**ANSWER #1:** When speaking with members of our community there has been a common complaint:

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Transparency and Communication. Several community members have said they feel big decisions made by our current board are not communicated well, and they feel they are left guessing. It's important that our board keeps our public informed and involved when decisions are made. I've always prided myself on communicating all the information needed upfront, whether it be good or bad

**ANSWER #2:** First and foremost, every kid within our district should feel welcomed and safe at school. It is my belief that the district should operate on a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. When an incident is reported, it should be investigated and addressed appropriately. In addition, we need to educate students on respecting one another and working together to promote a friendly learning environment.

**ANSWER #3:** I can add a business-like mindset to our school system when managing our budget. The last three years we have all felt inflationary pressures, and we will soon see a rise in taxes due to the increase in property values. It is more important now than ever that we show our community that we are spending their dollars wisely. I value myself by my commitment, hardwork, and communication. If I were elected, I assure this community that I am dedicated to serving our district through these principles.



#### **NATHAN R. REITER**

**BIO:** Father of three, former educator (Master's in TESOL), and seasoned manager and leader. I have lived in the Dayton area 16+ years and am committed to ensuring Oakwood remains a place where all learners can thrive. I am all in for all students.

**ANSWER #1:** Three primary issues important to our community are communication, fiscal health, and inclusion for all learners. We must enhance

transparent and bi-directional communication, ensuring parents and guardians are collaborators in the decision-making process. Maintaining fiscal health and wisely stewarding tax-paver dollars are foundational to advancing the district's legacy of excellence. Promoting inclusion by fostering a sense of safety and belonging is essential for all learners to thrive.

**ANSWER #2:** I support a zero tolerance stance, along with existing policies and procedures so all stakeholders are aware of how to report suspected acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying. For prevention and mitigation, the following activities are paramount: prioritizing efforts of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force; supporting Social Emotional Learning; providing robust mental health supports; promoting empathy and compassion; and encouraging transparent communication.

**ANSWER #3:** As a parent, community member, and former educator, I am aware of the needs and opportunities for students and families to thrive, passionate about serving the community and preserving a legacy of excellence, and deeply experienced in K-12 education and district needs. Experienced in designing district-wide programs and organizational strategy, I collaboratively and empathetically invite all voices and perspectives, drive collective decision-making, and seek creative solutions to achieve goals.



### Trotwood-Madison School Board Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **CRAIG ANDERSON\***

**BIO:** Greetings! My name is Craig Anderson Jr. I a graduate of Belmont High School. I am currently pursing a degree in health management with a minor in early childhood education. Recently, I become the newly appointed guardian of two of my siblings.

**ANSWER #1:** I believe the role of a school board member is to be the liaison between the community and the school district. I also believe that the school

board member works to set the vision of the district by working collaboratively with the community, the superintendent, the treasurer and district staff.

**ANSWER #2:** The most important issues facing my school district, I believe, are mental health concerns, special education [i.e, exceptional children and disability services], restorative justice, tutoring and mentoring options as well as, after school programming and such resources that would assist in providing quality education to ensure our students are successful beyond the classroom.

**ANSWER #3:** The skills and experience I bring to the school board are as follows; first, my current role as a Newly appointed School Board Member of Trotwood-Madison City School. Next, I currently serve as the Director of Operations of a youth foster care agency [group homes/foster care/young adult independent living and mental health facility] and finally, having graduated in 2013, I am not too far removed from the concerns of students, parents and districts alike and the needs of our schools, today.

#### **AARON D. LUMPKIN**

No Response



#### **DIONNE SIMMONS**

**BIO:** Dionne is a native Daytonian. She is a proud graduate of Dayton Public Schools. Dionne has been a resident of Trotwood for the past 18 years. She has volunteered for Trotwood schools in several different capacities.

**ANSWER #1:** I understand the obvious role of a school board member is to employ the superintendent and the treasurer to establish and

set policies and develop the annual budget. In addition, the role of the school board member is having the ability to communicate the vision to the community. It is important to build positive relationships with school administrators, staff, parents, and community partners. In addition, understanding the role so much so that you can only legally act collectively in session.

**ANSWER #2:** I see several opportunities to make improvements within our school district. I would like to see school safety including physical safety and emotional safety addressed within our district. I understand the ESSER funds provided mental health supports and those funds were a one-time investment. We as a district need to think about how we will pay for counselors and social workers once the funds run out. I would also like to offer opportunities to get parents more involved in helping their children.

**ANSWER #3:** Accomplished healthcare professional with commitment and subject matter expertise in cultivating relationships within the community to achieve goals, providing workforce development training, diversity and inclusion education and community health. An established agent of change known for strong interpersonal skills, drive for results and collaborating with diverse key stakeholders to improve outcomes. Strong experience in working with at risk populations.

#### **Valley View Local School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**OUESTION #1:** As a school board member, how will you address parents'

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **LISA BATTEN**

**BIO:** I am a lifelong resident of Germantown with a BS in Elem Education from The Ohio State University and MS in Education Leadership from the University of Dayton. I have been teaching middle school Science for 30+ years in a neighboring district.

**ANSWER #1:** I will actively encourage parents to reach out and I commit to listening and looking into every concern presented to me. We are elected

by the community, which makes their concerns our concerns. I plan to create a collaborative environment where parents feel seen, heard, and valued. I have a great deal of experience working with parents of the students I've taught over the past 31 years, and I am confident in my ability to work with parents in this capacity as well.

**ANSWER #2:** Mental health and addressing learning gaps in math. Students cannot learn effectively when they are not mentally well. We know many students are dealing with stress and anxiety. Every school would benefit from additional counselors to help students learn coping strategies. Addressing learning gaps in math is a pressing issue for all schools. I am eager to explore the strategies successful schools are employing and consider how we might integrate some of those proven approaches at VV.

**ANSWER #3:** I have served as a teacher for 31 years in the same district, and I actively participate in our district leadership team and the building leadership team. I bring firsthand experiences in the classroom, a perspective that is currently underrepresented on the board. Having taught through the pandemic, I have observed firsthand the evolving needs and challenges of our students. Education has been a central part of my life; I was raised in a family of educators right here in the VV district.

#### TYSON DILLON

No Response





#### **CHEVELLA GRIFFITH**

No Response



#### SPENCER IZOR\*

**BIO:** J.D. University of Dayton, M.Ed. University of Dayton, B.S. University of Dayton. Title IX Investigator/Deputy Coordinator, University of Dayton 2023-Present, Development Officer, Miami University 2016-2023, Professor, Marietta College 2015-2016.

**ANSWER #1:** Strong parental and community engagement is the backbone of a thriving school district. By appointing a Family and Community

Engagement Coordinator, we could bridge any gaps between parents, the district, and the community. Increased access and communication will help to foster collaboration.

Disciplinary or student experience concerns will continue to be addressed with the student's teacher, school administrator, superintendent and then school board.

**ANSWER #2:** Our district is still recovering from the impact that COVID has had on our students, academically and socially. While some ground has been gained it is important that we still continue to implement and invest in necessary learning loss programs and mental health support. We must also reimagine technology in the classroom to ensure responsible technology use and lessen screen time for students. These investments are important tools

to increase student performance.

**ANSWER #3:** I am a life long member of the community and a graduate of Valley View High School. I have committed my professional career to education serving as an athletic administrator, teacher, professor, development officer and now Title IX officer/ investigator. These experiences have given me an extensive knowledge of how to serve the educational needs of our students. I also serve the Ohio School Board Association as a member of the Executive Cabinet and the Federal Advocacy Group.

### Vandalia-Butler School Board

Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **MARY KILSHEIMER \* RODNEY A. WASHBURN \***

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

#### **West Carrollton School Board** Vote for 2

#### LORI MICHELE GIBSON (Write-In) KEITH M. NOVESL (Write-In)

The names of these write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot, but write-in votes for them will be counted. Write-in votes for others will NOT be counted. If you are unsure how to cast a write-in vote, ask a poll worker. Vote411.org may have information on these candidates.



# **FIVE STEPS To Vote by Mail**

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From VoteOhio.Gov or contact LWV to learn where you can pick one up

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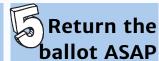
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They will be sent after October 11



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# DO'S

- · Request your ballot now
- · Print very clearly with a black pen or #2 pencil.
- · Fill in name to match your registered voter name
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- . SIGN YOUR NAME as it appears in section #1
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- · Don't forget to sign the form!!
- Don't wait to request a ballot-you can do this now to help 'flatten the curve' for election workers
- · Don't leave address or date of birth lines blank
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Greene County Board of Elections 551 Ledbetter Road, Xenia, OH 45385 (937) 562-6170

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# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2023**

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, with no increase in taxes.

**Issue 1 Reproductive Rights** See p. 4 for information.

Issue 2 Adult Use of Cannabis See p. 4 for information.

#### Clay Township Issue 3 Renewal levy

3.25 mills for continuing period For police services

#### **German Township** Issue 4 Renewal of 1 mill for 5 years

For streets, roads, and bridges

#### **German Township** Issue 5 Authority to aggregate retail electric loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing electricity.

#### **German Township** Issue 6 **Authority to aggregate** retail natural gas loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing natural gas.

#### **Harrison Township** Issue 7 **Authority to aggregate** retail electric loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better

price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing electricity.

#### **Harrison Township** Issue 8 Authority to aggregate retail natural gas loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing natural gas.

#### **Jackson Township** Issue 9 Authority to aggregate retail electric loads

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### **Jackson Township** Issue 10 Authority to aggregate retail natural gas loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing natural gas.

#### **Perry Township** Issue 11 Authority to aggregate retail electric loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the township the authority to form such a group for purchasing electricity.

#### Centerville City School District Issue 13 **Additional levy**

5.9 mills for a continuing period For current expenses and permanent improvement Tax increase of \$207 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### **Northmont City School District** Issue 14 **Additional levy**

5.5 mills for 10 years

For emergency requirements of school district Tax increase of \$193 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### **Oakwood City School District** Issue 15 Additional levy

6.75 mills for continuing period For current expenses and permanent improvement Tax increase of \$236 annually, based on \$100,000

#### **Vandalia-Bulter City School District** Issue 16 **Additional levy**

4 mills for 5 years For avoiding an operating deficit Tax increase of \$140 annually, based on \$100,000

#### **Centerville-Washington Park District** Issue 19 Renewal levy 0.9 mill and Additional levy of 0.1 mill for 10 years

For Parks and Recreational purposes Tax increase of \$13.39 annually, based on \$100.000 value

### **City of Clayton** Issue 23 Additional Income Tax 1.0% for a continuing period

For general municipal operations and functions, and restoration of the 100% tax credit

Increase would vary due to 100% credit for taxes paid to other cities, instead of current 50% credit

### City of Huber Heights Issue 25 Renewal of 0.25% income tax for 10 years

For police and fire public safety and support

#### City of Miamisburg Issue 28 **Charter Amendments**

Amend Sections 3.10 Special council meetings; 4.13 Public hearing on zoning ordinance or resolution; 4.15 Codification of ordinances and resolutions; 4.16 Publication of ordinances and resolutions; 9.09 Referral of ordinance or resolution to the election

### For more detailed information on Issue 28. contact the City of Miamisburg or visit https://citvofmiamisburg.com/

#### City of Moraine Issue 30 **Charter Amendments**

Amend Section 3.10 Annual audit: 5.8 Absence or disability of city manager; 30 10.12 Annual report; 10.13 Management of funds

### City of Moraine Issue 31 **Charter Amendment**

Amend Section 3.5 Salaries

For more detailed information on Issue 30 and 31, contact the City of Moraine or visit https://ci.moraine.oh.us/

### Village of New Lebanon Issue 34 Renewal of 5 mills for 5 years

For streets, roads, and bridges

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 35 Authority to aggregate retail electric loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase. This issue would give the city the authority to form such a group for purchasing electricity.





# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2023**

#### Village of New Lebanon Issue 36 **Authority aggregate** retail natural gas loads

Ohio law allows for the government entities to form an "aggregated buying group" on behalf of its citizens to buy energy as a large group at a better price than an individual may be able to purchase.

This issue would give the city the authority to form such a group for purchasing natural gas.

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 37 **Charter Amendment Section 4.01**

Would change the language of qualifications for Municipal Manager to be in good standing with the New Lebanon income tax

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 38 **Charter Amendment Section 2.01**

Would suggest electorate running for Council must be in good standing with New Lebanon income tax and not an employee of the municipality

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 39 **Charter Amendment Section 2.16**

Ordinances and Resolutions enacted would no longer be required to be posted in newspaper, but posted in 3 conspicuous places

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 40 **Charter Amendment Section 2.13**

Would change what would not be considered as an emergency ordinance

#### Village of New Lebanon Issue 41 **Charter Amendment Section 3.01**

Would suggest candidates running for Mayor must be in good standing with New Lebanon income tax.

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 42 **Charter Amendment Section 2.17**

Resolutions and Ordinances will no longer be required to posted in newspapers, but posted in 3 conspicuous places and municipal website

#### Village of New Lebanon Issue 43 **Charter Amendment Section 5.05**

Would add language that Personnel Appeal Board members cannot be a spouse/partner or an immediate family member of an employee or elected official of the municipality

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 44 **Charter Amendment Section 5.07**

Would change language of "officer" to "elected officer" in section prohibiting supporting political campaigns while, working for municipality

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 45 **Charter Amendment Section 8.04**

Would change the number of members to the Charter Review Board to 9, Would change requirements for members of the Charter Review Board. Charter must be reviewed by June 1st and submitted for electors to vote.

#### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 46 **Charter Amendment Section 6.09**

Capital programs submitted by Manager to Council would no longer need to be adopted by council

#### Village of New Lebanon Issue 47 **Charter Amendment Section 7.03**

Would change the language of qualifications for elected officer to be in good standing with the New Lebanon income tax

### **Village of New Lebanon** Issue 48 **Charter Amendment Section 4.06**

Would no longer require Directors and Dept heads to be or become resident of New Lebanon School District, but members of emergency mgt should be on site within 12 minutes once called.

### **Village of Verona** Issue 49 Renewal levy

2 mills for 4 years For current operating expenses

### Village of Verona Issue 50 Renewal levy

1.9 mills for 4 years For current operating expenses

## **LOCAL OPTIONS**

#### City of Centerville Precinct Q Issue 22

Dots Market at Cross Pointe (Sunday sales). 101 E Alex Bell Rd Centerville, Oh 45459

#### City of Dayton Precinct 19-B Issue 24

Big Willys Drive Thru and Convenience Store LLC (Sunday sales),

2245 Germantown St, Dayton Oh 45417

#### **City of Huber Heights Precinct 3-E** Issue 26

Warped Wing Brewing Co LLC, dba Warped Wing Brewing (Sunday sales),

6602 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights, Oh 45424

#### City of Huber Heights Precinct 6-C Issue 27

Rollhouse Huber Heights LLC. (Sunday sales), 6170 Brandt Pike Huber Heights 45424

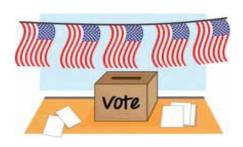
#### **City of Miamisburg Precinct 3-C** Issue 29

PSP Enterprise LLC, dba Brew & Brews Drive Thru (Sunday sales).

326 N. Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, Oh 45449

#### City of Vandalia Precinct J Issue 33

Aldi, Inc., Ohio (dba Aldi #62) (Sunday sales), 6415 Miller I.n. Vandalia Oh 45414









# NFORMATION GREENS COUNTY



# **CITY & VILLAGE RACES**

## **Beavercreek Mayor**

Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** How do you see the role of mayor in the city manager form of

**QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city?



#### **DON ADAMS**

**BIO:** I was a National Sales Manager for an International Co., I have been a Beavercreek resident for 50 years and have volunteered over 20,000 hours in various organizations. I have served on City Council as Vice Mayor and Councilman for past 4 years.

**ANSWER #1:** According to our Charter, the Mayor presides over the City Council Meetings and

represents the city in intergovernmental activities. He also serves as a member of the City Council, and along with Council members, establishes the strategic plan and priorities of the City. The City Council, along with the mayor hire a City Manager to handle the day-to-day operation of the city. The mayor will handle most of the ceremonial activities in the city.

**ANSWER #2:** I feel the biggest challenge we face as a city is how to finance the services the city needs to provide to its citizens. We have depended on Property Taxes to finance our city. As costs increase, it becomes increasingly difficult to fund the needs of the city. Property tax is a burden for our older population on a fixed income. The only other real alternative for a city is an Earnings tax, which our citizens have said they do not want. As we go forward, we will need to look at alternatives.



#### **JOSHUA C. ISON**

**BIO:** Born and raised in Beavercreek, Ohio, BHS class of 1997. I am a husband and father of 3 children in this school system while also owning a small business in town. My parents have recently retired and hope to stay in the city.

**ANSWER #1:** The role of Mayor in the city manager form of government is one of listening. The mayor should have the ear of the people

that they represent. Then, in that regard, the mayor can advise the city manager appropriately on the needs and desires of the citizens. But unfortunately, when leadership instead pushes their own agenda instead of the needs and desires of the citizens, this goes against the way city government is intended to operate.

**ANSWER #2:** The biggest challenge facing Beavercreek is having leadership that is out of touch with the citizens. 'Business as usual' will continue to leave the city unprepared for the challenges that lay ahead. Additionally, I want to engage everyone to vote so that ALL voices are heard. The future of Beavercreek is in the hands of its citizens and as Mayor I intend to promote forward, common sense, solution based thinking.

### **Beavercreek Council**

Vote for 3

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in the city?



#### PETE BALES \*

**BIO:** Pete is a lifelong resident of Beavercreek and a 1990 graduate of Beavercreek High School and a graduate of The Ohio State University. He has 28 years of public service in Beavercreek and Fairborn. He is a current City Council Member in Beavercreek.

**ANSWER #1:** Reliance on property taxes as the main source of city revenue is a tremendous

challenge for Beavercreek. Beavercreek is a big city, the 23rd largest in the State of Ohio, and asking our property owners to entirely "foot the bill" for all city services is not sustainable or fair. I am concerned that continuously raising property taxes will force those with lower or fixed incomes to leave the city. The other major challenge is maintaining city infrastructure. This issue also relates to funding.

**ANSWER #2:** Beavercreek is fortunate to have a diverse housing mix and a strong desire for residential living. We have well maintained neighborhoods and beautiful parks and greenspaces. Real estate inventory is at an all time low in Beavercreek. There is a demand for more homes. However, I believe that we need to maintain our existing strong and vibrant housing stock by keeping our code enforcement efforts at a high level so our current neighborhoods do not become dilapidated and remain desirable.



#### SUNDER BHATLA

BIO: Born in India. Immigrated to USA in 1971. Married with two children, and four grandchildren

ANSWER #1: Beavercreek City has higher property taxes than most surrounding communities. The City derives over 50% of their operating revenue from the property taxes, the remaining comes from other sources, such as grants, intergovernmental transfers, etc. High

property taxation affects the senior citizens the most who live on fixed income. The City must find alternative revenue sources that are fair, equitable, to help reduce reliance on property taxes.

**ANSWER #2:** Beavercreek has a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for residential, commercial, recreational, education, and industrial use that are environmentally conducive and safe for residents. The City can assist developers in the development process, but the primary responsibility of building housing or anything of that nature lies with the private entity. The City can revisit comprehensive plan, and make changes to allow for additional housing in conformance with the standard codes by amending the plan.



#### **CHARLES CURRAN \***

**BIO:** Born in 1939 in Galion, Ohio. Graduated from Bellefontaine High School in 1958. Bachelor's degree in government and Library Science in 1963. Graduate work at Miami University and UD. Resident of Dayton area since 1963 and Beavercreek since 2009. Active in Beavercreek Rotary and Beavercreek Historical Society.

**ANSWER #1:** Alternative revenue strategies needed. Operates on General Property Tax. Tax creates difficulty for wide population, particularly senior population. Major road projects are the result of application of Federal Grant money. Grants allow us to complete a portion of the project. City must re-apply to finish another section. City faces stormwater

regularly notes problems with the police station. Present location is unsafe. **ANSWER #2:** I believe housing should be market driven. Beavercreek has a long history of a beautiful and well-maintained neighborhood. Greene County has various resources to assist housing needs throughout the area.

management challenges. Needs cannot be met citywide. State of Ohio CALEA



#### DAVID LITTERAL

**BIO:** I am a retired Greene County Deputy Sheriff of 25 years and 27 year resident of Beavercreek. As a Deputy my career focus was crime prevention and community engagement. I held leadership roles as Sergeant, Accreditation Manager and Property Room Mgr.

**ANSWER #1:** Infrastructure. The City's aging infrastructure is primarily funded through levy's and grants awarded to the City. The grants are

essential funding and have addressed some of the critical infrastructure needs, however, keeping up on the infrastructure and pursuing funding alternatives must continue to be a priority. Prioritizing the search for funding alternatives that does not adversely impact City residents.

**ANSWER #2:** Beavercreek is a wonderful and highly desired area to live and work. With continued efforts to maintain green spaces and park additions along with other initiatives, developers will continue seeking the Beavercreek area as a highly investable area. I foresee new homes being built throughout the city within new developments.

**EDWARD J. MALOOF** No Response

#### **Bellbrook 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

**LOGAN ASHLEY ERNIE HAVENS \*** T.J. HOKE \*

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

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

\* Indicates incumbent

#### MICHAEL WORK \*

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

#### **Cedarville Mayor** Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### JOHN CODY JR. \*

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

#### **Cedarville Village Council** Vote for 3

\* Indicates incumbent

### DAVID BROOKS \*

JAMES M. COMBS II \*

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

#### **Clifton Mayor** Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### STEVE MCFARLAND

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

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

\* Indicates incumbent

#### PAULA LAZORSKI \*

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

#### **Clifton Clerk-Treasurer** Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### SUE CHASNOV \*

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

## **Fairborn Mayor**

Vote for 1

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** Describe how your leadership style will help you lead the city.



#### DANIEL R. KIRKPATRICK

BIO: Retired USAF Colonel after 34 years & Combat Veteran, Taught at WSU for 8 years, Past Fairborn City Councilman and Mayor. Past Exec Director of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce. Married 42 yrs, 3 children, 6 grandchildren.

ANSWER #1: Continue to provide for and enhance the safety and security of all citizens. Provide opportunities for all citizens to believe

their voices are being heard - bring back Citizen's Forums! Expand local business opportunities while enhancing and improving relationships with Fairborn Schools, WPAFB and Wright State University. Work closely with Bath Township leadership and residents, especially to come to a solution to the ongoing Biodigester problem. Maintain the small-town charm of Fairborn!!

**ANSWER #2:** After spending over 30 years working in healthcare and especially mental health, I have learned that one of the most important leadership traits is to be a good listener. As a leader who believes in a participative leadership style, I want to hear what citizens have to say. I also understand that there are times when a transformational leadership style is needed to motivate and inspire others. Circumstances may also require a situational style of leadership based on the needs of the moment.



#### **KEVIN KNEPP**

**BIO:** Current City Council member and Deputy Mayor; Fairborn Leadership Academy; USAF veteran: Greene county District Chair Boy Scouts of America; Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission; Fairborn Development 2yr; Parks and Recreation Advisory Bd 5yr

**ANSWER #1:** Housing that is livable, Enforce the city codes ensuring renters have affordable, safe,

and healthy homes. Biodigester-Renergy must be made to follow the laws. The situation has led us to litigation. The city must demand a complete solution for citizen safety, clean air and water. Economic Development. Safety, Citizens should feel safe in their neighborhoods. Enhance police activities to include community involvement/neighborhood watch. Report issues to the Fairborn police. New home

**ANSWER #2:** I am honest, open, and approachable. The Council has a part in the leadership of the city. I would work together with the Council, as a team, using their ideas to set goals and direct the city manager so we can continue to move Fairborn forward. Our community is always welcome to bring their ideas to our attention and we will continue to seek feedback by emails, personal contact and citizens forums.

## **Fairborn Council**

Vote for 3

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in



#### **CLINTON ALLEN \***

BIO: Current Fairborn City Council, elected 2019; Retired US Air Force Chief Master Sergeant; Member of several Non-profit boards and Committees

ANSWER #1: Seeking out and being ready for economic opportunity in emerging professional, technical, and scientific industries will be the focus in the coming years. What will be critical for us is

to leverage Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Wright State University. In our Economic Development Strategic Plan, this is clearly laid out, in addition to the city controlling key land captures, so that the emerging technology and or defense company can be attracted to Fairborn.

**ANSWER #2:** We are currently working on a plan to repurpose vacant lots within neighborhoods for new infill housing. These infill homes would be built to blend current character and design of the neighborhood. Secondly, we will have the city work with a developer to bring some new market rate multi-family housing to our downtown area. This is will not only help us address the housing concerns, but also directly assist us in revitalizing our downtown and support our small businesses in that area.

#### **KATY CARLTON**

No Response

### JIMMY BAKER

No Response



#### SYLVIA CHESS

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** Maintaining a high standard of air and water quality. The sustainability of our community depends on addressing and eliminating companies who pollute our air and water before we can improve it. Many of Fairborn's wonderful businesses are small businesses. The challenge will be our commitment to supporting small businesses.

Our demographics have changed over the years and are changing rapidly. For Fairborn to succeed, it must embrace a diverse and inclusive community.

**ANSWER #2:** The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that there is a shortage of 270,399 affordable and available rental homes in Ohio, leaving 68% of extremely low-income renter households with a severe cost burden. Especially alarming are the numbers in Fairborn, Ohio. In this regard, I believe the





City of Fairborn has taken great steps to address housing needs. To that end, it is imperative that we implement a strategic planning committee to address issues that may have been overlooked.



#### **TANA STANTON\***

**BIO:** Tana holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from Penn State and spent most of her career designing manufacturing and distribution processes. She later earned a Software Development degree from Sinclair Community College and now works in that field.

**ANSWER #1:** I think the biggest challenge facing our city is the execution of our new Economic

Development Strategic Plan. The plan gives us a template, but we must still make many individual decisions that impact the long-term prosperity and quality of life of our residents.

**ANSWER #2:** The best thing we can do to address housing needs in Fairborn is to use data as collected in the Master Housing Assessment Strategy document and to respect the will of the people who already live here as expressed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Both documents are available on the city's website. In a nutshell, focus on infill near walkable retail areas with single and multifamily that young people can afford, and more expensive properties in the conservation development areas.

## Fairborn Municipal Court Judge Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ANDREW J. HUNT**

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

## Jamestown Village Mayor Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### JOSHUA BRADLEY \*

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

### Jamestown Village Council Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **JONATHAN SMITH\***

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

## Spring Valley Mayor Vote for 1

\* Indicates incumbent

#### **SUE E. MCLAUGHLIN**

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

## **Spring Valley Council** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

# AUSTIN MILLER LORI CARROLL

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

## **Spring Valley Village Clerk**

No candidate was certified for this race.

#### Xenia Council Vote for 4

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the city? **QUESTION #2:** What should the city council do to address housing needs in the city?



#### JAMES CRAWFORD

**BIO:** As a military dependent, my parents moved back to their native home of Xenia Ohio in 1969. I graduated from Xenia High School 1975. Employed with Xenia SUPERVALU, 34 years. Licensed Real-Estate Agent for 18 years. My business is located downtown.

Vote for 1

**ANSWER #1:** Development phases to improve or replace our fire stations, roadways

and sidewalks. Expansion opportunities for higher utilization of our downtown business structures and parking within the city. The current housing shortage, rental demands and the homeless population. Incentivizing technical industries and medium size manufactures to locate within our community. The development of new housing for Handicap & Senior citizens and recreational opportunities for our youth.

**ANSWER #2:** Our housing challenge will first be impacted by our interdepartmental unity, cooperation and public inclusion. Utilizing a needs assessment and case studies to establish a process to reduce the volume of vacant structures for residential and commercial buildings. Explore and resolve any zoning changes that may hinder additional development opportunities.



#### **ETHAN REYNOLDS**

**BIO:** My public service career began as a liaison for a member of the Ohio House Representative, liaison at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and I now serve at the Ohio Governor's Office.

**ANSWER #1:** Like all cities, we face many challenges in these uncertain economic times. My top priority is public safety, and I will never vote to defund the police or fire department. They

must have the tools to keep Xenia safe. Another issue we face is maintaining our infrastructure. I will advocate for investment in our roads/ water lines. As a member of our City Council, I will work hard to make sure our city is run efficiently. We will provide a dollar worth of service for a dollars worth of taxes.

**ANSWER #2:** The city has been making great strides in bringing new housing developments into the city. I will continue the hard work and efforts, to set policies for housing and support development initiatives.

#### **THOMAS L. SCRIVENS \***

No Response



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

**BIO:** Graduate Dixie High School, New Lebanon. Graduate Sinclair Community College Associate of Technical Studies, Mid America Institute of Professional Photgraphers

**ANSWER #1:** Managing fire and safety services for our citizens in an unstable economic climate. Maintaining quality employees who undertake the task of protecting our residents. With limited funds

we are using valuable resources in our budget to maintain a certain level of sevice while at the same time our infrastructure (roads, storm sewers) need replacing. Better funding mechanisms for street repair needs addressed.

**ANSWER #2:** Xenia is not unique that we need more affordable housing. High rent can be offset by more housing choices. Our planning department is overseeing multiple projects in various locations in our city. City administration has taken control of building inspection from the county level to a municipal level to help facilitate the construction process. Xenia is becoming a destination of choice



#### **FAITH ANN SORICE**

**BIO:** Worked at both Good Samaritan Hospital and Miami Valley Hospital. Red Cross volunteer. Married to Stephan M. Sorice since 1983 (AF Vietnan Veteran, retired from City of Dayton), adopted three children from foster care.

**ANSWER #1:** • Addressing funding for street improvement • Explore options for homelessness and unemployment • Assist in bringing proposed

Xenia Town Square into fruition • Supporting the Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to allocating resources for the implementation of city projects and improvements. • Act as a fiduciary to protect the integrity, longevity and future of Xenia for generations to come.

**ANSWER #2:** As a volunteer of the Planning Commission, we have recently approved new homes to meet the demand for housing generated by regional employment growth. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the new Honda-LG EV battery plant are poised to provide multiple employment opportunities to the area.

## Xenia Municipal Court Judge Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **DAVID M. MCNAMEE\***

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

## Yellow Springs Council Vote for 2

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the village? **QUESTION #2:** What should the village council do to address housing needs in the village?

Check VOTE411.org for more information on candidates.





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

No Response



#### TRISH GUSTAFSON

**BIO:** I have 21 years of experience in local government, and I am the founder of Owen's Place located in Beavercreek.

ANSWER #1: The Village of Yellow Springs is in a severe economic crisis. Village revenues have declined, while spending levels have increased. The Village's reserves are nearly gone which makes deficit spending an unsustainable option. Yellow

Springs does have additional challenges which need to be addressed. At the moment, these will unfortunately need to be secondary to balancing our budget. **ANSWER #2:** There are several potentially viable options to address our housing needs. These will need to be in line with the Land Use Plan, with oversight by the Planning Commission and Village Council. The challenge will be trying to

address these problems within the constraints of our current financial crisis. Any balanced budget should place proper priority on addressing the Village's housing needs.



#### **GAVIN DEVORE LEONARD \***

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** Housing options and affordability, inclusivity and racial diversity, and attracting and keeping younger people/lowering our median age—all of which contribute to or constrain building a vibrant cultural environment in the Village to make this an interesting place with an excellent quality of life.

**ANSWER #2:** We're working now to set priorities and goals so Council and staff are on the same page and to create opportunities for community engagement and input, especially from key stakeholders with assets and skills they can bring to the table to support housing development. Apartments seem like the biggest

need from all the studies and feedback. In the months ahead, assuming housing remains a top priority for the incoming Council, we should allocate resources and make a clear plan and timeline.

#### THOMAS MCCAFFREY

No Response

#### SCOTT OSTERHOLM

**BIO:** 1988 Graduate of Yellow Springs High School. Work at Cresco Labs as a Packing Agent. Currently serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission for Yellow Springs

**ANSWER #1:** Affordable housing, Infrastructure and smart growth. **ANSWER #2:** Part of the housing needs have been addressed. The Spring Meadows Project addresses is the need for single family housing. Now I believe the focus should be on building an apartment complex. Plus change is being made to the zoning codes to allow low, medium, and high density in the same areas.

## **TOWNSHIP RACES**

## Bath Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What should the township trustees do to address housing needs in the township?



#### **KASSIE LESTER\***

**BIO:** out-going personality, ability to talk with residents, incumbent with Township Trustee experience

**ANSWER #1:** The biggest challenges in Bath Township is: 1. The nuisance odors emitted by the Renergy facility. Residents should be able to enjoy their properties without these odors. 2. Providing safe roads in the township including resurfacing roads and providing for good drainage. 3. Working

with the City of Fairborn and the Fairborn City Schools to make the community economically viable.

**ANSWER #2:** Currently, I don't believe the township has housing issues. Most people live in the township to be apart from the city environment. Bath Township is a rural community with large areas of farmland.



#### MICHAEL E. UECKER

**BIO:** Grew up in Cincinnati, OH, Graduate of US Air Force Academy with a BS in history and engineering, instructor in the FB-111A, MS in Systems Management, Married 52+ years to Carolyn O. Uecker. Resident of Bath Township since 1982.

**ANSWER #1:** Solving the odor issue associated with the biodigester. Not putting this issue to bed

ensures both bad smells and bad feelings. That said, the issue is currently in the courts while we await a decision. Once the decision is announced, we must ensure that it is properly and promptly implemented. Other challenges include improving and maintaining the roads, our recreational areas and our cemeteries. Doing that is not only a challenge, but essential to maintain the character of our neighborhoods. **ANSWER #2:** My overall goal is to make it easier to live, to work, and to raise a family in Bath Township. We must keep taxes low and maintain the rural character of the Township within the constraints of needed growth in industry and housing. Coordinate with neighboring communities and regional planners to ensure that we are working towards to the same goals. Continue to support our sheriff and emergency services providers as they keep law and order in the township and support our critical safety needs.

## Bath Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### LINDA KELLER \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Beavercreek Township Trustee Vote for

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JESSICA DEAN \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# Beavercreek Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **ALEX ZAHARIEFF \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# Caesarscreek Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **KEITH A. BEAM \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# Caesarscreek Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JAMES A. RANDALL\*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Cedarville Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **JEFF EWRY \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.







# Cedarville Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JENNIFER ORR \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Jefferson Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

## ROGER W. CARAWAY \* PHILIP ERWIN

Ouestionnaires were not sent to these candidates. Check VOTE411 for information.

### <u>Jefferson Township Fiscal Officer</u> Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### Linda L. Fliehman \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Miami Township Trustee Vote for:

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHRIS MUCHER**

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Miami Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1**: What will be your top priority as fiscal officer? **QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience that qualify you to be the township fiscal officer.

#### **BENJAMIN CRANDALL**

No Response



#### **JEANNA GUNDERKLINE**

**BIO:** No Response

ANSWER #1: I have shadowed the current Fiscal Officer, toured the facility, engaged in conversations with each of the current Township Trustees, and attended public Township meetings. I feel I've developed a good sense of how to best execute the fiduciary responsibilities that are required of this position. If elected, I will welcome

suggestions from community members, encourage more involvement, and strive

for complete transparency in budgeting and financial reporting.

ANSWER #2: Over the course of the last ten years, I have served as financial advisor or part-time bookkeeper for a number of organizations in town including Yellow Springs News, Little Art Theatre, Community Children's Center, Home Inc, YS Senior Center, First Presbyterian Church of YS, and Glen Helen. I feel I am uniquely suited for the Fiscal Officer role and to serve my hometown community in this capacity.

## **New Jasper Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What services do you believe should be considered basic and essential for the township?



#### **DANIEL BINGAMON \***

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** Housing and development, budget and drug addiction.

**ANSWER #2:** Fire &EMS , cemeteries , roads and zoning.



#### **BILL MILLER**

**BIO:** I have lived in Greene County for more than 25 years and moved with my wife and 5 children to New Jasper Township in 2018. I work at the University of Dayton Research Institute as a Lab Manager.

ANSWER #1: I see the biggest challenge for New Jasper township to be properly allocating increased revenue from business interests, especially those

new to our area, to services that are most critical to our residents. I think road infrastructure and emergency services are most important to the citizens.

**ANSWER #2:** I believe most essential services begin with emergency services including fire and EMS and maintenance and improvement of existing roads and traffic infrastructure. In partnership with the City Manager I led the City of Xenia's response to the 2000 tornado in Xenia along with partnership from FEMA. My understanding of the need for investment in the quality and depth of these services even at the local level will serve this community.

# New Jasper Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **MELISSA DODD \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

### Ross Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the township board of trustees.



#### DAVID BOECK

**BIO:** Married 20 years, 1 daughter, graduate of Greeneview and The Ohio State University in Agricultural Economics. Regional Manager for a regional scale company for 25 years.

**ANSWER #1:** Money is limited. We must actively pursue grants for any projects needed in the township. Communication- we need a reliable way to keep residents informed about township news

and road/internet projects and timelines for completion.

**ANSWER #2:** Regional manager responsible for budgeting, implementing and delivering services for 2 locations with over 7 million dollars in sales and development of a new location. Non profit board president responsible for operations and over 6 million dollars in investments, Family Farm partner and owner with my family and brothers family. I have been attending trustee meetings for 3 years and am up to date on all current business. I encourage everyone to attend these meetings.

#### MIKE BROWN\*

No Response

# Ross Township Trustee Unexpired Term

\*Indicates incumbent

#### LYNZY CAMPBELL \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Ross Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **GARY BOGAN \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

## Silvercreek Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **BOB FROST\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# Silvercreek Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **MELISSA A. SMITH\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.





## **Spring Valley Township Trustee**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the township? **QUESTION #2:** What services do you believe should be considered basic and essential for the township?

#### STACEY L. JONES

No Response



**CARRIE C. SMITH \*** 

**BIO:** Married to Jason Smith, with our 3 kids we live on a farm in Spring Valley Township

**ANSWER #1:** One of the biggest responsibilities as a Township Trustee, which can be a big challenge, is doing what is best for the Township as a whole. Making the hard decisions that are best for all residents today and in the future.

**ANSWER #2:** EMS services and road

maintenance are two important basic and essential needs for Spring Valley Township residents. Thanks to a grant and a fire levy in the last few years we have been able to staff our fire department 24/7. This is huge for response to emergency situations. Maintaining safe and clean roads, ditches and addressing water issues is also important for the township. We work hard to monitor wear and tear of township roads and keep roads on a resurfacing schedule.

### **Spring Valley Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### TINA BONECUTTER

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### **Sugarcreek Township Trustee** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CAROLYN L. DESTEFANI\***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

### **Sugarcreek Township Fiscal Officer** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **RICHARD J. DEMKO \***

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### Xenia Township Trustee Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### L. STEPHEN COMBS \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

#### Xenia Township Fiscal Officer Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### JACOUELINE ROBINSON \*

This is not a contested race. No other candidates filed for the position.

# **SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

### **Greene County Educational Service Center**

Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**ERIK EPPERS\*** JUDY LOWSTETTER \* PATRICIA A. PHIPPS \*

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

#### **Beavercreek School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school

**QUESTION #2:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullying in the schools?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.



**CLAIRE L. CHINSKE** 

**BIO:** I am a mom of 3 with a degree in Accounting

**ANSWER #1:** School funding, which is complicated both by the state funding model and the confusing school levy structure. Most school levies do not account for population growth, which puts more strain on the district's budget. Improving how the district communicates information to clarify these issues for our voters

will be one of my top priorities.

ANSWER #2: I would like to see the district continue to focus on positive behavioral interventions and support, but also increase efforts to separate children that are repeatedly targeting others from their victims. Bullying has become increasingly difficult to manage in the age of technology where it can continue outside of school time. An audit of reporting and escalation procedures could help improve the district's policies. All children deserve a positive, affirming environment to learn.

ANSWER #3: My financial background is an asset in understanding the complicated landscape of school funding. Also, being a mom of two current students and a graduate I can share my perspectives on both current school operations and the success of our graduates to be prepared for their next steps in life.

#### **DENNIS MORRISON**

**BIO:** Married for 42 years to Rosalind. Three children Megan, Marisa and Rebecca. We have lived in Beavercreek since 1991. University of Dayton graduate. I love to run, spend time with my grandkids, and go to the lake.

**ANSWER #1:** Beavercreek City Schools is an excellent school district. I want to continue the culture of universal achievement. LLLI want to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every student. I want our staff to continue to teach students how they learn best by differentiating instruction. Today 51% of high school graduates go on to a 4 year college, 9% go on to a 2 year college and 40% go directly to the world of work. We need to make sure that our kids are prepared for future

**ANSWER #2:** Nothing is more important than the safety of our students and staff. We must have proactive strategies for behavior management. We need to make all students feel involved. We must set rules and stick to them. We must be firm, fair and consistent. We must deal with problems without delay. Some activities that would help include inviting real life influencers into the classroom, simulating real life situations, and having students working together to solve issues.

**ANSWER #3:** I am adept at building relationships with people, am a problem solver, have a can do attitude, and am always looking for ways to improve on the status quo. I love children. I am deeply concerned for my family, friends, and our community. I have served as a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, Director of Curriculum, Director of Business Services, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, and Superintendent of Schools.









#### **GENE TAYLOR\***

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** The two major challenges we face in Beavercreek City Schools are 1) Rapid housing growth resulting in student population growth and 2) Financing programs, staff and space needed to address this growth. While there are other issues, growth and financing directly affects the quality of the educational experience of our students.

These issues also directly impact homeowners as well. We have been working with community members to develop a strategic plan to consider the long-range impact of issues facing our school system.

**ANSWER #2:** Individual schools have student groups that are oriented toward helping students feel more included. In an attempt to be more proactive they help new and struggling students feel more included in the school community. Sadly, many instances of bullying are only known after the fact. Staff is ever watchful for inappropriate interactions among students. As well, parents need to stay vigilant in their communication with their children. We have a formal written protocol to address bullying issues. Once engaged through a written form, all cases will be thoroughly investigated and parents and students will be informed as to the findings. Transparency is key.

**ANSWER #3:** I am currently a two term Beavercreek City School board member and a two term Greene County Career Center board member. I have been a community member since 1978. I am a father of four Beavercreek City School graduates. I taught in Beavercreek School for thirty-one years (Shaw Elementary and Ferguson Middle School). I have as also been CEO of Gene Taylor Builders Inc. for forty-three years. Through my employees we have completed hundreds of projects, large and small for the homeowners of Beavercreek. I am highly invested in the success of Beavercreek.

### **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** As a school board member, how will you address parents' concerns? **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **KASSI KIPLING**

**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 large teams. I believe our district needs proactive, transparent, and accountable leaders.

**ANSWER #1:** Parents want to be heard. To that end, I will respond to all emails from parents regardless of whether or not I agree with them. I

will also move to add topics to the end of the meeting agenda that are brought forth during open communication period so the board can openly discuss the

items that are most important to the community. Parents deserve to hear the board's thoughts on the issues they bring forward.

**ANSWER #2:** Lack of balance. First, a lack of balance among key stakeholders: board, superintendent, teachers union, and the community. We need to rebalance our district by ensuring that our board members stay in their lane of expertise. Secondly, a lack of balance in ideological views among the board. Community voices that differ from the board's views are often ignored. A more balanced and moderate board will help ensure that all voices are heard and will help rebuild trust within the district.

**ANSWER #3:** I am experienced at leading large teams at WPAFB with dynamic personalities and know how to work to find the middle ground. I know how to develop a strategic vision and work to execute that vision while staying within budgetary constraints. I'm a strong leader with a proven track record of fostering relationships across organizations and ranks. I routinely use critical thinking skills to find innovative solutions. I know how to present/communicate ideas and complex designs to a diverse audience.



#### **BRIAN KRONENBERGER**

**BIO:** Daytonian native with 13+ years in logistics management, currently working for the Defense Logistics Agency. Part-time coach for local collegiate debate teams. Father of 3 teenage boys and married to a wonderful lady named Michaela.

**ANSWER #1:** My goal is to start addressing concerns as they come up. When someone reaches out to the board through email or through speaking

at the podium, we need to address it then. Sometimes, it may be a quick discussion at that meeting, other times the topic may need to be tabled till the next meeting so that the board members can research the topic. But they shouldn't be put on the backburner indefinitely.

ANSWER #2: Currently, bullying in our schools and political ideology invading our school board. We have a duty and moral obligation to protect all students from feeling unwanted, abused, or harassed. Removing political ideology from the board has a two-fold effect. One, it protects the board from expensive legal liability. Two, it puts faith back into the community that we hold our students and our school district higher than our personal convictions. In the future, budgetary concerns.

**ANSWER #3:** I have 13+ years of logistics and inventory management. I am going to bring that experience to dive into the physical inventories and financial reports to find cost saving measures. On a more personal note, as a person who was bullied when he was young for many years, I have a strong affinity with those that are unheard. I have grown from being quite shy to an experienced public speaker and debater. I will bring that to our board as someone who can be a voice for everyone.



#### **KEVIN PRICE\***

**BIO:** Current Bellbrook Sugarcreek School Board Member: Retired Air Force pilot with 29 vrs service: Computer Scientist at the Air Force Research Lab. WPAFB; Parent of 6 highly successful children who attended BSS; Taught high/middle school

**ANSWER #1:** As a board member, I will continue to do what I have done over the last ~4

years to ensure not only parents' concerns are heard, considered, & responsibly acted upon but also the concerns of students, teachers, staff, administrators, and community members. I will continue to publicly explain my positions & voting rationale. I will remain accessible to everyone whether in-person, via email, at school/community events which I frequently attend, and before/after school

**ANSWER #2:** Our extraordinary district must remain focused on education & oppose those that would introduce divisive, distracting social matters. BSS excels! In the most recent Ohio State Report Card, BSS is in the top 4% of 608 school districts & in the just released US News & World Report BSS ranks in the top 8% of 17,680 US public high schools. Why does BSS excel? It is because of our students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, community, and...the school board of which I am a very proud member!

**ANSWER #3:** Over the last ~4 years as a board member, I introduced & supported numerous safety initiatives (e.g., fulltime police SRO's, busing restoration, safe pathways to school, physical security), transparency improvements (e.g., expanded public comment period, publishing of full meeting minutes, use of BoardDocs for pre-meeting info), and led the district in attaining financial stability. Leadership /perspectives: I am an Air Force veteran (29 yrs, pilot) & I have lived in many states & also overseas.



#### ANNE PRYOR

**BIO:** I am a mother of three living in Bellbrook, Ohio. I have a Ph.D. in biochemistry, run a business from home, and have been a dedicated volunteer in our community and schools. I love our schools and want to help keep them great!

True Biology, True History, No Political Agenda

**ANSWER #1:** I will always listen respectfully to any parent's concerns. I can't address a problem

that I don't know about, so I am counting on parents to tell me what they are concerned about and what their children are experiencing. If the problem is something that should be addressed in a board meeting or by board policy, I will do so. I will also make sure that the administration is aware of the problem.

ANSWER #2: The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools are doing really well right now. Our students are excelling in academics, sports, and music. We have new, cutting-edge security measures and are doing well managing our budget. Our biggest issue is staying unified and not letting disagreements (on issues such as safety measures, school funding, and biological reality) divide us and tear us down. We need to work together as a community to keep the great things about Bellbrook and improve the areas that need it.

**ANSWER #3:** I have a Ph.D. in biochemistry and have spent countless hours volunteering in our schools and community, helping people in need. Because of my scientific knowledge. I can help our school navigate controversial issues such as covid protocols and transgender bathroom/sports team issues. I can explain the biological and scientific facts. Because of my experience caring for people from all walks of life and all communities, I can help our schools navigate these issues with kindness.





### **Cedar Cliff Local School Board**

Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHARLENE A. CAMPBELL\*** SETH HOWARD

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

#### **Cedar Cliff Local School Board Unexpired Term** Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHRISTI FRIZZELL\***

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

#### **Fairborn City School Board** Vote for 3

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #2:** What policies and practices should the school board adopt to address bullying in the schools?

**QUESTION # 3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **JERRY BROWNING\***

**BIO:** Member of the Fairborn School Board for the past 8 years and Board President the last 2 years, Lifetime Fairborn Resident, Graduate of Fairborn Schools, Graduate of Purdue University **BS** Electrical Engineering

**ANSWER #1:** In the past, the biggest issues would have been building and technology issues. These have been addressed with implementing a

Chromebook for every student and the new buildings in Fairborn. Current issues are related lagging in learning and social skills as the result of the Covid years. Fairborn has addressed the learning issue with our "Close the Gap" plan the past couple of years. This has added addition resources to help teachers and students

**ANSWER #2:** It's a given that aggression and bullying can't be tolerated. The district should try to understand the underlying causes of these. Data shows that social media and electronic devices affect mental health of students. Fairborn schools also saw many discipline issues related to cell phones. This year Yondr pouches were implemented at the middle and high school. Early results have shown less fights, the students paying more attention in class and talking to each other during lunch

**ANSWER #3:** I'm a lifetime resident of Fairborn and understand the community. I bring 25+ years of engineering and plant leadership experience. I've been on the Fairborn School Board the past 8 years and president the past 2. We've made many improvements in relationships with staff and community to restore the trust in the district. We're building all new buildings with the support of the community and have been able to add course content back into the buildings while remaining financially stable.



#### **SUSAN HIEBER**

BIO: I am a long-time Fairborn resident. I graduated from Park Hills High School class of 1980. I have a BS in Secondary Education and an MEd in Educational Leadership. My grown children also graduated from Fairborn High School.

**ANSWER #1:** Addressing issues associated with student achievement, cost effective school operation, and allying public concerns of fiscal responsibility.

ANSWER #2: Policies should exist to ensure all stakeholders are aware of zero tolerance for bullying and student/parent complaints are fully investigated. There should also be proactive steps in place to prevent bullying such as offering membership in supportive clubs and organizations so that all students feel a sense of belonging. Peer Mediation and Restorative Practice programs would also be beneficial in preventing some of these behaviors before they occur.

**ANSWER #3:** As a current teacher I understand what is actually happening in the classroom. For example, relative to bullying, I see attempts every day and have a zero tolerance policy. Students are corrected and when discipline is warranted it is applied. My administration supports my classroom management. It only works because support flows from me to my school administration directly to the school board. I bring a unique perspective because I am actively facing the current issues in our public schools.



#### WENDY LANDON\*

**BIO:** I am a lifelong resident of Fairborn. I attended Fairborn High School, Greene County Career Center, and Sinclair for Business Administration. I have 5 children that attended Fairborn HS. I have been employed 28 years as a Strategic Acct Mgr.

**ANSWER #1:** Student Behavior/Discipline, Government funding for Education, and School Safety/Security. The School Administrators and

The Board of Education have been working diligently to adopt new practices to help keep our students and staff safe. They have also been implementing new procedures to address the issues with behavior.

**ANSWER #2:** Bullying can be a serious problem within many schools. Fairborn has policies in place to address bullying as defined by The State of Ohio. The policy was developed with the help of parents, district employees, volunteers, students, and members of the community. You can find this policy on Fairborn City Schools website.

**ANSWER #3:** I have served many roles in the community: President/VP of the FMC, Committee Chair, and Fundraising Chair for Troop 72, Pack 182, and Pack 141. Serving in those roles has given me the ability to build positive relationships throughout the district, utilize resources, ability to advocate for our students, and be a liaison to students, parents, and community. My career as a Strategic Acct Mgr. gave me knowledge of procurement, material costs, and lead times in relation to our building projects.

#### **PAT MCCOART \***

No Response

#### R. ELLEN SLONE-FARTHING

**BIO:** Fairborn Resident. Graduated from Fairborn Baker High School. Attended Sinclair and American Institute of Banking, Retired from U.S. Bank, Banking Career for 31 years. Currently employed with Fairborn Senior Center as Executive Director.

**ANSWER #1:** To make the academics a priority (student achievements). Keeping the students and staff safe and out of harm. Physical bullying and bullying through social media

**ANSWER #2:** Bullying report should be turned in to the Principal of your child's school. Then it is returned to the Director of Student Services. Once report is completed, if disciplinary action is needed, then no tolerance policy should be in effect which should include and up to expulsion.

**ANSWER #3:** As Executive Director of Non Profit, I bring preparing and managing a high six figure budget. Making sure we offer the programs and services needed for Senior Adults. Prior to my being hired, I set on the Board as President and Treasurer. Being in Banking for 31 years, I held positions from teller to Branch Manager. I am member of Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce. Fairborn Historical Society, American Legion Auxiliary.

#### STEPHANIE WEBB

**BIO:** I was born in Marietta, Ohio. I have lived in Fairborn since 1968 when my father retired from the Air Force. Our 3 children attended and graduated from Fairborn Schools

**ANSWER #1:** There are many issues facing every school district in Ohio. Financial responsibility is at the top of my list. As well, offering a complete and well rounded education for every student in Fairborn is as important as financial responsibility, the two go hand in hand. Student safety is an important issue. Student attendance is very important. Teachers cannot teach if students do not come to school. This is a huge issue that needs addressed day in and day out.

**ANSWER #2:** Without knowing what policies and practices are currently on the books, I don't feel qualified to answer this question. I am a fan of peer mediation for grades 6-12. This action of resolving a dispute between students, led by a peer moderator can be very successful. Led by a third party, a peer, solutions can be achieved to the satisfaction of both students.

**ANSWER #3:** I have been involved with Fairborn schools since my oldest son started school in Fairborn. I have been involved with Girl Scouts, many years of PTO invvement. I served on the school board in Fairborn for 8 years. I worked for Fairborn Schools and I am still involved with Baker Middle School. My many years of experience with students and Fairborn Schools will be a big benefit to me as I. hopefully, rejoin the Fairborn Board of Education.





### **Greeneview Local School Board** Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **SUZANNE ARTHUR\***

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

# Greeneview Local School Board Unexpired Term Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

#### **CHRIS BAILEY\***

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

# Xenia Community City School Board Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your school district?

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.



#### JEREMY COX

**BIO:** I'm a native of Greene County, my Grandparents first moved to Xenia in 1971. Thanks to them, I'm fortunate that every Christmas Day of my nearly 35-year life was spent in Xenia, and I first moved here in 2008. Intelligence Analyst - Wright-Patterson Air Borce Base

Masters of Public Policy: International Affairs - Liberty University

**ANSWER #1:** From a public policy standpoint, a school board member's role is to represent the will of the community to the school district, hence the term "representative government." I believe my past experience as a Sergeant in the Ohio Army National Guard and as a Staffer for the US Senate uniquely positions me to serve the Xenia Community in this capacity.

**ANSWER #2:** I've spoken face-to-face with the Xenia School District Superintendent. Dr. Lofton told me he believes the two biggest issues facing the school district are school funding and building maintenance. I'm in agreement, but I would add that the Xenia School District was ranked in the bottom 25% of state school districts by the Ohio Department of Education. This is unacceptable and can be improved by replacing CRT-inspired public policies with merit-based systems.

**ANSWER #3:** My platform is Pro-Students, Safety and Success. I'm an honorably discharged member of the Ohio Army National Guard and Afghanistan Veteran. I graduated from Liberty University with a Masters of Public Policy in International Affairs and am currently employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in a civilian capacity. I serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Xenia Civil Service

Commission, and volunteer at my local Xenia Church as an usher and lobby safety officer



#### **ZAVAAN JOHNSON**

**BIO:** Music & Band Teacher, Xenia Schools, 1983-1988, 1991-2020; Worthington City Schools, 1988-1989; Chaminade-Julienne Catholic HS, 1989-1991 Master of Arts-Church Music, Trinity Seminary at Capital University

Bachelor of Music Education-Bowling Green State University

ANSWER #1: Liaison. Being an able spokesperson for the community to the superintendent and other managers we hire in adopting the policies and practices that move our students forward to be well-rounded and prepared to be productive members of the community. Likewise, board members need to be advocates of the policies and practices we collectively adopt for the governance of the schools.

**ANSWER #2:** Improving the overall standing of our district academically, respect for teachers and staff, and insuring safety of students to learn and of teachers to teach and to do so free from bullying and physical threats.

**ANSWER #3:** Nearly 40 years as a teacher/teacher leader and problem solver dealing with parents, administrators, students and teachers in navigating the inherent conflicts that come with the responsibility.



#### **BILL RICHEY**

**BIO:** Bill and Barb Richey live in Xenia and have raised 3 children, all Xenia Community School graduates. They are very involved in their community and their church. They have both dedicated their lives to showing and teaching kids that science is fun!

**ANSWER #1:** A board member is one watches over the school system to makes sure the best

choices are being made for the children & teachers in the system. Board members should pay close attention to what decisions are being made at the state level which would positively or negatively affect the education of students. They work closely with the superintendent/treasurer to ensure the finances of the district are well spent & in order. Finally, the board member should be the biggest cheerleader for the district!

ANSWER #2: I taught in Xenia for 37 years, I feel I have great insight on issues facing schools today. My top concern is student safety/safer schools. We must invest in a resource officer in all Xenia schools for the entire school day. I also want to ensure the voters feel Xenia schools has a transparent budget & nothing is being hidden. The most important factor to a great education is the quality of teacher in the classroom. We need to make teacher salaries are competitive to attract & keep teachers!

**ANSWER #3:** I have been blessed to teach in Xenia for 37 years. I have taught approximately 6000 kids in that time & have seen firsthand good & bad decisions made that positively or negatively affected the teacher/student in the classroom & the overall educational experience. I know what great teaching is & want nothing but great teaching for Xenia students (and my grandkids)! Teaching is difficult work. The board is there to support & provide the teachers with the necessary tools so our kids can soar!



#### JOSHUA SMITH\*

**BIO:** Degree in Computer Science from Wright State. Work as a Software Developer and have over 15 years of volunteer experience in local schools, from AFJROTC to STEM Programs. Served on the Xenia Community Schools Board of Education for the past 5 months.

**ANSWER #1:** The role of a school board member is to oversee the policies and operations

of the school district. They work to ensure that the educational needs of students are being met, make decisions on curriculum, budget, and appointment of Superintendent / Treasurer, all while advocating for the interests of the students and community.

**ANSWER #2:** Some of the most important issues include promoting the ABC's over CRT, teaching student how to think not what to think, and maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment. Additionally, maintaining a balanced budget is crucial for long term success of the district.

**ANSWER #3:** In my professional career, I have over a decade of experience working with clients to identify and resolve areas of improvement with their business processes. This will help directly working with the community to address and resolve their issues. Combine this with my passion for education, dedication to addressing parents' concerns, strong communication and interpersonal skills, the ability to work well in a team, along with a commitment to promoting the well-being and success of students.



#### TAMARA SPAHR BARTLEY\*

**BIO:** I was born and raised in Xenia and I am a 4th generation Xenia High School graduate. My husband and I raised our 2 boys in Xenia and both graduated from Xenia High School. I have been on the Xenia School Board for 5 years.

**ANSWER #1:** A school board member is responsible for hiring the treasurer and the superintendent. A school board member's roles

include policy making, establishing district goals and visions and overseeing the fiscal health of the district. A school board member should be a trusted and valued member of the community that is well respected. A school board member works to gain the public's trust, supports public education and is an advocate for the district and its students.

**ANSWER #2:** Fortunately the Xenia Community Schools is in great financial shape right now. However, the way public schools are funded from the state is a concern for all schools. We need full implementation of Fair School Funding.

**ANSWER #3:** As a school board member, I bring to the board 5 years of experience, the most for any current member on the board. I bring a commitment to my community which is shown through my many years of service and volunteering to school activities, sports and clubs. I bring 28 years of teaching experience as well. This 28 years gives me extensive experience with curriculums, state standards, SEL learning, PBIS, MTSS, levies and so much more that are a big part of the day to day school environment.





## **Yellow Springs School Board**

Vote for 2

\*Indicates incumbent

**QUESTION #1:** Describe the role of a school board member as you see it. **QUESTION #2:** What do you see as the most important issues facing your

**QUESTION #3:** Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school



#### **AMY BAILEY**

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** A board member is one of a five-part piece of the policy making body that advises the superintendent and treasurer. My priority would be to put our students' needs first. Expectations include setting goals for our district, evaluating and reporting to the public of the progress on said goals, approving budgets and

providing updated, inclusive facilities. The board acts as one & once a decision is made, acceptance of the will of the majority is imperative for success in our

**ANSWER #2:** One of the school board's responsibilities is to provide safe, modern, and appropriate facilities for students and staff. Unfortunately, our current facilities do not support the needs of today's learning environment. Continuing with a lack of suitable learning spaces will make recruiting new and retaining current families and educators within our district challenging.

**ANSWER #3:** With a B.S. from Wright State University. I began my career providing high school and college students with national test preparation, professional training, and student support services. Six years on the Mills Lawn PTO board, volunteering for the Mills Lawn Extra Curricular Program and serving on YS School's Educational Visioning team are examples of my experience within our local district. As a veterinary practice manager, I've furthered my finance, policy, and employee management skills.

#### **PATRICIA PETERS**

**BIO:** Yellow Springs HS graduate 1968, University of Dayton 1972 BA Sociology/ Social Work, Wright State 1976 El Ed Certification, Kean College 1980 SpEd Certification, University of Dayton 1992 School Counseling.

**ANSWER #1:** In the role of school board member, the most important role is the responsibility to the students and the parents. The next responsibility is to the teachers and administrators in the district. A school board member follows the policies of the Board, and as new situations arise, collaborate with the other Board members and Superintendent to propose new policies. A Board member should be prepared as well as open to listening to all viewpoints.

**ANSWER #2:** The most important issues facing Yellow Springs Schools are improving the school facilities, maintaining quality education for the 687 students in the district, and implementing the Strategic Plan that was developed in the Spring of 2023. The School Board reached a consensus to place a levy on the November 2023 ballot for improving the school facilities. I will positively advoc ate for new facilities for our students and teachers. The Strategic Plan gives the district a plan for moving forward.

**ANSWER #3:** Experiences that I will bring to the school board are direct involvement in the YS Schools as a YSHS graduate, former teachers aide at MLS, former teacher at the middle school and current volunteer at MLS. Also as a retired teacher with 33 years of experience I understand the daily operations of a school, which is valuable knowledge for a board member. Skills that I will bring to the school board are ability to communicate ideas as well as to listen. Also problem solving and organization.



#### REBECCA POTTER

**BIO:** I am a professor of English at the University of Dayton, and am a resident of Yellow Springs since 2008. I have two daughters who graduated from YSHS, Evelyn, class of 2020, and Tahlia, class of 2022.

**ANSWER #1:** A school board member acts as a bridge between the community and the school district. Board members have the responsibility

to provide oversight, but also to provide support. Board members are points of contact for parents, students, teachers, and members of the community to communicate specific concerns. The board is responsible for fiscal oversight to make sure tax dollars are used effectively. Most importantly, board members work with administration to make our schools the best they can be.

**ANSWER #2:** The Yellow Springs school district is facing significant challenges: defending diversity and inclusion in the classroom in a divisive political climate, the lingering impacts of the Covid epidemic on student learning, and the need to address the condition of our buildings, to name a few. But in order to address these challenges, school board members must be able to work together, listen to the community, and make decisions in a spirit of collaboration.

**ANSWER #3:** I bring a deep connection with the community and skills as a collaborator. I am an educator at the college level and have raised two daughters who have graduated from YSHS. I have been an active supporter of the schools. From 2018 until 2021, I was a member of the YSHS boosters. I have served in various roles of collaborative leadership both professionally and in the Village, and am currently the chairperson of the Yellow Springs Environmental Coalition.



#### KIM REICHELDERFER

**BIO:** No Response

**ANSWER #1:** I believe that the role of a school board member is to represent the community in making policies with the best interest of the students and faculty in mind. While the superintendent's role is to work with the district staff to administer those policies as well as having a strong influence on board-created policies as a key stakeholder.

**ANSWER #2:** The number one issue facing our district right now is facilities. The current facilities are unacceptable for our students and faculty and both buildings fail to provide a safe and environmentally sound learning environment. In my opinion the second most important issue facing our schools is identifying and providing services to special education students on both ends of the learning spectrum who may qualify for and benefit from an EEP or an IEP.

**ANSWER #3:** I hope to bring a diverse perspective to the board as a parent of three students who attend both Mills Lawn and MMS and were at one point open enrolled in the district. As a member of a two-mom household and licensed Professional Engineer, I would provide board representation for the LGBTO community and well as a technical perspective for STEAM education and facility improvements. I also have experience with post-secondary education as an adjunct faculty member.

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# **GREENE COUNTY ISSUES FALL 2023**

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, with no increase in taxes.

### **Issue 1 Reproductive Rights**

See p. 4 for information.

#### **Issue 2 Adult Use of Cannabis**

See p. 4 for information.

#### Caesarscreek Township Issue 3 Renewal levv

1.5 mills for 5 years For EMS/fire services

#### Jefferson Township Issue 4 Renewal levy

2.0 mills for 5 years
For general construction and roads

### Ross Township Issue 5 Renewal levy

1.5 mills for 5 years For current expenses

#### Spring Valley Township Issue 6 Renewal levy

1.5 mills for continuing period

For general construction, reconstruction, and repair of roads and bridges

#### Spring Valley Township Issue 7 Renewal levy

3.0 mills for continuing period For fire/ EMS services

#### Xenia Township Issue 8 Additional levy

3.5 mills for 5 years

For general construction and roads
Tax increase of \$ 123 annually, based on

\$100.000 value

#### Beavercreek Local School District Issue 9 Replacement levy

1.0 mill for 5 years

For construction, improvements, renovations, and additions

Tax increase of \$ 21 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### Greenview Local School District Issue 10 4.3 mills for 37 years

Bond issue for \$19,527,734

For school construction

Tax increase of \$ 151 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District Issue 11 Renewal levy

1.2 mills for continuing period For permanent improvements

#### Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District Issue 12 7.9 mills for 37 years

Bond for \$26,630,000

For school construction

Tax increase of \$ 277 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Issue 17 Additional and replacement levy

0.6 mill for 10 years

For operations and capital expenditures

Tax increase of \$ 9 annually, based on \$100,000

#### Greene County Issue 18 Renewal levy

1.4 mills for 5 years
For services for seniors

#### Greene County Issue 19 Renewal levy

3.5 mills for 5 years

For community developmental disabilities programs and services

#### Greene County Issue 20 Renewal levy

1.5 mills for 10 years For Children's Services

#### City of Beavercreek Issue 21 Additional levy

1.93 mills for 5 years
For parks and recreation

Tax increase of \$68 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### Village of Jamestown Issue 22 Additional levy

3.7 mills for 5 years For police services

Tax increase of \$ 130 annually, based on \$100,000 value

#### Village of Spring Valley Issue 23 Renewal levy

3.0 mills for 5 years For current expenses

#### Village of Spring Valley Issue 24 Additional levy

1.0 mill for 5 years For fire services

Tax increase of \$ 30 annually, based on \$100,000 value

## **LOCAL OPTIONS**

(Sales of alcoholic beverages)

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 001:

Meijer Store (Sunday sales), 3822 Colonel Glenn Hwy., Beavercreek, OH 45324

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 001:

Meijer Gas (Sunday sales), 3928 Colonel Glen Hwy., Beavercreek, OH 45324

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 012:

On Par Entertainment (Sunday sales), 4464 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek, OH 45440

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 012:

On Par Entertainment (Wine, liquor, and mixed beverages), 4464 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek, OH 45440

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 014:

Wild Axe (Wine, liquor, and mixed beverages), 3251 Seajay Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45430

# City of Beavercreek Precinct 014:

Wild Axe (Sunday sales), 3251 Seajay Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45430

# Sugarcreek Township Precinct 155:

Candlebrook Farms (Sunday sales), 3269 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook, OH 45305

# Sugarcreek Township Precinct 155:

Candlebrook Farms (Wine, liquor, and mixed beverages), 3269 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook, OH 45305

# City of Fairborn Precinct 223:

Marathon (Sunday sales), 1652 Kauffman Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324

# City of Fairborn Precinct 223:

Marathon (Wine and mixed beverages), 1652 Kauffman Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324

#### City of Xenia Precinct 301:

Buck & Ear (Sunday sales of wine, liquor, and mixed beverages),

124 Xenia Towne Square, Xenia, OH 45385

### **Voting Rights for Ohioans with Disabilities**



#### Can I vote if I have a disability?

Yes. 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 still vote.

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, live in a halfway house, or are on house arrest.

#### How do I know if I'm registered to vote?

Go to VoteOhio.gov, click [Check My Voter Registration] and type in your name and the county in which you live.

#### How do I sign up (register) to vote?

Complete a voter registration form. You can ask for help completing it.

- Option 1: Go to VoteOhio.gov and click [Register To Vote]. You can either complete a form online or print the form and mail it in
- Option 2: Go in-person to the Board of Elections (BOE), 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 (ED).

You need to complete a **new** voter registration form if you:

· Have a new address, even if it's in the same city, or have changed your legal name.

#### Do I have to show my ID when I vote?

Yes, but depending on if you vote by mail, or in-person, ID requirements are different. To vote in-person, you must provide a photo ID.

· Photo ID includes: an unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID, a U.S. Passport, or federal or state military ID (includes Ohio National Guard ID).

#### 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, or deposit your completed ballot in the designated county dropbox, or at your BOE.
- · You can provide the last four digits of your SSN as your voter ID if voting by mail.

Request an absentee ballot online at VoteOhio.gov or by calling your local BOE. A family member, support staff or friend can pick up a form for you at the local BOE.

· For persons with accessibility concerns, sensory issues and communication challenges, this may be an easier option than going to the voting polls on ED.

#### Will my polling place be accessible?

Contact your local BOE 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 VoteOhio.gov. Email options are listed on the website.
- · If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the ACLU 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, 800-858-3542 for TTY, or by emailing at disabilityrightsohio.org/contact.

Key: BOE - Board of Elections • ED - Election Day



ACLUOhio.org/vote



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1. How helpful is the	Voters Guide in providing	nonpartisan
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4. What improvements could be made?	
5. What information in the <i>Guide</i> was mo	st helpful to you?

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6. Please indicate age:	18-30	31-35	56-70	70+

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