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Public Safety Renewal Levies:

Your Fire and Police Departments ask for your continued support on November 7th

Two public safety levies expire at the end of 2017 and will be included on the November 7th ballot as a continuous renewal of the existing levies. These levies provide partial funding for police and fire service within the City.

Both proposed renewal levies are the same 3.5 mills as the existing levies. Furthermore, the renewal levies will generate the same revenue as the current levies, since renewal levies cannot collect any more taxes overall than the levies that are set to expire.

If approved, the levies - appearing on the ballot as Issues 7 and 8 - will allow the City to continue its current level of service without raising property taxes for Clayton residents. A continuous renewal of the public safety levies will ensure a consistent funding source for police and fire services.

**Renewal levies = NO INCREASE
IN PROPERTY TAXES**

Annual Cost per \$100,000 of Home Value*
*Approximation

FIRE LEVY



POLICE LEVY



PLAN Clayton:

Thank you for your input!

PLAN Clayton is the process through which city stakeholders, including Clayton residents, business owners, City Staff, and City Council, are creating a vision for Clayton's future growth.

Urban Collaborative, the consultant facilitating this process, held several public workshops, conducted interviews, and received survey responses from community members to find out how we would like to see Clayton grow. The information was then used to develop a draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The draft plan was presented to a full house of residents during a City Council meeting in August.

The Pre-Final Report is still being developed and will continue to be updated according to the community's feedback. We want to hear from you because **the final Plan is only as strong as the input we receive!**

For more information about PLAN Clayton or to sign up to have updates sent directly to your phone or email visit <http://clayton.oh.us/364/PLAN-Clayton>.



ISSUES 7 & 8: Fire and Police Renewal Levies

The November 7 ballot includes a continuous renewal of two 3.5 mill levies that provide funding for Fire and Police services. These levies will provide consistent funding for public safety services. The renewal levies generate revenue equal to the expiring levies and **WILL NOT** increase your property taxes.



Facts About the Public Safety Levies:

How much revenue do the levies generate?

In 2017, the Fire levy is budgeted to raise \$788,864 and the Police levy is estimated to bring in \$790,719. The renewal will generate an equal amount. The expiring public safety levies make up 43% of the Fire Department budget and 39% of the Police Department budget.

How do the levies impact homeowners?

Because the levies are renewals, homeowners will pay the same amount in the first year, and each year after, as they did in 2017. That equates to approximately \$122 per \$100,000 in home value per year for each levy.

What do the levies pay for?

The levies fund part of the operating budget for both the Fire and Police Departments. The operating budget includes all expenses related to daily operations. These levies provide a large portion of the funding that supports the Police Department, 2 full-time fire stations, and combined public safety staffing of 23 full-time and 25 part-time.

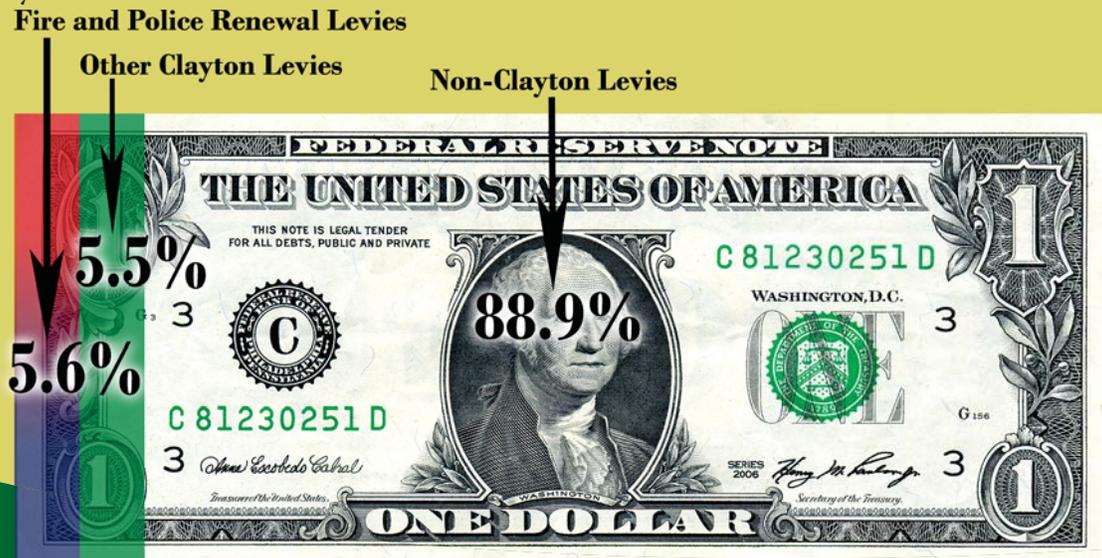
What happens after the first year?

1. The levy cannot collect more than it did in the first year. If total City property values increase, a reduction factor will be applied to keep your tax bill at the current amount for the Fire and Police levies.
2. If the value of your home increases when it is reappraised, you will be taxed on the new value but at a lower rate to keep the amount the same as in 2017.

Where does your dollar go?

Only a small percent of your property taxes fund public safety services

The expiring public safety levies make up less than 6% of the total amount of property taxes collected by Montgomery County from Clayton residents.



Mayor's Corner



We as elected officials are entering that time of year which marks an annual rite of passage – the beginning of campaign season.

In light of that, I have been thinking about my experience as an elected official relative to the events that have transpired in our country and state during the same period. I was first elected Randolph Township Trustee in 1987 and not too long afterward, in 1993, First Lady Hillary Clinton was working the halls of Congress in her attempt to encourage passage of a bill to reform our health care system. Fast forward 24 years and not many of us would think that our health care system is much better than it was in 1993, despite all of the time and effort spent on the issue.

The following year, Judge Linton D. Lewis, Jr., ruled on July 1, 1994 that Ohioans had a fundamental right to a state-funded education and that the state's system for providing that education was unconstitutional. The Ohio General Assembly was ordered to reform the disparities in education, but few would disagree that the underlying problems with the school funding system remain to this day.

During that same time period, on the local level, I have been part of a group of citizens who have worked together to bring hundreds of jobs to our city; to greatly increase the number of acres of parks and recreational activities that are so important to millennials and other residents; and to make Clayton one of the

safest cities of it's size in the county and the state (among many other improvements to the lives of Clayton residents). The point is that the local level is where elected officials, public servants and citizen participants actually make accomplishments that matter, which is why I enjoy serving in local government.

It can be very frustrating to see how slowly the wheels of government work at the state or national level, some matters taking years or decades to be resolved. City government, however, is where you can call in about a pothole in the road and it will be fixed the next day. Citizens can request a walking path for the safety of their children walking from school to the YMCA and see it built

in a reasonable amount of time. At the city level of government residents can rely on the local police to protect them and make the city one of the safest in the state, all the while knowing (and seeing) that the fire and rescue staff are highly trained, close by, and have the equipment which may one day save their life.

This month as we remember 9/11 and honor first responders please continue to support your safety services and local government.

See you around town,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Ostering".

Pink Ribbon Girls

Clayton FD supports local families battling cancer

Every year the Clayton Fire Department supports the Pink Ribbon Girls whose motto is "No one travels this road alone." PRG provides healthy meals, housecleaning, transportation to treatment and peer support to individuals with breast and women's reproductive cancers free of charge. Stop by the firehouse to purchase your fundraising t-shirt for \$20. All proceeds stay in our community!



Be prepared when disaster strikes Community alerts on your cell phone or email

Register your cell phones, email and unlisted phone numbers with Hyper-Reach to ensure you will be notified about local emergencies and receive community alerts. Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.



Hyper-Reach targets specific blocks, neighborhoods, or entire communities, and is especially beneficial when timely information about hazardous conditions needs to be communicated to those directly affected. Hyper-Reach will automatically call all landlines for Community Alerts, but you need to register any cell numbers. Visit the City website (www.clayton.oh.us) or call the Clayton Government Center (937-836-3500) to sign up today.

Fall Has Arrived: And the leaves are falling!

All Clayton residential properties located on a public street are scheduled for two pickups during the leaf season. There are a few things to remember to help make the collection process run smoothly:

- Place only leaves in the leaf piles. Other forms of yard waste such as rocks, pieces of cement, tree branches, twigs, flowers, walnuts, and grass clippings slow the collection process and damage City equipment.
- Have leaves in place on the Sunday preceding the scheduled date of collection in your zone.
- If there are leaves left after the pick up, it is because crews could not reach them with the equipment. Residents will need to move them closer to the street and we will pick them up on the next pass.
- At any time, residents may place leaves and yard waste at the curb in standard plastic bags for normal trash pickup.



Leaf piles should be placed as close to the curb as possible (without obstructing traffic). City vehicles will not leave the paved area. If we can't reach the leaves we can't pick them up.



Leaves should not be piled behind parked vehicles, near storm drains, or around telephone poles, sign posts, or mailboxes.



Leaves need to be 80 feet from any dead end. The arm can only reach leaves on one side of the truck.



Property owners without curbs may pile their leaves as close to the street as possible, but should never be placed in the street.



Yardwaste Drop-off Locations

If you prefer to get rid of your leaves early, rather than waiting for crews to pick them up, you may bring them to any of the three locations listed below. Please ensure loose leaves are disposed in the marked areas. No bags please.

Ohio Mulch
220 Shaw Road (in Union)

Sunshine Kennel & Garden Center
3318 Phillipsburg Union Road

2017 Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Schedule is flexible and may vary depending on weather and timing of leaf drop.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Pass 1	Wk. of Oct. 16th	Wk. of Oct. 23rd	Wk. of Oct. 16th	Wk. of Oct. 23th
Pass 2	Wk. of Oct. 30th	Wk. of Nov. 6th	Wk. of Nov. 13th	Wk. of Nov. 20th

Leaf Collection Zones:

City crews will make every attempt to follow the pickup schedule but the weather may cause changes.

Afton-Zone 3
 Allison-Zone 1
 Amy-Zone 1
 Anneliese-Zone 2
 Artistic-Zone 2
 Ashbrook-Zone 1
 Baldwin Hills-Zone 4
 Barnes-Zone 2
 Baronsmere-Zone 3
 Barrington-Zone 1
 Bethany-Zone 3
 Blue Teal-Zone 2
 Bolzano-Zone 2
 Borges-Zone 2
 Boston-Zone 3
 Brushwood-Zone 3
 Burkwood-Zone 2
 Caldero-Zone 3
 Cedar Bluff-Zone 3
 Cheri Lynn-Zone 1
 Cheryl-Zone 1
 Cilantro-Zone 2
 Circle-Zone 1
 Clinton-Zone 2
 Colemere-Zone 3
 Colleen-Zone 2
 Coralberry-Zone 2
 Coriander-Zone 2
 Corydale-Zone 3
 Coughlin-Zone 3
 Country View-Zone 2
 Countrydale-Zone 3
 County Line-Zone 2
 Crestway-Zone 2
 Crownwood-Zone 3
 Damson-Zone 2
 Dawnwood-Zone 2
 Debbie-Zone 1
 Delray-Zone 2
 Denver-Zone 4
 Deville-Zone 3
 Diamond Mill-Zone 2
 Dill-Zone 2
 Dog Leg-Zone 1
 Dolores-Zone 2

Dominican-Zone 2
 Dorchester-Zone 2
 Dorshire-Zone 3
 Elin-Zone 2
 Ellis-Zone 2
 Elmway-Zone 1
 Elru-Zone 2
 Enesco-Zone 4
 Esther Price-Zone 2
 Fairlawn-Zone 4
 Fallgold-Zone 2
 Fallwood-Zone 4
 Fig Tree-Zone 4
 Flagler-Zone 2
 Flaute-Zone 2
 Flower-Zone 1
 Fontella-Zone 2
 Foursome-Zone 4
 Fox Road-Zone 2
 Frankfort-Zone 2
 Freeport-Zone 3
 Galaxie-Zone 3
 Garber -Zone 1
 (Old Salem-
 Westbrook)
 Garber-Zone 2
 (Old Salem to SR 48)
 Glenhaven-Zone 1
 Glenhills-Zone 4
 Gold Key-Zone 1
 Golf Manor-Zone 4
 Gorman-Zone 2
 Granite-Zone 2
 Greenbank-Zone 2
 Greenbay-Zone 3
 Greenview-Zone 1
 Grosse Point-Zone 3
 Groveview-Zone 1
 Haber-Zone 2
 Hacker-Zone 1
 Harrington-Zone 1
 Heathcliff-Zone 2
 Highfield-Zone 3
 Hill-Zone 2
 Hillgrove-Zone 2
 Hilltop-Zone 2
 Hoffman-Zone 1
 Hoke-Zone 2
 Honeybrook-Zone 3
 Inwood-Zone 1
 Irvington-Zone 1
 Jack's Lane-Zone 2
 Jackie-Zone 1

Jacquelyn-Zone 1
 Jana Circle-Zone 1
 Janice-Zone 3
 Jean-Zone 1
 Kevton-Zone 3
 Kilgar-Zone 2
 Kimmel-Zone 2
 N. Kinsey-Zone 2
 (across from Artistic)
 Kinsey-Zone 4
 (South of Old Salem)
 Laurel Fork-Zone 3
 Lavon-Zone 3
 Layne Hills-Zone 4
 Lempco-Zone 2
 Linchmere-Zone 3
 Lindy-Zone 1
 Lockwood-Zone 2
 Main-Zone 1
 (Hillgrove-
 Westbrook)
 Main-Zone 2
 (Sweet Potato to
 Union)
 Marjoram-Zone 2
 Marlbank-Zone 4
 Marylew-Zone 1
 Maynard-Zone 2
 McKenna-Zone 2
 Meiring-Zone 2
 Melody-Zone 1
 Michelle Place-Zone 4
 Mill-Zone 2
 Mintwood-Zone 2
 Moorewood-Zone 1
 Morrow-Zone 3
 Mount Royal-Zone 2
 National-Zone 2
 Noranda-Zone 3
 Northfield-Zone 3
 Northland-Zone 1
 Oakfield-Zone 3
 Obispe-Zone 1
 Old Mill-Zone 2
 Old Salem-Zone 2
 (48 to Garber)
 Old Salem-Zone 4
 (Garber to 49)
 Oren-Zone 3
 Pacemont-Zone 2
 Packingham-Zone 4
 Park Vista-Zone 4
 Parsley-Zone 2
 Pebble Brook-Zone 4

Pepperton-Zone 2
 Phillipsburg-Union-
 Zone 2
 Pineland Trail-Zone 2
 Pleasant Plain-Zone 2
 Ponderosa-Zone 3
 Portrait-Zone 3
 Priscilla-Zone 1
 Prospect-Zone 1
 Pugliese Place-Zone 2
 Putnam-Zone 2
 Rahway-Zone 2
 Ramsey-Zone 3
 Ranch Hill-Zone 3
 Rangeview-Zone 3
 Raspberry-Zone 2
 Rathburn-Zone 4
 Reeves-Zone 3
 Remington-Zone 1
 Rhinehart-Zone 2
 River Ridge-Zone 1
 River Road-Zone 2
 Riverbend-Zone 1
 Riverdelta-Zone 1
 Robert Ulrich-Zone 3
 Roblar Hills-Zone 4
 Romaine-Zone 1
 Rose Bud-Zone 3
 Rosser-Zone 2
 Rundell-Zone 3
 Rushleigh-Zone 4
 Rushwood-Zone 4
 Rymark-Zone 3
 Salem-Zone 2
 Salem Crossing-Zone 2
 Sandpebble-Zone 4
 Satellite-Zone 3
 Savina-Zone 2
 Scenic River-Zone 1
 Scothills-Zone 4
 Semley-Zone 3
 Seville-Zone 4
 Shadywood-Zone 2
 Sheelin-Zone 2
 Shell-Zone 3
 Sidney-Zone 1
 Silverbell-Zone 2
 Skylark-Zone 4
 Southway-Zone 2
 Spring-Zone 2
 Springway-Zone 1
 Stanwood-Zone 4
 Starlight-Zone 3

Steineman-Zone 2
 Sterling Maple-Zone 2
 Sterling Oaks-Zone 2
 Sterling Woods-Zone 2
 Stillmore-Zone 4
 Stonewall-Zone 3
 Sue-Zone 1
 Summersweet-Zone 2
 Sunnyside-Zone 4
 Swan-Zone 2
 Sweet Potato-Zone 2
 Sydenham-Zone 4
 Takisa-Zone 1
 Talmadge-Zone 2
 Tammy-Zone 1
 Taywood-Zone 4
 Templehurst-Zone 4
 Thelma-Zone 1
 Thundering Herd-Zone
 2
 Trailway-Zone 1
 Tributary-Zone 1
 Turin-Zone 2
 Tuxford-Zone 2
 Tymill-Zone 3
 Union-Zone 2
 Valley Brook-Zone 4
 Viewmont-Zone 3
 Vinewood-Zone 2
 Vintage-Zone 2
 Vinway-Zone 1
 Virginia Springs-Zone 2
 Volk-Zone 1
 Warrior-Zone 2
 Wastler-Zone 2
 Water-Zone 2
 Wenger-Zone 2
 Wenger Meadows-Zone
 2
 Westbrook-Zone 1
 West Wenger-Zone 2
 Wetzel Farm-Zone 2
 Whispering Meadow-
 Zone 3
 Whitaker-Zone 3
 Willowcreek-Zone 3
 Wood Duck-Zone 2
 Woodacre-Zone 4
 Woolery-Zone 1

For more information about these topics or any questions please contact the City of Clayton at (937) 836-3500 or visit our website at www.clayton.oh.us

2018 Road Resurfacing Program:

Year 3

2018 will be the last year of the 3-year Road Resurfacing Program. The first two years of the program have brought tremendous change to the quality and appearance of Clayton Roads. They have also brought to our attention to the need to clarify the process of identifying curb and gutter that needs replaced and resurfacing the roadways. Please see the chart below for information about what to expect when your road is included in the resurfacing program.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Curb/Gutter Replacement & Road Pavement Project

<p>1. CURRENT CONDITION</p>  <p>Curb/Gutter & Roads are approx. 40+ years old in the majority of the City.</p>	<p>2. EVALUATE DAMAGE</p>  <p>City Staff performs inspections to evaluate the extent of damage to curb/gutter and marks the damage. Notification is sent to owners including approx. amount of repair work that is needed.</p>	<p>3. SELECT CONTRACTOR</p>  <p>Owners may select the City or their own bonded contractor. If owner selects their own contractor, please notify the City. In addition if City contractor is selected payment may be placed on property taxes to be paid over a 5 or 10 year period.</p>	<p>4. SELECT STYLE</p>  <p>Owners may elect to install a 'low-profile' curb instead of a traditional curb at their driveway to allow for smooth access. If a low-profile curb is selected owners must notify the city or their selected contractor prior to installation.</p>
<p>5. CURB/GUTTER WORK</p>  <p>Approx. time line 2-weeks. Residents will need to temporarily park on the road wherever construction is not occurring.</p>	<p>6. SLURRY & DIRT</p>  <p>To protect newly installed curb/gutter until re-pavement 'slurry' is installed between curb/gutter and existing roadway. Slurry is temporary and will be removed when the road is paved.</p>	<p>7. MILLING & PAVING</p>  <p>Once all the curb/gutters are completed along a street then the road will first be 'milled', removing top layers of asphalt, then paved for a smooth finish.</p>	<p>8. FINISHED</p>  <p>Enjoy the new streets!</p>

Questions along the way?
Please contact Randy Sanders,
Public Service Director at
(937) 836-3500 x123

Estimated Income Tax Payments

Reminder: some residents will need to make quarterly estimated tax payments

At the beginning of 2016 a tax credit reduction was put in place. Reducing the income tax credit from 100% to 50% means that residents working outside the City only receive credit for a portion of the taxes paid to another taxing jurisdiction and will owe some amount in Clayton city taxes.

Each year when filing your taxes, the amount of Clayton city tax owed for the next year will be estimated. As an example, the amount of tax you will owe in 2018 will be calculated when you file your City tax return in 2017. If the amount owed for municipal tax is estimated to be \$200.00 or more after subtracting withholding to the City and any credits, you will need to file a declaration of estimated tax and make quarterly payments. Quarterly invoices are sent when payment is due.

Community Events

Come out and join us!

Date/Time	Event	Location
Sat., Oct. 7th 7:00 - 10:00pm	Picnic in the Park: Benefit dinner supporting the purchase of trees for Northview Park. Tickets are \$75 per couple. A cash bar will be available.	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Sat. Oct. 21st 8:00am - 1:00pm	Sweep Clayton Clean: Dispose of junk, furniture, tree limbs & yard debris, refrigerator (freon must be drained). <i>*Clayton residents only; no businesses.</i>	Fire Station 83 200 Woolery Ln.
Sat., Oct. 28th 1:00 - 3:00pm	Carving & Costumes for Kids: Kids grades K-8th are invited to a FREE Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contests. <i>*Pumpkins & Carving Tools will be provided.</i>	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Sat., Dec. 9th 9:00 - 11:00am	Breakfast with Santa: Join Santa for breakfast. A pancake breakfast buffet, pictures with Santa. <i>*Tickets must be purchased in advance.</i>	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.

It's Easy to Pay Your Bill Online!

Conveniently view your bill, sign up to pay by text, go paperless and more.



Go to www.clayton.oh.us and click on "Online Bill Pay" to get to the payment portal. Then, enter your info to locate your bill.



Select the bill to pay. Enter your credit card or e-check payment information. Review and submit your payment.



Receive an email confirmation of your payment and then future email reminders about your bill

For more information about these topics or any questions please contact the City of Clayton at (937) 836-3500 or visit our website at www.clayton.oh.us

VIP Beautification Program

Recognizing Clayton's most charming residential properties



Spring VIP Winner, The Jones Family



Summer VIP Winner, The Clark Family

Clayton has many beautifully maintained properties, and this year we began recognizing the best of the best through the VIP Beautification Program. Now that the leaves are changing and a chill is in the air, we are accepting nominations for a fall winner until October 31st.

Residents can nominate their own property, a neighbor's or a friend's property. City staff will also nominate properties as they are out in the community during the spring and summer months.

To nominate a property, contact Jack Kuntz at 836-3500 or jkuntz@clayton.oh.us

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries!



**Working Smoke Alarms
Save Lives!**

**Change Your Batteries
When You Change Your Clocks**

A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends.



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Participate in Local Government:

Residents can participate in local government by attending meetings of the Clayton City Council. Time is set aside at the end of each meeting to ask questions and voice concerns. Meetings take place the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Rd. The meeting schedule may change due to special presentations or other events. If you have a comment about City services and prefer more immediate attention, please email askclayton@clayton.oh.us or call 937-836-3500.

Upcoming Meetings

October 5
October 19
November 2
November 16
December 7
December 21
January 4
January 18
February 1
February 15