



"GROWING TOWARD THE FUTURE"

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL KIDS FEST - SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees, working in cooperation with the Hanover Township Park Committee, is hosting the Fourteenth Annual Kids Fest on Saturday, June 25 at the Hanover Township Memorial Park in the Walking Path area.

At 1:15PM the Board of Trustees will open the event with a Treasure Hunt for children ages 2 through 13 with special prizes to be awarded.

Beginning at 1:00PM, kids can enjoy balloon artists, special movie characters, games, and equipment displays by Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Public Works Operations, and other groups.

At 2:15PM, pie eating contests which includes kids and adults will take place at the gazebo. Prizes will be awarded. At 3:15PM a fitness for fun activity is scheduled as kids ages 4 through 12 (and older "kids" ages 13 and up) compete in races held on the .55 mile walking path. Race prizes will be awarded by categories. Throughout the afternoon, special games and demonstration booths will be available.

Hay wagon rides (depending on weather) for parents and children will run in the Park area around the Walking Path.

Food, drinks, and treats will be available. All kids' activities are **FREE!**



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FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING AN EVENT SPONSOR, CALL 896-9059 AND SELECT THE "SPECIAL EVENTS" MENU OPTION.

REMINDER: OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Each year the Township receives inquiries about open burning laws and restrictions. The Board of Trustees believes it is important to alert residents each year of the restrictions set forth by the State of Ohio and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Open burning is prohibited in Hanover Township and surrounding jurisdictions except for limited circumstances.



**OPEN
BURNING IS
RESTRICTED**

Open burning is defined as any outdoor fire. Open burning worsens the air quality in southwestern Ohio and can have harmful effects on people's health. Additionally, dry fields and farms are very susceptible to fires during the hot and dry periods throughout the year. The Ohio Administrative Code allows for open burning for cooking for human consumption, heating tar, welding torches, smudge pots, ceremonial exercises, grilling, and heating for warmth of outdoor workers. Open burning may also occur under certain circumstances by permit which can be determined by calling the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency at 513-946-1711.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*Memorial Day
May 30th*

*Flag Day
June 14th*

*Independence Day
July 4th*

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED:

- Monday, May 30th
- Monday, July 4th

*The Board of Trustees
meets the second Wednesday of
the month at 6 p.m.
unless posted otherwise.*



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Trustees holds Township business meetings once a month, usually on the second Wednesday of each month. However, due to scheduling conflicts the date may be changed. Meeting schedule information is posted on the Township's website. To verify the schedule, residents may call 513-896-9059 and press option #1.

Meetings start at 6:00 PM in the Community Center located at 2595 Old Oxford Road. Business may be scheduled for the meeting agenda by contacting the Township Administrator at 896-9059 in advance.

Meeting minutes are posted on the Township website for viewing by the public.

CLASSIFICATION OF STREETS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Hanover Township fields many questions about dead animals on the road, signs, drainage, potholes and speed zones associated with the roads in Hanover Township. The Township tries to be responsive to all requests for service but many roads are not under the jurisdiction of the Township.

STATE CONTROL:

- Old Oxford Road (SR130)
- Millville Avenue is State Route 129
- Oxford Millville Road is US 27
- Hamilton Richmond Road (SR 177)

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE CONTROL:

- Minton Road
- Stahlheber Road east of US 27
- Stillwell Beckett Road
- Nichols Road west of Lanes Mill to the Township line
- Lanes Mill Road
- Reily Millville Road
- Neighborhood streets and other roads such as Krucker, Vizedom, Morman Road north of Old Oxford Road, Hogue and Darrrtown Road are examples of streets under the Township's jurisdiction.

2022 ROAD PROGRAM FOR HANOVER TOWNSHIP

The 2022 Road Improvement Program set forth by the Board of Trustees involves several streets and different applications. A large portion of this work is bid through the Butler County Engineer's Office to save money and work will occur during the 2022 construction season. Re-base and patching work is scheduled for Darrrtown Road dead end section, Stephenson Road and Woodbine Road. Black Mat application will occur on Darrrtown Road from Old Oxford Road to Stillwell Beckett Road. The Gene Avenue major culvert will be replaced and the small bridge access repaired. Other patching, repair and crack sealing projects will be undertaken throughout the Township by Township Road Department crews.

2022 BALLOT ISSUE: RENEWAL OF TAX LEVY

The Board of Trustees will vote to declare the necessity for a renewal of a tax levy for general operating funds to be placed on the ballot in for November 8, 2022 for voter consideration. The Board will sponsor public forums in the fall to enable residents to ask questions about the renewal levy, proposed use of funds and overall financial condition of the Township.

The Board of Trustees stated in a recent meeting *"that it is necessary to renew the levying of a tax to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, for the purpose of current expenses, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code § 5705.19(A), at a rate not exceeding one and seventy-five hundredths (1.75) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seventeen and five-tenths cents (\$.175) for each one hundred dollars of valuation; and that the tax levy is for tax years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, first due in calendar year 2023, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon"*.

Specific information about the levy, costs and intended use of the renewal levy can be obtained by contacting the Township Administration.

WHY IS HANOVER TOWNSHIP SEEKING A RENEWAL OF A TAX LEVY?

Hanover Township was negatively impacted by the pandemic era resulting in some reductions in operating funds. In addition, the State of Ohio significantly cut funding through the Local Government Fund (as mentioned in earlier articles). The result has been a loss of revenue in certain areas for the last few years.

TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FOR THE VARIOUS ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP

513-896-7800 - HANOVER TOWNSHIP

513-867-5744 - BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

513-863-6609 - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL OFFICE

Just to stay even with where the Township was in 2017, a renewal tax is necessary. In addition, inflation and supply chain issues have negatively impacted the Township.

The Board of Trustees not only wants to maintain quality services but to improve services to residents. There is no dedicated source of revenue for law enforcement services, park services, local match for grant funding, drainage improvements , operation of

the Community Center and related responsibilities. The operating levy renewal helps to fund all of these operations.

The Township is responsible for managing 8 funds, 7 of which are restricted by law to a designated category or specific use. The General Fund, for which the levy is being sought is the only flexible fund that can be used to fill voids wherever they would occur in Township operations.



BRIEFS ON INFORMATION & PEOPLE...

THE LADIES INDUSTRIAL BAND has been active in supporting the community and provides donated equipment to support the Hanover Township Community Center. The purpose of the Hanover Ladies Industrial Band is to be considerate of one another and to provide love, good works, and a closer fellowship with each other and the community. It also strives to provide community service and aide to people in the Hanover Township area and to God by scripture, readings, and prayers. The first meeting of The Hanover ladies Industrial Band was organized in February 1900 at the home of Mrs. Frank Krucker. A special "Thanks" to them for helping on community issues.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Hanover Township lost a good friend and advocate last year in Nancy Long. Nancy was a very giving soul working to support Hanover Food Pantry, fostering of dogs, participated in all Township Special events and served as President of the Hanover Ladies Industrial Band. Nancy worked tirelessly to support the Hanover Township Fire and Operational levies knowing these funds would greatly benefit township residents. A memorial tree and stone has been placed in the Hanover Park by the Hanover Ladies Industrial Band Club recognizing her contributions

THANKS TO AMY MACECHKO of Talawanda School District and the Coalition for a Healthy Community for planting tulips in the Hanover Township Memorial Park. The plantings were provided to represent the commitment that our community has made to our young people by supporting their decisions to make healthy choices.

THE FLORAS AMOS GARDENING CLUB has worked with the Millville Cemetery Sexton for several years planting flowers around the cemetery with funding for the flowers provided by the Township

HANOVER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

Thanks to all the Committee volunteers who have donated their time and financial resources to make Hanover Township events a great success.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FINANCIAL SPONSORS WHO SUPPORTED THE TOWNSHIP'S MAJOR EVENTS IN 2021

Stony Run Enterprises, Rice Auto Body, Reffitt's Garage and Towing, Kerusso Baptist Church, Kelly's Bakery, and Hanover Township Ladies Industrial Band.

SPECIAL THANKS TO HANOVER WINERY for assisting the Park Committee in planning the annual wine tasting and concerts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Hanover Township Fire and EMS units responded to 1075 runs and details in 2021. Fire Inspectors completed 53 Fire Code inspections in the Township. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Deputies (2) under contract with the Township responded to 2657 dispatched details, made 80 arrests and provided 52,000 minutes of Community Oriented Policing patrolling neighborhood streets. In addition, the officers made 150 traffic stops.



UNWANTED ADVERTISING PAPERS

Some residents have complained about unwanted sales publications thrown in their driveways. The Township understands that the publication Safe Deals and Steals can be stopped for delivery by calling 513-731-1200.

BUILDING AND ZONING QUESTIONS

If you have concerns about matters related to zoning, building permits, fences, junk vehicles, raising farm animals or unsightly debris, please call the Butler County Building and Zoning Department at 513-887-3205 for assistance.

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SPECIAL EVENTS HANOVER TOWNSHIP 2022

Hanover Township is planning several community special events. The Park Committee, Veterans Committee and Township Administration are working on several projects and programs to be announced as the year unfolds. Four major events planned for the year include the following:

JUNE 25, 2022 - KIDS FEST

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kids Fest with games, food, contests and interactive activities for children 2 to 14 years of age.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 - COOL CARS-FINE WINE-NICE MUSIC

Event starts at 4:00 p.m. and concludes at 10:00 p.m. Classic Car Cruise In with prizes, good food, wine tastings with up to 4 wineries, and music. Free admission.

OCTOBER 30, 2022 - HANOVER HAUNTED HARVEST FOR KIDS

Hanover Township Memorial Park 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Candy, refreshments, Costume Contest, Pumpkin Decoration Contest for kids ages 2-16. Civic groups are welcome to participate by contacting the Township Administration (896-9059 #1)

NOVEMBER 11, 2022 - VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. followed by a reception luncheon free for veterans at the Community Center.