



"GROWING TOWARD THE FUTURE"

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TENTH ANNUAL KIDS FEST - SATURDAY, JUNE 24!

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees, working in cooperation with the Hanover Township Park Committee, is hosting the Tenth Annual Kids Fest on Saturday, June 24 at the Hanover Township Memorial Park.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board of Trustees will open the event with a Treasure Hunt for children ages 1 through 12 with special prizes to be awarded.



Beginning at 1:30 p.m., kids can enjoy face painting, clowns, special demonstrations, and equipment displays by Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Public Works Operations, Butler County Metro Parks and other non-profit groups.

New this year – patriotic-theme poster contest! Kids bring a poster you made that shows what patriotism means to you. The Lt. Terrence C. Graves Detachment of the Marine Corps League will judge the poster entries at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. 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. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., special activities including a pie-eating contest, an animal petting area, and various games will be featured.

Hay wagon rides (depending on weather) for parents and children will run in the Park



area. Food, drinks, and treats including Flub's ice cream will be available. All kids' activities are FREE!

For more event information or if you are interested in being an event sponsor, call 896-9059 and select the "special events" menu option.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 14 Flag Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- August 7 Purple Heart Day
- September 4 Labor Day

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED:

- July 4
- September 4

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

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 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.



DO YOU HAVE A BUILDING OR ZONING QUESTION?

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

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 p.m. 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 after each calendar quarter.



HANOVER TOWNSHIP EARNS ANOTHER SAFETY AWARD!

The Greater Hamilton Safety Council, in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene, recognized Hanover Township for its workplace safety record during the Council's annual Safety Awards Banquet in May 2017. Hanover Township received a 100% Award which recognizes organizations that worked the entire year of 2016 without a lost time injury or illness. Hanover Township achieved a milestone as the 2016 award is the 7th 100% Award received by the Township in the last eight years. Thanks to all the employees and officials of the Township who contributed to a safer work environment.

2017 ROAD PROGRAM FOR HANOVER TOWNSHIP

The 2017 Road Improvement Program set forth by the Board of Trustees involves several streets and different applications. Salmon Road will have a double chip seal application placed on the road, Washburn and Rahfuse streets will receive a paving application, and Gene Avenue, Shady Road and Alton Road will receive a black mat application. This work is bid through the Butler County Engineer's Office to save money and work will occur during the 2017 construction season. The streets in Alamo Heights were to receive a surface application of Black Mat to seal the street surface and complement the curb and gutter work previously completed. However, final approval to proceed from the grant source was not received in time to complete the work in 2016. Bids were received through the County Engineer's Office this year but were over the estimate and almost twice the grant amount. The Board of Trustees has supported rebidding and have decided to complete the project even with higher costs involved. Work on the project will be announced in early summer.

2017 BALLOT ISSUE: TAX LEVY

The Board of Trustees voted to declare the necessity for an additional tax levy for general operating funds to be placed on the ballot for the November 7 election for voter consideration. The Board will sponsor public forums in the fall to enable residents to ask questions about the tax 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 levy an additional 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 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, first due in calendar year 2018, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon". Specific information about the levy, costs and intended use of the levy can be obtained by contacting the Township Administration.



WHY IS HANOVER TOWNSHIP SEEKING AN INCREASE IN TAXES?

Hanover Township was negatively impacted by the recession resulting in property values dropping over time. In addition, the State of Ohio significantly cut funding through the Local Government Fund issued to Townships and eliminated the Estate Tax source of revenue for the public sector. The result has been a loss of revenue totaling over \$250,000 annually for the last few years. Just to stay even with where the Township was in 2011, a tax increase is necessary.

With decreasing revenues and needed equipment replacements as well as required maintenance of facilities, the Township does not have sufficient revenues to keep the same quality service level to residents as in past years. 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 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.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA

After reviewing information from the State of Ohio and consultation with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office regarding medical marijuana issues and statutory provisions, the Board of Trustees took the initiative to approve legislation on May 10, 2017 which prohibits the cultivation, the processing, and the dispensing at retail of medical marijuana at any location within the limits of the unincorporated area of Hanover Township.



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SPECIAL EVENTS HANOVER TOWNSHIP 2017 CALENDAR

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 24, 2017 - KIDS FEST

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

AUGUST 26, 2017 - "COOL CARS-FINE WINE-NICE MUSIC"

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

OCTOBER 29, 2017 - HANOVER HAUNTED HARVEST FOR KIDS

Memorial Park 5:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m. 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, 2017 - VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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