



"GROWING TOWARD THE FUTURE"

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2021 BALLOT ISSUE - PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

The Board of Trustees voted to declare the necessity to approve the renewal of a 3.5 mil Fire/EMS levy for five years for the basic operation of all fire and emergency medical operations in Hanover Township. The renewal will be on the November 2, 2021 ballot.

What will be funded by the levy renewal?

All of the specified objectives for the ballot issue in 2017 were accomplished, which included providing on station medics and EMTs, purchase of a combined pumper/tanker, purchase of a command response vehicle, purchase of turn out gear and pay down bond issue debt on the fire station.

The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Fire Department Administration, has established the following objectives and priorities for the Fire Levy Funds if renewed commencing in 2022:

1. To address the needs of a growing population and an older population, there exists a clear service pressure to improve run response times 24/7 365 days per year. It has become clear based upon annual run data reports, a continued revenue stream is required to provide quality and relatively quick responses to all areas of the Township on a 24/7 basis. Staffing on station, part time basis around the clock began during the last levy approval. It is hoped in addition to two on station medical personnel, a third permanent position can be added. This will assist in improving run times and help with lift assist calls.
2. To provide a funding mechanism within the Fire Department for reserving capital funds to replace aging equipment. Included on a capital list is a new EMS Squad Unit, replacement Air Packs, Firefighter Turn Out Gear for new employees, and repair/repaving of the Fire Station ramp and parking areas.
3. To address the ongoing training requirements, keep all personnel up to date on advanced training, and expand expertise needed to better serve the residents of the Township.
4. To continue to provide proper and timely maintenance of the Fire Station.

What specifically is the ballot language for the General Operating Levy?

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents (\$0.35) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Veterans Day
Thursday November 11th

Thanksgiving Day
November 25th

Christmas Day
Saturday December 25th

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED:

- Thursday November 11th- Veterans Day Observance
- Thursday and Friday Thanksgiving Day and Day after Holiday November 25th and November 26th
- Thursday December 23rd half day- Recognition of Christmas Eve Holiday
- Friday December 24th all day- Recognition of Christmas Day Holiday
- Friday December 31st- Recognition of New Years Day Holiday

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



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FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Should the fire levy request of 3.5 mills be approved, Hanover Township will still be one of the lower taxing districts in the region. A property owner owning land/house valued at \$200,000 will pay approximately \$245.00 annually in property taxes with the exact amount depending upon the application of property tax rollbacks or other credits for which a property owner may be entitled. This equates to approximately \$4.71 per week to ensure high quality fire protection and emergency medical services. Providing a specified fire levy guarantees a sustainable revenue source for the Fire Department and residents have the option of reconsidering the request every 5 years. Based upon recent estimates by the County Auditor, the levy will generate \$731,863.00.00. This amount is the same level which was approved by the earlier levy based upon 2016 property valuations. Due to the formulas embodied in state tax law, this amount remains the same for a levy renewal. New or current property valuations do not apply.



Recycling for Hanover Township:

Only one recycling location remains in Hanover Township at 1880 Morman Road, northern Park Parking Lot. Please follow recycling instructions. No general waste or building materials are allowed. The Township has added during the summer added two more receiving bins. Rumpke has changed the bins to eliminate misuse of the recycling program. All items of recycling must fit into the bin lid slots.

You can recycle the following items at a drop box or at the curb: Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, brown paper bags, office paper, cardboard, paperboard (such as cereal boxes), plastic bottles & jugs, glass bottles & food jars, aluminum cans, steel cans and empty aerosol cans (remove tip).

Residents should contact an area waste hauler to set up household trash collection and curbside recycling. Haulers in the area include Rumpke, CSI Waste, Republic and other local waste haulers.

Public Safety:

Hanover Township Fire and EMS units responded to 870 runs and details in 2020. Fire Department Inspectors completed 24 Fire Code inspections in the Township. Average response time for the year was less than 7 minutes. The Butler County Sheriff's Office Deputies (2) under contract with Hanover Township responded to over 2600 dispatched details and provided 50,000 minutes of Community Oriented Policing patrolling neighborhood streets.

Briefs on Information and People . . .

Thanks to Amy Macechko of Talawanda School District & the Coalition for a Healthy Community for planting tulips in the Hanover Township Memorial Park and for arranging seminars for community participation. 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. Also special recognition to the Flores AMO Garden Club for plantings and work provided to the Millville Cemetery.

Special Thanks to Major Sponsors, Community Partners and Community Event Supporters in 2020-2021 who helped the Township keep "Growing Toward The Future": Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Stony Run Enterprises, Reffitt's Garage and Towing, Rice Auto Body, Kelly's Bakery (Diana Ramsey), Pat and Larry Miller, Clay Calihan, Julie Prickett, Ron Sipe, Mel Derickson, Bob Krieger, Stephanie Lentz, Bruce E. Henry, Jeff Buddo, Terry Moran, Beth and Eddie McDonald- Hanover Winery, Patient Care Pharmacy, Hanover Ladies Industrial Band, and Kerusso Baptist Church. Special "thanks" to the Park Committee for the volunteer efforts supporting Township events: Angie Clausen, Bob Krieger, Stephanie Lentz, Joe Pyfrin, Terry Moran, Diana Ramsey, and John Baumgartner.

ROADS ASSISTANCE # Township: 513-896-7800

BCE Office: 513-867-5744

ODOT: 513-863-6609

BUILDING & ZONING CODE QUESTIONS:

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 & Zoning

513-887-3205

Classification of Streets & Responsibilities

Hanover Township fields many questions about dead animals, signs, drainage, speed zones and snow/ice control 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.

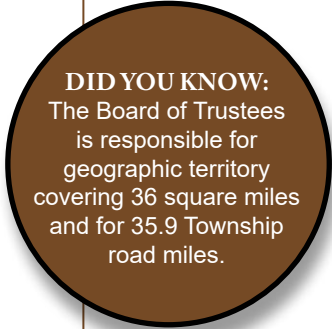
For instance, Old Oxford Road is a State of Ohio road (SR130), Millville Avenue is State Route 129, Oxford Millville road is US 27 under state jurisdiction and Hamilton Richmond Road is a State of Ohio route (SR 177). Roads under the jurisdiction of the County Engineer's Office include Minton Road, Stahlheber Road east of US 27, Stillwell Beckett Road, Nichols Road west of Lanes Mill to the Township line, Lanes Mill Road and 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. To get assistance for the various roads in the Township, you may call 513-896-7800; for county roads please call 513-867-5744 for the Butler County Engineer's Office and for state routes, please call the Ohio Department of Transportation local office 513-863-6609.

Help Promote Safety & Assist Road Crew Efforts This Winter Season

The Township seeks assistance from residents on narrow streets and in residential subdivisions in removing parked vehicles from the street, especially in cul de sacs during snow and ice conditions to allow snow plows and equipment to safely and effectively treat all streets. Vehicles along Snow Emergency Routes must move be moved during declared snow emergencies or risk being towed.

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.



To Help Promote Safety & Assist the Road Crews

- Park vehicles off the street to assist snow/ice removal efforts.
- Remove Items from the Right of Way/Road areas such as garbage cans and basketball hoops.
- Do not push snow into the street when clearing your driveway. This can create an unexpected hazard and require additional attention by road crews. It would be helpful if possible not to clear your driveway until the snow plow has come down your street. Snow must be pushed to the side of the road and may include driveway entrances.
- If following a snow plow please do not get impatient and let the drivers do their job.

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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. The organizational meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022 and the February meeting is set for February 16, 2022. 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 513-896-9059 in advance.

Meeting minutes are posted on the Township website once officially approved.

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Snow Advisory Information and Your Help Needed!

Under Ohio law County Sheriff's have the authority to issue snow advisories to alert area residents as to potentially bad road conditions. In Butler County, the Sheriff's Office consults with the County Engineer, Emergency Management Agency, Township Officials and the Ohio Department of Transportation when considering the issuance of a Snow Advisory. Ohio has three levels of snow advisory classifications:

Roadways are considered hazardous Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

Level 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Portions of roads can be very icy. Only those who believe it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Individuals are urged to contact their employer to see if they should report for work. Drivers are urged to use extreme caution.

Level 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during this condition unless it is absolutely necessary or a personal emergency exists. Employees are urged to contact their respective employers to determine if they should report for work. Anyone traveling on the roads under this condition may be subject to arrest.

Residents may seek details about conditions from local news media and for changes in conditions. A current listing of snow advisory conditions may be viewed on the Butler County Sheriff's website at www.butlerheriff.org. Additional detail may be obtained by calling the County-wide emergency information phone number 513-785-5800. Hanover Township has designated certain lanes of streets in neighborhoods to be snow emergency routes.

Vehicles along Snow Emergency Routes must move be moved during declared snow emergencies or risk being towed. Questions for Hanover Township road officials may be directed to 513-896-7800.

