



Community Newsletter

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ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

The Ross Township Board of Trustees has Decided to Place Electric and Natural Gas Aggregation Issues on the November 7, 2023 Ballot

The Ross Township Board of Trustees has decided to place energy aggregation issues on the November 7, 2023 ballot. Volatile energy pricing and instability in the market have necessitated action by the Ross Township Board of Trustees. The Board is committed to finding ways to stabilize utility costs for residents in this uncertain market. Energy aggregation is a tool that local governments can use to give residents another option.

Two separate issues will be placed on the ballot. One issue is for Natural Gas (Issue 11) and one issue is for Electric (Issue 10). If these issues pass, Ross Township will register to become a certified

aggregator with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. This will allow township officials to negotiate utility rates for the natural gas and electric use for residents and small businesses.

The Ross Township Board of Trustees has chosen Energy Alliances Inc. as a consultant. They will assist with certification for the township, the management of the program, negotiate rates from energy suppliers and maintain a level of customer service for Ross Township residents.

Questions? Contact Energy Alliances Inc. at (513) 794-5555 or Laurie Kile, Ross Township Administrator at (513) 863 -2337 ext. 111.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED AGGREGATION QUESTIONS.

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**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Programs

What is an Energy Aggregation Program?

Community natural gas and electric aggregation programs combine the residential and small business purchasing power of the group in pursuit of getting lower and more stable energy prices.

Why are these Issues on the November 7, Ballot?

Natural Gas (Issue 11) and Electric (Issue 10) appear on the ballot by law. Voters must approve these issues prior to implementation of any program.

What does my YES vote mean?

Approval of the measure will allow Ross Township to complete the certification process through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and then start the process to determine if Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Programs are a viable option to the township.

What does a NO vote do?

A NO vote will end the issue and Ross Township residents will remain with the local utility or supplier of their choice.

Will I save money on my utility bill?

These programs are designed to stabilize energy prices and save money. They provide security

against volatile energy markets. Savings is always a priority but cannot be guaranteed. In most cases, residents will see a reduction in energy costs.

Will I have a separate bill?

No, everything remains the same and you will get the same bill you always have.

What about Renewable Energy?

Many programs have renewable options. If the issues pass, the township will explore every available option for the community.

If this passes, am I required to be in the program?

No, you will be able to participate if you wish, but can enter the program or leave at any time without any fees.



For additional information please go to <https://energyalliances.com/ross-township-butler> or call Energy Alliances Inc. at (513) 794-5555.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Ross Township Board of Trustees holds regular meetings on the 1st Thursday and work sessions on the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. To view upcoming agendas or prior meeting minutes, please visit <https://rosstwp.org/agendas-minutes/>.

ROSS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT LEVIES

Board of Trustees Statement

The Ross Township Trustees will place an issue on the November 2023 ballot that will **RENEW** a current levy of 3.75 mills to fund the Ross Township Police Department. This issue will also change the existing levy from a 5-year renewable levy to a continual levy. This issue **WILL NOT** raise taxes from current levels. This issue would put in place the means to fund the Ross Township Police Department at the current level without the need for periodic renewals.

There will also be a *renewable* ballot issue for additional police funding of 1.5 mills. This levy will be based on **CURRENT** property valuation and **WILL NOT** be affected by the property tax increase. The cost to Ross Township homeowners with an assessed home value of 215K would be \$112.88/year for tax years 2023-2027.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



The DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Ross Township Police Station, 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road.

Capsules, tablets, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs will be accepted. Liquids, (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

For additional information, please go to <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>



VACATION HOME CHECKS

Did you know the Ross Twp. Police Department offers a FREE Vacation Home Check while residents are out of town? To register your property please go to: <https://rosstwp.org/forms-permits/> or call the Ross Twp. Police Department at (513) 863-2337 ext. 1 for more information.





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Fairfield, Ohio 45014

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ROSS TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

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Laurie Kile
W 513-863-2337x111

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Police Chief Burton Roberts W 513-863-2337x130
F 513-863-6378
Fire Chief Steve Miller W 513-863-3410x150
Road Superintendant Paul Bulach W 513-863-2337x180
Police Department W 513-863-2337
4055 Hamilton Cleves Rd.
Fire Station #1 W 513-275-1463
2565 Cincinnati-Brookville Rd.
Fire Station #2 W 513-863-3410
1308 Ross Millville Rd.

SCHOOL NUMBERS:

Ross Local Schools

District Offices 513-863-1253
Morgan Elementary 513-738-1986
Elda Elementary 513-738-1972
Ross Intermediate School 513-868-4550
Ross Middle School 513-863-1251
Ross High School 513-863-1252

Private Schools

Stephen T. Badin High School 513-863-3993
St. Joseph Elementary 513-863-8758
St. Peter in Chains 513-863-0685
Queen of Peace Elementary 513-863-8705

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Butler County Building & Zoning 513-887-3608
MRAA 513-738-1392
Rumpke 800-828-8171

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