

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH 22, 2024**

**IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:**

April 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
April 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
May 6, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
May 7, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)  
May 18, Saturday – “That Day in May”  
June 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
June 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
July 15, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

**BUSINESS UPDATE:**

- Election Results: Enclosed are three *DDN* articles about the March 19 election.
- Board of Health: The Board of Health meets next Tuesday. Enclosed is the meeting packet.
- Far Hills Construction: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the shift in traffic on Far Hills Avenue to accommodate the storm sewer project work zone.
- April BZA: We have no applications, so the April 11 BZA meeting is cancelled.
- Safety Department: Enclosed is a *Register* letter to the editor thanking our Public Safety Department for their quick response and lifesaving actions.
- Fire Hydrant Flushing: The 4-week program starts Monday, April 1. Enclosed is a press release we distributed this week.
- Oakwood Academic Decathlon: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team winning their 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive state title.
- 2.41 Mill Levy: The issue passed by a 56% “YES” vote. Needless to say, we are pleased with this action by our voters, particularly given the current climate. Enclosed is an email with attachments sent today to the Budget Review Committee.
- RTA Trolley System Removal: Attached are letters mailed this week to the residential and business properties along the route of the trolley removal. The primary purpose was to convey that RTA poles on property frontages will also be removed. Additional notice was given in person this week to all businesses on Far Hills between Peach Orchard and East Drive that there will be lane closures this weekend to accommodate overhead wire removal.
- Oakwood HS Matter: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the locker room incident at Oakwood High School.

- 9-1-1 Revenue: Enclosed is a letter that we prepared and sent this week to Montgomery County. It was distributed to the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. It reinforces the position of the seven municipal PSAP operators in Montgomery County.
- Safety Department Report: Enclosed is the February report.
- Kettering Roundabout: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Kettering discontinuing the study of a possible roundabout construction at Marshall Road and Lincoln Park Boulevard.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

*DDN* articles re: Election Results

BOH Meeting Packet

*DDN* article re: Far Hills Construction

BZA Cancellation Memo

*Register* article re: Safety Department

Fire Hydrant Flushing Press Release

*Register* article re: Oakwood Academic Decathlon

2.41 Mill Levy Email

RTA Trolley System Removal Letters

*DDN* article re: Oakwood HS Matter

9-1-1 Revenue Letter

Safety Department Report

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# Dayton, Oakwood approve issues; Clayton, Riverside voters reject 2

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

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Dayton's city income tax renewal, Issue 6, was approved with 70.5% in favor, records show. It had even stronger support earlier in the evening, when Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. declared victory.

"I want to thank all of the Dayton voters who supported Issue 6," Mims said. "Because of your support, the city of Dayton will continue providing critical services such as fire, police, EMS, road paving, park improvements and preschool – and now, also housing."

"When we passed this tax eight years ago, it set in motion monumental investments in Dayton that have moved our city forward in a transformational way," Mims said. "We will be able to continue these improvements due to the passage of Issue 6 – without a tax increase."

The measure renewed a 0.25% piece of the city income tax for another eight years at the same level. The tax will raise about \$15 million annually to pay for universal high-quality preschool for kids in the city, fire and police services, road repairs, park improvements, vacant lot maintenance and housing investments.

Dayton anticipates that total income tax collections this year will be about \$155 million. The 0.25% tax up



The Riverside Police Department's levy, Issue 10, would have funded operating expenses, such as personnel, and capital purchases. The 4.95-mill property tax replacement was rejected by voters. NICK BLIZZARD / STAFF

for renewal is one-tenth of the city's total 2.5% rate. Income taxes account for nearly three-fourths of the city's general fund revenue.

## Other tax issues had mixed results

Oakwood's property tax had about 55.9% support, but Riverside's police levy was rejected by 52.4% of voters and a Clayton income tax was blocked by 52.1% of the ballots cast, according to the board of elections.

Meanwhile, a public safety tax issue in Xenia failed, with about 58% of voters rejecting it, according to final unofficial results from Greene County's board of elections.

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to the level of the 3.75-mill levy the city wanted to put before voters last fall, but let expire due to a clerical error, Montgomery County records show.

The levy will collect nearly \$1.14 million annually, costing owners of a home valued at \$200,000 about \$168 a year, according to the county auditor's office.

It will fund general city services ranging from police and fire operations to street maintenance and leisure services, Oakwood Finance Director Cindy Stafford said.

Because of a clerical error, the renewal was not on the ballot this past fall, prompting Oakwood to approve a 2024 budget projected to include about \$1.3 million in deficit spending, City Manager Norbert Klopsch said.

## Xenia

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units, as resources allow, sustaining and possibly expanding Xenia's School Resource Officer program, and helping to relocate Fire Station 32 to improve response times in southwest Xenia.

## Riverside

Riverside's police levy, Issue 10, was a 4.95-mill property tax replacement that would have cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$173 a year, up \$44 from the current level, county data shows. Voters turned it down.

The levy has funded operating expenses, such as personnel, and capital purchases, such as body cameras and equipment. City Manager Josh Rauch said in a tight market for police officers, it would have made sure that the city's salaries stay competitive.

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The impact would vary depending where people

work – Clayton residents who work in cities with higher income tax rates would see their overall city payments fall, while those who work in Clayton or a township would pay more. The city estimates its annual income tax receipts would rise from \$5.4 million to \$7.9 million, as payments from non-Clayton residents would rise.

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Most of the township tax levies were either renewals or involved smaller communities. The exception was Harrison Twp. in Montgomery County, which asked voters to approve a pair of 5-mill additional permanent levies – one for fire/EMS services, and the other for general township operations. Only the fire levy passed.

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Larry Gache and Betty White vote early at the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Thursday. Today is Election Day, the last chance for voters to weigh in on races and local issues. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT TODAY'S PRIMARY ELECTION

The ballots – and the consequences – vary by town, political party.

**By Jeremy P. Kelley**  
Staff Writer

Today is Election Day, but what that means for you will depend significantly on where you live, and which political party's primary you're voting in.

The Ohio House district representing much of Dayton has

## MORE DETAILS

Visit [www.DaytonDailyNews.com/elections](http://www.DaytonDailyNews.com/elections) for dozens of in-depth stories on candidate races and ballot issues. Election results will appear on that page tonight.

two Democrats and no Republicans running, so today's election will be consequential. Area Democrats also have big choices

on which Congressional and state Senate candidates they'll pick from crowded fields, while Republicans in those districts already know Mike Turner and Charlotte McGuire will advance to November.

On the flip side, Ohio Republicans have a huge decision in their three-way U.S. Senate primary, while Democrats know Sherrod Brown is their November candidate.

**Voting** continued on **A8**

# Voting

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And there are several GOP primaries for state and local races.

Not sure what's on your ballot today? Visit [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/sample-ballot/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/sample-ballot/). Select your county, enter your name, select "sample ballots" and then pick which party's ballot you want. That process will also show your polling place.

Here are 10 more things to know.

## How to vote

First, the basics. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Make sure to bring your photo ID because of a change in Ohio law (driver's license, state ID card, passport or other option listed here: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/)).

In a primary election, voters choose either a Democratic or Republican ballot, and vote for the candidates they want to advance to the general election in November. If you don't want to vote for political party candidates, but you do want to vote on a tax levy or local option on the ballot in your jurisdiction, request an "issues only" ballot.

## President

Yes, many people call this election cycle a "presidential primary," and yes, Ohioans will be voting for president. But because Ohio sits somewhat late in the primary process, incumbent Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump have already clinched their parties' nominations for the November election.



The winner of today's Republican primary — (from left) Bernie Moreno, Matt Dolan or Frank LaRose — will challenge Democratic U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown for the seat in the fall. USA TODAY NETWORK VIA REUTERS CONNECT

## U.S. Senate

Democrat Sherrod Brown is in his 18th year as one of Ohio's two senators, and he is running for reelection, with no Democratic opposition. But the Republican contest listed here: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/). But the Republican contest listed here: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/). But the Republican contest listed here: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/). But the Republican contest listed here: [www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/id-requirements/).

Moreno is endorsed by Trump and talks about ending "wokeness," and the need to restore election integrity. Dolan is endorsed by Gov. Mike DeWine and talks about traditional Republican ideas of lower taxes and school choice, and said Republicans must work across the aisle. LaRose says he'll help Trump accomplish his agenda, and says he's more in touch with Ohioans because the other two are longtime millionaires.

## U.S. Congress

Every seat in Congress is up for vote in 2024, but not every seat has a contested race in the March primary. District 10 covers Montgomery, Greene and

parts of Clark County and is represented by two-decade Republican incumbent Mike Turner. He has no Republican opposition, so in November, he'll face the winner of Tuesday's Democratic primary involving Amy Cox, David Esrati, Joseph Kuzniar and Tony Pombo.

District 8 covers Preble, Darke, and parts of Miami County, and also stretches south toward Cincinnati. It has been represented the past eight years by Republican Warren Davidson, who is being challenged by Kay Rogers. Democrats running in District 8 are Vanessa Enoch, David Gelb and Nathaniel Hawkins.

In District 15 (parts of Miami and Clark counties, then east to Columbus) Democrats Adam Miller and Zerqa Abid are seeking the nomination to challenge incumbent Republican Mike Carey, who is unopposed in the March primary. In District 1, which includes Warren County, Democratic incumbent Greg Landsman and Republican challenger Orlando Sonza will advance and square off in the November election.



Desiree Tims and Derrick Foward clash in a Democratic primary that will likely crown Dayton's next representative of House District 38 in the Statehouse.

## Ohio Supreme Court

In the wake of last year's abortion votes, the Supreme Court will be a hot topic in November, when Ohioans will decide on three of the court's seven seats. But almost all of the candidates are unopposed in this election. The only March primary is a race between Democrats Terri Jamison and Lisa Forbes.

## Statehouse

There are nearly a dozen Ohio Senate and Ohio House seats up for grabs in the region this year. Most of them are in strongly Republican districts, meaning today's Republican primaries could go a long way toward deciding November's winners.

On the other side, today's 38th House District Democratic primary will decide the eventual winner, as there is no Republican candidate. Derrick Foward and Desiree Tims are the candidates seeking to represent much of the city of Dayton, plus Trotwood.

## County government

One Montgomery County Commission race has contested primaries on both

sides — incumbent Democrat Judy Dodge vs. Youssef Elzein, with the winner advancing to November to face Republicans' choice of Kate Baker and Jordan Wortham.

Greene County has one competitive Republican primary for a Commission seat. Whichever of Xenia Mayor Sarah Mays and former Beavercreek mayor Bob Stone wins today is all but elected, as there will be no Democrat on the November ballot.

Other county races include Republican battles for Miami County Sheriff, Warren County Clerk of Courts, Greene County Recorder and Montgomery County Domestic Relations Judge. In all four cases, today's winner will have no Democratic opponent in November.

## School levies

Six school districts are asking voters to approve new tax levies or bond issues — Centerville, Franklin, Milton-Union, Tipp City, Greeneview and the Warren County Career Center. Four of those (all but Franklin and Tipp City) come four months after

voters rejected school levy requests in November. The Tipp City, Greeneview and Warren CCC taxes are bond issue requests that would go to pay for new school construction.

## Other levies, issues

There are a wide variety of taxes being sought by cities and townships. Prominent among them, Dayton wants voters to renew an 8-year, 0.25% income tax that raises \$15 million for its annual budget. Other communities are seeking tax increases — Xenia 4 mills for public safety costs and Harrison Twp. with two 5-mill levies (one for fire/EMS, one for basic township operations).

And some communities have complex issues — Clayton is again seeking a 1% increase in its city income tax, but offset somewhat by a change in the credit for taxes paid to other cities. Oakwood's levy is labeled a new 2.41-mill tax, but city officials say it would just restate the amount that expired in January due to a city clerical error.

The last unusual issue is a three-part vote by residents of one precinct of Centerville on whether beer, wine and mixed beverages can be sold for carryout by stores in their area. The owners of the Elsa's restaurant and bar on Far Hills Avenue planned to sell their property after 40 years to the Sheetz gas station-convenience store chain. The neighboring church and retirement community oppose Sheetz, and put these items on the ballot, which, if passed, would forbid carryout alcohol sales in the entire precinct.

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Centerville precinct where Sheetz aimed to open votes to ban carryout alcohol sales.

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Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. and City Manager Shelley Dickstein at an election results watch party on Tuesday. JEREMY KELLEY / STAFF



The Riverside Police Department's current authorized staffing level for sworn personnel is 30, with one spot vacant due to a recent retirement, according to Police Chief Frank Robinson. NICK BLIZZARD / STAFF

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The tax will raise about \$15 million annually.

"The aspect of having this pass shows us that we're going in the right direction because so much work has been done in the past," Mims said.

"When it passed eight years ago, it gave us a foundation to let outside investors know that we were serious about improving Dayton and going in the right direction," he added. "The aspect of that causing ... investments in all parts of the city, especially downtown, gave us dollars that we could distribute throughout the community as well."

Dayton anticipates that total income tax collections this year will be about \$155 million. The 0.25% tax up for renewal is one-tenth of the city's total 2.5% rate. Income taxes account for nearly three-fourths of the city's general fund revenue.

"The aspect at looking at police, fire and safety," Mims said, "fixing roads in Dayton, our parks and our recreation facilities - as well as housing - clearly ... all those trademarks have shown that Dayton, again, has gotten momentum" for success over the past several years."

### **Oakwood tax issue approved**

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"We appreciate the support of our citizens passing the replacement levy"

and the city's 32-member budget review committee, Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan said. "We're going to use this money to continue our excellent public safety, public works and leisure services."

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### **Elsa's, Sheetz plan hits hurdle**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH

SUBJECT: MARCH 26, 2024 MEETING

DATE: MARCH 19, 2024

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Greetings from City Hall!

We meet at 5:30 p.m. next Tuesday, March 26 in the council chamber at the city building. For those wishing to participate via Zoom, below is the access information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87108129662?pwd=mJavTTbtH51P0AOdZNH0JtWXIZ60p3.1>

Meeting ID: 871 0812 9662  
Passcode: 643867

Enclosed are:

- The meeting agenda.
- Minutes of our January 23, 2024 meeting.
- Proposed Zoning Code amendment addressing temporary outdoor restroom facilities.

c: Mayor William Duncan, President  
Dr. Steve Enseleit, Health Commissioner  
Dr. John Ewing, Assistant Health Commissioner/Medical Director  
Matthew Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director

BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA  
MARCH 26, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
  - January 23, 2024
- III. REPORT FROM CHAIR
- IV. REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
  - Update on Food Licensing
  - Update on Measles
- V. REPORT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER
- VI. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR/CITY MANAGER
  - Opioid Crisis/Legal Settlements
  - Water System Backflow Devices
  - Water Pressure
  - April 8 Solar Eclipse
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - Septic Systems
  - Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities
- IX. ADJOURN

# THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

Attending in person were:

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair  
Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner  
Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager  
Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Attending via remote teleconference were Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member and Mayor Bill Duncan, President.

Excused absent were Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair; Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member; and Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., Member.

Dr. Denka called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that a quorum was not present. There being no action required by the Board this evening, the informational meeting proceeded with those members present.

Annual Organization Meeting: Dr. Denka noted that the annual organization meeting to elect a chair and vice chair for 2024 will be conducted at the next Board meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Denka noted that the minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next Board meeting.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director: Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director, commented on the following items:

- 2023 Inspections: Mr. Tyler reviewed the 2023 inspections. There were 122 inspections completed in Oakwood.
- Mobile Food Licenses: The state of Ohio is implementing changes to the mobile food license categories moving from a single category to two categories... High Risk and Low Risk. Oakwood does not have any low risk mobile food vendors at this time.
- Community Health Improvement Plan: Montgomery County completed a three-year community-driven plan that outlines goals, objectives, and strategies that will be used by task forces, coalitions, organizations, and citizens to help improve the community's health. A one-page summary of the plan was distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch commented on the following:

- Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Letter of Support: The city recently sent a letter expressing support for a grant application to the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness to address bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, other public health threats and emergencies at the county and regional public health level.
- Annual Report for Health District: Mr. Klopsch commented on the 2024 Health District Annual Report. He will send the report to Board members and Dr. Enseleit later this week. It provides vital statistics for the year.
- Local Health District Analysis: The guidance and directives on how local health districts are to conduct an efficiency and effectiveness study still has not been developed by the Ohio Department of Health.

- Employee Wellness: Mr. Klopsch commented on a new program that Employers' Association (EA) Wellness, in cooperation with Medical Mutual, the health insurance company for city employees, is implementing to help improve employees' physical and mental well-being and also to help individual workers overcome specific health-related problems.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no other business, at 5:44 p.m. Dr. Denka adjourned the meeting.

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Chair

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Secretary

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Commissioner of Health

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF TEMPORARY OUTDOOR RESTROOM FACILITIES AND TO AMEND THE ACCESSORY STRUCTURE REGULATIONS TO EXPRESSLY ADDRESS THE PLACEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, a proposed text amendment to the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission in a duly-noticed public hearing held on April 3, 2024, and the Planning Commission by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ recommended \_\_\_\_\_ thereof; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment has been presented to Council in a duly-noticed public hearing held on May 6, 2024, and as required by Section 1003.6(B) of the Zoning Code, Council has reviewed the proposed amendment and finds that it is consistent with the purposes of the Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan, and the interests of the city of Oakwood as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Section 301, *Terms Defined*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text in **bold** font and deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font. For purposes of this ordinance, only the definitions being modified or added are set forth below, and the remainder of Section 301 shall remain in full force and effect without modification.

Sec. 301        TERMS DEFINED

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**Restroom Facilities, Temporary Outdoor means a portable structure that is manufactured, designed, marketed, and proportioned for fully-enclosed, temporary, outdoor bathroom use by one person at a time. Such structures are typically mounted on runners or skids, placed directly on the land without footers, and used on construction sites or for temporary outdoor events.**

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SECTION II.

Existing Section 402.1(H), *Permitted Accessory Uses*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike through~~ font:

H.        Permitted Accessory Uses

1.        Residential Districts

The following are accessory uses and structures permitted within all residential zoning districts, subject to applicable requirements of the zoning district and Title 9, Design and Performance Standards.

- a)        Air conditioning/heat pump/generator or similar mechanical equipment
- b)        Arbor or trellises
- c)        Auction sales (See Section 404, *Temporary Uses*)
- d)        Convents, seminaries and, monasteries
- e)        Type B Child Day Care Home (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.3)
- f)        Deck
- g)        Dog house
- h)        Driveways up to twelve (12) feet width
- i)        Entrance pillars (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.9)
- j)        Earth satellite stations and electronic antenna

- k) Fences and walls in accord with Title 4, *General Provisions*
- l) Firewood storage
- m) Flag poles (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.4)
- n) Garden, greenhouse, conservatory, private
- o) Garage
- p) Garage sales
- q) Gazebo
- r) Home occupations
- s) Hot tub
- t) Mail box
- u) Patio
- v) Play houses and summer houses
- w) Retaining walls
- x) Service walks (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.8)
- y) Sheds for storage of common household items
- z) Signs, in accord with Title 12, *Signs*
- aa) Steps and ramps
- bb) Storage of non-passenger vehicles (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.5)
- cc) Swimming pools, private
- dd) Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.20)**
- ~~dd~~ee) Terrace
- ee)ff) Yard lamp/light
- ff)(gg) Vertical Projections
- ~~gg~~(hh) Parking pads

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The following are accessory uses and structures permitted within all business districts, subject to applicable requirements of the zoning district and Title 9, *Design and Performance Standards*.

- a) Air conditioning/heat pump/generator or similar mechanical equipment
- b) Arbor or trellises
- c) Auction sales (See Section 404, *Temporary Uses*)
- d) Deck
- e) Dumpsters~~—and~~, garbage receptacles, **and Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.20)**
- f) Earth satellite stations and electronic antenna
- g) Fences and walls in accord with Title 4, *General Provisions*
- h) Garden, greenhouse, conservatory, private
- i) Garage
- j) Gazebo
- k) Patio
- l) Service walks (See *Design and Performance Standards*, 901.8)
- m) Sheds for storage
- n) Signs, in accord with Title 12, *Signs*
- o) Steps and ramps
- p) Terrace

### SECTION III.

Existing Section 402.2, *Permitted Obstructions in Yards*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike through~~ font. For purposes of this ordinance, only the items being modified or added are set forth below, and the remainder of Section 402.2 shall remain in full force and effect without modification.

#### 402.2 Permitted Obstructions in Yards

Subject to all other requirements of this section, accessory buildings, structures or uses shall be permitted in designated yards of a zoning lot as follows:

F = Front Yard  
CS = Corner Side Yard  
S = Interior Side Yards  
R = Rear Yards

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**Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities**

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SECTION IV.  
New Section 901.20, *Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**901.20 Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities**

**A.      Applicability**

All zoning districts

**B.      Regulations**

1.      Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities may only be permitted for installation in connection with ongoing, permitted construction occurring on the same zoning lot. They may not be installed more than three (3) business days prior to the commencement of such construction, and they must be removed no more than three (3) business days after the completion of such construction. Not more than one (1) Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities unit may be permitted at any given time on any zoning lot used for residential purposes other than Multi-Family uses having more than four (4) dwelling units. This section shall not apply to any Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities placed at a public athletic facility operated by a governmental entity, or to any Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities that may be approved as part of any Special Use, Planned Development, or Temporary Use permit.
2.      While installed, any Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities must be regularly serviced and maintained so as to ensure that they do not create a nuisance or otherwise threaten or injure the public health, safety, and/or general welfare. During that time, the Building Commissioner may request, and a permittee shall furnish upon such request, satisfactory maintenance records demonstrating compliance with this provision.
3.      Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities must be removed and discontinued during any period of construction inactivity lasting more than seven (7) consecutive days. The Building Commissioner may waive this provision if the Facilities are located and/or appropriately screened in a manner that ensures they are not visible from any public right-of-way or do not otherwise threaten or injure the public health, safety, and/or general welfare. Any waiver shall be ineffective unless made expressly in writing to the permittee; no waiver may be implied under this section.
4.      Failure to abide by the provisions of this Section 901.20 will constitute immediate grounds for denial and/or revocation of the permit for such Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities, and may be used as a basis to deny future Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities permits in connection with the same

construction project. In addition, any such violation shall constitute a public nuisance and threat to the public health, safety, and/or general welfare, and the City Attorney may pursue any lawful remedy, under the Zoning Ordinance or otherwise, to abate the nuisance.

5. As part of the Major Site Development Review process, the Planning Commission shall have the authority to approve reasonable deviations from the requirements of this Section 901.20, provided that such deviations shall protect the public health, safety and/or welfare and shall be limited in duration to the time reasonably necessary for the development project at issue.

SECTION V.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

SECTION VI.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2024.

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Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish by incorporating into the Codified Ordinances of the city.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

## OAKWOOD

# Ohio 48 traffic shifting as Oakwood approaches finish to Far Hills work

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

Traffic is set to shift on part of Ohio 48 in Oakwood on Monday evening as the city moves closer to completing a \$2.1 million sewer reconstruction.

Work will be done in the southbound lanes along the state route, also known as Far Hills Avenue, moving traffic to the northbound lanes between Oakwood High School and Forrer Boulevard/Road, according to the city.

The traffic change is planned for non-peak hours to limit impact on commuters between Dayton and Kettering, Oakwood Engineer Chris Kuzma said.

The Far Hills part of the reconstruction is expected to end by April 1, Kuzma said, allowing the state to repave the entire Oakwood section of the road. A start date for that work and how it will impact traffic has not been announced.

The city project that started

Traffic continued on B4

## Traffic

continued from B1

in mid-2023 has encountered "numerous obstacles and challenges," but has "progressed successfully," Kuzma said.

The project, which is about two-thirds done, involves replacing about 3,050 feet of pipe on several Oakwood roads. Much of the Oakwood sewer system being replaced was installed before the 1950s on what is now one of the most traveled roads in the Montgomery County suburbs south of Dayton, Oakwood officials have said.

The lack of accurate records has caused multiple delays, Kuzma told city officials earlier this month.



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"You never know what you're going to run into when you stick the shovel into the ground," he said.

The project has involved Far Hills at Greenmount Boulevard; Dellwood from Far Hills to East Schantz Ave-

nue; Forrer Boulevard from Far Hills to East Schantz; and a section of Devereux Drive north of Forrer Road, according to the city.

Kuzma said he expects the repaving of the Oakwood section of Ohio 48 to start in late spring or early summer. The Ohio Department of Transportation hasn't repaved it since 2011.

The city's share of the \$1.6 million project will be about \$320,000, Kuzma said.

The average number of vehicles using Ohio 48 daily ranges from about 14,700 at Stewart Street in Dayton to more than 41,500 at Interstate 675 in Centerville, ODOT records show.

Contact this writer at 937-610-7438 or email Nick.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS  
FROM: ETHAN KROGER  
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF APRIL 11 MEETING  
DATE: MARCH 21, 2024

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The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

EK:ls

c: Members of City Council  
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager  
Robert Jacques, Law Director

## A Huge, Heartfelt Thank You to Oakwood Public Safety Officers

Late on Wednesday evening, March 13, my husband began having sudden severe chest pains so I quickly called 911. Oakwood officers/paramedics arrived almost immediately, just as my husband began getting dizzy and showing symptoms of cardiogenic shock.

Paramedics moved him quickly to the ambulance to start life-saving treatment. They were able to do an EKG and communicate with heart specialists at Miami Valley Hospital,

who prepared for an emergency heart catheterization upon my husband's arrival.

Thanks to quick action by officers/paramedics and the hospital heart specialists, my husband's life was saved. He is already out of the hospital and able to resume work. My husband and I extend a giant THANK YOU to Oakwood Public Safety officers. Minutes matter!  
*Extremely Grateful Oakwood  
Residents (names withheld by request)*

THE OAKWOOD REGISTER March 20, 2024



## PRESS RELEASE

City of Oakwood  
30 Park Avenue  
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

**Subject:** 2024 Fire Hydrant Flushing

**Date:** March 18, 2024

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OAKWOOD, OHIO: The city of Oakwood will conduct annual fire hydrant flushing throughout the city between April 1 and May 3. Shown below is the proposed schedule. These dates are for planning purposes only and may be adjusted as the work progresses.

**West side of Far Hills Avenue:**

- Oak Knoll Drive to West Peach Orchard Road
- Monteray Road to Park Road
- Forrer Road/Oakwood Avenue to Harman Avenue
- Park Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard
- Southview Road to Old River Trail

**DATE**

4/1, 4/2

4/3, 4/4

4/5, 4/8

4/9

4/10-4/12

**East side of Far Hills Avenue:**

- Irving Avenue to Lookout Drive
- East Thruston Boulevard to Patterson Road
- East Dixon Avenue to Dellwood Avenue
- Greenmount Boulevard to Telford Avenue
- Wiltshire Boulevard to Triangle Avenue
- Orchard Drive to East Drive

4/15-4/17

4/18, 4/19

4/22, 4/23

4/24, 4/25

4/26, 4/29

4/30, 5/1

**All of Far Hills Avenue**

5/2, 5/3

While the hydrant flushing may cause some temporary water discoloration, the water is safe to use and will clear shortly after areas are flushed. Please check your water for clarity prior to doing any laundry. Should your laundry become discolored, do not dry clothes until you have had an opportunity to re-wash them in an iron removing detergent.

If you have any questions, please contact the Oakwood Public Works Department at 298-0777.

## AcaDec earns 14th consecutive state title

The Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon Team captured the state title in the Ohio Academic Decathlon State Competition for the 14th consecutive year at John Carroll University in Cleveland on March 9. The team will now move on to represent the state of Ohio in the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition in Pittsburgh, Penn., in April where they will compete against state champions from across the United States.

This achievement is the result of hours of preparation, collaboration and teamwork each week since the season began last summer. The Academic Decathlon is a competitive 10-event scholastic competition. Each year's competition revolves around an interdisciplinary study of a theme; the 2023-24 theme is "Technology and Humanity." The competitors must demonstrate knowledge in the areas of art, economics, literature, mathematics, music, science and social science; additionally, they must perform and be adjudicated in prepared and impromptu speeches, a professional interview and a timed essay.

Individuals on the team collectively earned 196 subject area high score awards, with over 60 gold medals for achieving first place subject

area scores. Rohan Haaack (12) achieved a gold medal in the area of speech, earning a spot in the speech showcase. Ian Ha (9) achieved a perfect 1000 score in the area of interview. Notably, Rohan Haaack (12), Alex Devgan (12), and Daniel Wang (10) achieved first overall individual scores in their respective divisions of Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity, each receiving the prestigious Golden Eagle award.

The team extended its gratitude to the generous support of the Oakwood families, community and businesses.

Members of this year's team are Paul Agiro, Isak Autrey, Ian Brooks, Alayna Brown, Ainsley Burton, Jack Campbell, Gavin Clark, Alex Devgan, Brian Fischer, Ty Fischer, Nic Frank, Peter Gusev, Ethan Ha, Ian Ha, Rohan Haaack, Audrey Havrilla, Joseph Hong, Aiden Horton, Becket Jacobsen, Max Kiernan, Max Kirsch, Srinidhi Krishnamoorthy, Gabriella LaPerle, Zachary Ludwig, Tony Orsello, Brandon Roche, Angie Rodriguez, McKenzie Russell, Abbie Saxen, Grace Stafford, Will Steipp, Julian Uhlman, Danny Vasconez, Daniel Wang, Anna Weaver, Elena Zois, and Sia Zois. The team is led by head coach Lori Morris and assistant coaches Marie Jergens and Jeff Blumer.



**THE OAKWOOD REGISTER March 20, 2024**

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**Subject:** 2.41 Mill Property Tax Issue  
**Attachments:** Precinct Map.pdf; Tax Issues -- 1991 through 2024.pdf; Dayton Daily News1 -- 2.41 Mill Levy.pdf; Dayton Daily News2 -- 2.41 Mill Levy.pdf

Greetings from City Hall!

The vote on Tuesday was 55.89% **YES** and 44.11% **NO**

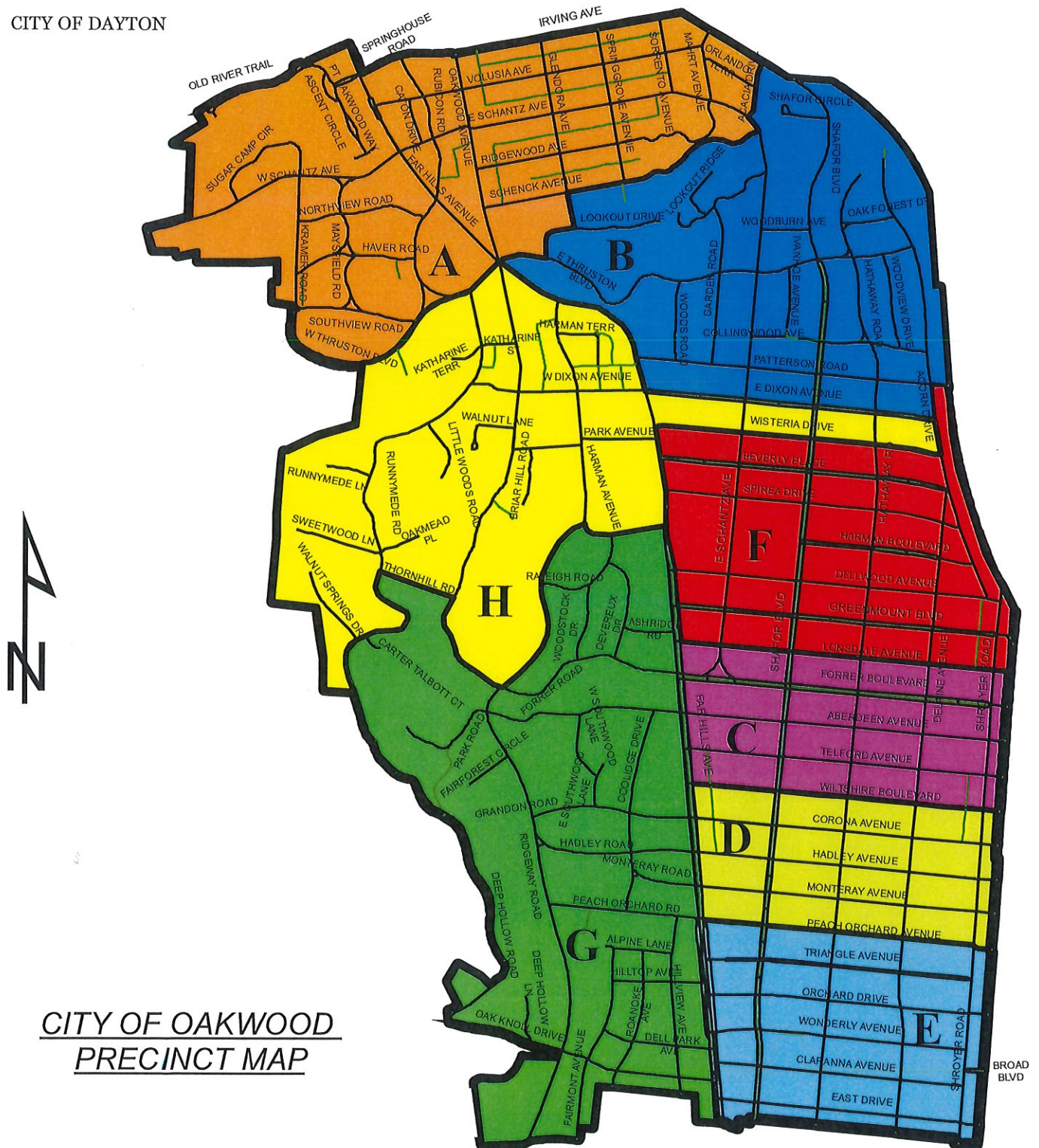
The voter turnout was 32%.

Below is a breakdown of the votes cast in each precinct. Our issue passed in seven precincts and failed in one... Precinct B.

PRECINCT	# FOR	# AGAINST	TOTAL VOTES	% FOR	% AGAINST
OAK-A	172	141	313	55.0%	45.0%
OAK-B	154	160	314	49.0%	51.0%
OAK-C	151	96	247	61.1%	38.9%
OAK-D	147	114	261	56.3%	43.7%
OAK-E	157	126	283	55.5%	44.5%
OAK-F	235	161	396	59.3%	40.7%
OAK-G	189	134	323	58.5%	41.5%
OAK-H	105	102	207	50.7%	49.3%

# CITY OF OAKWOOD PRECINCT MAP

CITY OF DAYTON



CITY OF OAKWOOD  
PRECINCT MAP

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[MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS POLL FINDER](#)

CITY OF KETTERING

March 20, 2024

Below is a summary of the results from property tax issues dating back to the November 5, 1991 vote.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mills</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% For</u>	<u>Voter Turnout</u>
New	11/5/1991	2.72	1634	1459	3093	52.83%	Not available
Renewal	11/2/1993	5.5	1881	442	2323	80.97%	33.9%
Renewal	11/5/1996	2.72	3660	1457	5117	71.53%	67.4%
Renewal	11/3/1998	5.5	3164	803	3967	79.76%	53.0%
Renewal	5/8/2001	2.72	652	178	830	78.55%	11.1%
Renewal	11/4/2003	5.5	2453	778	3231	75.92%	46.1%
Renewal	11/7/2006	2.72	3173	1152	4325	73.36%	71.2%
Renewal	11/8/2011	2.72	2617	900	3517	74.41%	54.5%
New	5/7/2013	3.75	1022	837	1859	54.98%	26.5%
Renewal	11/8/2016	2.72	4018	1571	5589	71.89%	82.7%
Renewal	11/6/2018	3.75	3549	1541	5090	69.72%	62.1%
Renewal	11/2/2021	2.72	2,628	812	3440	76.39%	49.2%
New	3/19/2024	2.41	1,310	1,034	2,344	55.89%	32.0%

Oakwood currently has 7,325 registered voters.

Attached are the following:

- Precinct Map
- A spreadsheet showing all of our property tax issues dating back to 1991.
- Two Dayton Daily News articles.

Thank you for your service on the budget committee.

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Norbert S. Klopsch  
Oakwood City Manager  
(937) 298-0600

# Dayton, Oakwood OK issues; Clayton, Riverside voters reject 2

Centerville precinct where Sheetz aimed to open votes to ban carryout alcohol sales.

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

Dayton voters strongly supported a key city income tax renewal while Oakwood voters approved a property tax issue, both long-term funding mechanisms for the side-by-side municipalities.

The cities of Clayton and Riverside, meanwhile, narrowly rejected tax increases of their own, according to final unofficial results from the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Dayton's eight-year, 0.25% city income tax renewal, Issue 6, was approved Tuesday night with 70.5% in favor, election records show.

"I want to thank all of the Dayton voters who supported Issue 6," Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. said. "Because of your support, the city of Dayton will continue providing critical services such as fire, police, EMS, road paving, park improvements, and preschool - and now also housing.



Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. and City Manager Shelley Dickstein at an election results watch party on Tuesday. JEREMY KELLEY / STAFF



The Riverside Police Department's current authorized staffing level for sworn personnel is 30, with one spot vacant due to a recent retirement, according to Police Chief Frank Robinson. NICK BLIZZARD / STAFF

"When we passed this tax eight years ago, it set in motion monumental investments in Dayton that have moved our city forward in a transformational way," Mims said. "We will be able to continue these improvements due to the passage of Issue 6 - without a tax increase."

The tax will raise about \$15 million annually.

"The aspect of having this pass shows us that we're going in the right direction because so much work has been done in the past," Mims said.

"When it passed eight years ago, it gave us a foundation to let outside investors know that we were serious about improving Dayton and going in the right direction," he added. "The aspect of that causing ... investments in all parts of the city, especially downtown, gave us dollars that we could distribute throughout the community as well."

Dayton anticipates that total income tax collections this year will be about \$155 million. The 0.25% tax up for renewal is one-tenth of the city's total 2.5% rate. Income taxes account for nearly three-fourths of the city's general fund revenue.

"The aspect at looking at police, fire and safety," Mims said, "fixing roads in Dayton, our parks and our recreation facilities - as well as housing - clearly ... all those trademarks have shown that Dayton, again, has gotten momentum" for success over the past several years."

### **Oakwood tax issue approved**

Oakwood's property tax issue passed with 55.9% support.

Issue 9 in Oakwood sought approval of an additional 2.41 mills for five years. It will basically return tax funding to the level of the 3.75-mill levy the city wanted to put before voters last fall, but let expire due to a clerical error, Montgomery County records show.

"We appreciate the support of our citizens passing the replacement levy"

and the city's 32-member budget review committee, Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan said. "We're going to use this money to continue our excellent public safety, public works and leisure services."

The levy will collect nearly \$1.14 million annually, costing owners of a home valued at \$200,000 about \$168 a year, according to the county auditor's office. Without the levy this year, Oakwood approved a 2024 budget projected to include about \$1.3 million in deficit spending, City Manager Norbert Klopsch said.

### **Xenia**

For Issue 3 in Greene County, Xenia residents rejected a permanent, 4-mill public safety levy (fire, EMS and police). The vote was 58-42 against the levy. The money would have funded increasing patrol officers and EMS units, as resources allow, sustaining and possibly expanding Xenia's School Resource Officer program, and helping to relocate Fire Station 32 to improve response times in southwest Xenia.

### **Riverside**

Riverside's police levy, Issue 10, was a 4.95-mill property tax replacement that would have cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$173 a year, up \$44 from the current level, county data shows. Voters turned it down by a ratio of 52.4 to 47.6.

The levy has funded operating expenses such as personnel, and capital purchases such as body cameras and equipment. City Manager Josh Rauch said in a tight market for police officers, it would have made sure that the city's salaries stay competitive.

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The impact would have varied depending where people work - Clayton residents who work in cities with higher income tax rates would have seen their overall city payments fall, while those who work in Clayton or a township would have paid more. The city estimates its annual income tax receipts would have risen from \$5.4 million to \$7.9 million, as payments from non-Clayton residents would rise.

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## Other tax issues had mixed results

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It will fund general city services ranging from police and fire operations to street maintenance and leisure services, Oakwood Finance Director Cindy Stafford said.

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# City of Oakwood

## Department of Engineering & Public Works

March 21, 2024

Dear Oakwood Business,

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Sincerely,

K. Douglas Spitler, PE  
Public Works Director

Cc: Norbert Klopsch, City Manager  
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# City of Oakwood

## Department of Engineering & Public Works

March 21, 2024

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# Records: Student 'disgusted' by locker theft

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

An Oakwood High School girls' basketball player was "truly disgusted" while others felt "absolutely violated" after a male student was caught in a school locker room stealing clothes, including undergarments, district records show.

The Oakwood basketball player sent an email to school Principal Paul Waller Feb. 2 saying she felt like the school was not doing enough, according to school district documents obtained by the Dayton Daily News through a public records request.

That is the same day Oakwood Superintendent Neil Gupta announced Waller was being placed on paid administrative

leave.

The male student was found in the girls' locker room in late January going through student backpacks, Gupta said in an email to board of education members dated Jan. 25.

In documents this news organization obtained in an earlier public records request, Gupta twice mentioned the girls' locker rooms investigation in his Feb. 2 letter to Waller notifying the longtime principal that he was on paid administrative leave.

The Feb. 2 email from the female student to Waller states, "at this point, I feel that like we, as a team, and individually, have been disrespected by both the student and the school, as a whole."

"As a high school girl, speaking only for myself ... I am truly

disgusted," she said in the email. "It's not about how much the clothes were, it's the fact that I was completely disrespected. Getting my clothes back in that condition is extremely hard, and makes me question how much the school follows their mission: 'Doing what is best for the students is our guiding principle'."

Others on the team, the email states, were "truly scared and disgusted and absolutely violated. I had multiple teammates come to me feeling upset, unheard, and truly just disturbed."

The email also states that "at first, I was very angry and I was hoping that 'the school would deal with it' would be true ... However, it did not go that way. Instead, we had to beg for even a suspension after a kid in our

school went through our locker room and stole stuff repeatedly for who knows how long."

A Jan. 25 email from Gupta to board members states that "due to student confidentiality, we will not be able to share disciplinary information with other families."

"I am sure that this will add to the frustration," Gupta wrote. "I am sure whatever discipline is given, the other parents will not feel it is enough."

This news organization has reached out to Oakwood school district officials about Waller's status. They did not immediately respond.

A letter dated Jan. 25 and signed by Waller to "Oakwood girls basketball parents" states that the principal became aware of the male student's action on Jan. 24.

"We believe there was one student whose clothes were stolen," the letter states. "Dr. Waller disciplined the student" and the clothing was returned to Waller's office on the afternoon of Jan. 24.

Waller and Athletic Director Tyler Rhodus met with the girls basketball team on Jan. 25, according to Waller's letter.

The team was told it "would not be using the locker room tonight to ensure safety protocols were in place," the letter stated. "We are doing all we can to ensure the safety of our students and that the locker room will be a safe place for our athletes and belongings."

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March 20, 2024

Dear Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee Members,

On February 12, 2024, representatives from each of our seven communities met to discuss a pending update to the Montgomery County 9-1-1 plan. We deliberately conducted this meeting in advance of the February 23, 2024 meeting of the newly appointed 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. The purpose of our meeting was to develop a position of the seven municipal PSAP operators in Montgomery County, which represents all of the Montgomery County PSAPs, with the exception of the Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center (RDC).

At the February 12 meeting, our seven cities unanimously agreed on our position. It is detailed on the attached paper, which was transmitted via email on February 21 to Montgomery County Assistant County Administrator Tyler Small and 9-1-1 Coordinator Derek Eby. The most important point is that we recommend:

- An access fee revenue distribution plan that provides for the following until October 1, 2025 or until an alternate distribution plan is agreed upon:
  - Continues 2023 levels of funding to Montgomery County RDC, City of Huber Heights and City of Kettering.
  - Distributes excess or additional revenues to the remaining PSAPs based on 2020 U.S. Census population estimates.

We understand that the next meeting of the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 19. We are sending this letter and attached position paper to you to reiterate the position of the seven municipal PSAP operators.

Sincerely,

Wayne S. Davis  
Centerville  
City Manager

Eric A. Smith  
Englewood  
City Manager

Richard Dzik  
Huber Heights  
City Manager

Matt Greeson  
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Vandalia  
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## 911 Municipal PSAP Position

- There is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the implementation of H.B. 33 and the amount of revenue available to local jurisdictions to support 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) operations and improvements.
- The new \$.40 per month next generation 911 access fee applies to a greater number of communication devices and will presumably generate additional revenue in the short term. However, no revenue estimates have been provided and the fee is scheduled to revert to \$.25 per month on October 1, 2025.
- Only three PSAPs (RDC, Huber Heights and Kettering) have been eligible to receive revenues in recent years. Under H.B. 33, a 911 Plan can be adopted that distributes access fee revenues to additional PSAPs. Montgomery County has at least eight PSAPs that are eligible to receive funding.
- It is not fiscally responsible to expect these new fees will be extended indefinitely. There is concern by jurisdictions currently receiving funding that revenues will be abruptly and significantly reduced.
- It is prudent to submit a short-term plan that mitigates negative funding impacts on any jurisdiction, until more information is available regarding implementation of H.B. 33 and long-term revenues are accurately and realistically projected.
- Additionally, it is only fair to begin providing revenues to jurisdictions that have been precluded from distribution in recent years.
- Representatives of each of the City-managed PSAPs have requested the 911 Review Committee submit a plan that accomplishes the following:
  - An access fee revenue distribution plan that provides for the following until October 1, 2025 or until an alternate distribution plan is agreed upon:
    - Continues 2023 levels of funding to Montgomery County RDC, City of Huber Heights and City of Kettering.
    - Distributes all of the excess or additional revenues to the remaining PSAPs based on 2020 U.S. Census population estimates.
  - Uses Montgomery County General Funds to pay 100% of the cost of the 911 Coordinator and system fees.
- This approach provides time to gather additional information and for the jurisdictions involved to have meaningful discussions on the equitable distribution of resources.

**THE OAKWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT'S  
REPORT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

**FEBRUARY 2024**

Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**PART 1 CRIMES:** There were three Part 1 crimes reported during the month of February. These included one theft and two domestic violence calls.

**TRAFFIC  
ENFORCEMENT:** During the month of February, 119 traffic violations were cited and 38 parking citations were issued.

**DETECTIVE  
INVESTIGATIONS:**

1-24-000393	Patterson/Shافر	Drug Investigation	Under Investigation (lab pending)
1-24-000477	500 block of Hathaway	Fraud	Closed – Referred To Other Agency
1-24-000551	100 block of Oak Knoll	Domestic Violence	Cleared By Arrest-Juvenile

**LEADS:** The LEADS validation report this month concerned warrant entries. All entries have been validated and the Safety Department remains in compliance with LEADS protocol.

**TEEN COURT:** There were no cases referred to the Oakwood Teen Court and one case was referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court during the month of February.

## **FIRE**

**FIRE:** There were eight total fire responses in February, all were to Oakwood. These included three alarm investigations, one auto accident, one natural gas odor investigation, one CO alarm, and two smell of smoke investigations.

**APPARATUS:** There were no maintenance issues during the month of February.

**FIRE INSPECTIONS:** There was one fire inspection conducted during the month of February.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**REMOVALS:** There were 27 total calls for emergency medical services in February, including four mutual aid requests from the Dayton Fire Department. One patient refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**DARE:** The DARE Officer conducted 12 classes during the month of February.

## **TRAINING**

Public Safety Officers, Lieutenants, Command Staff, and Dispatchers completed a total of 344 hours of training during the month of February.

During the month of February, Safety Department personnel completed EMS online continuing education training presented by 24/7 covering Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) Care and Capnography. Members also attended a Standing Orders Review presented by Premier Health on February 26-28.

Fire Training consisted of a review of the Department's Standard Instruction Guideline- Carbon Monoxide Response.

Police training consisted of CPT training through OPOTA online entitled: Concealed Firearm Carry Changes, Hate Crimes, Preserving Cellphone Evidence, Diversity and Cultural Competency for Law Enforcement.

In February, all dispatchers recertified in Emergency Medical Dispatching and Telecommunicator CPR through PowerPhone TOTAL Response.

On February 20-22, Officer McElroy attended a Less-Lethal Instructor course. This refresher course was necessary to maintain his certification.

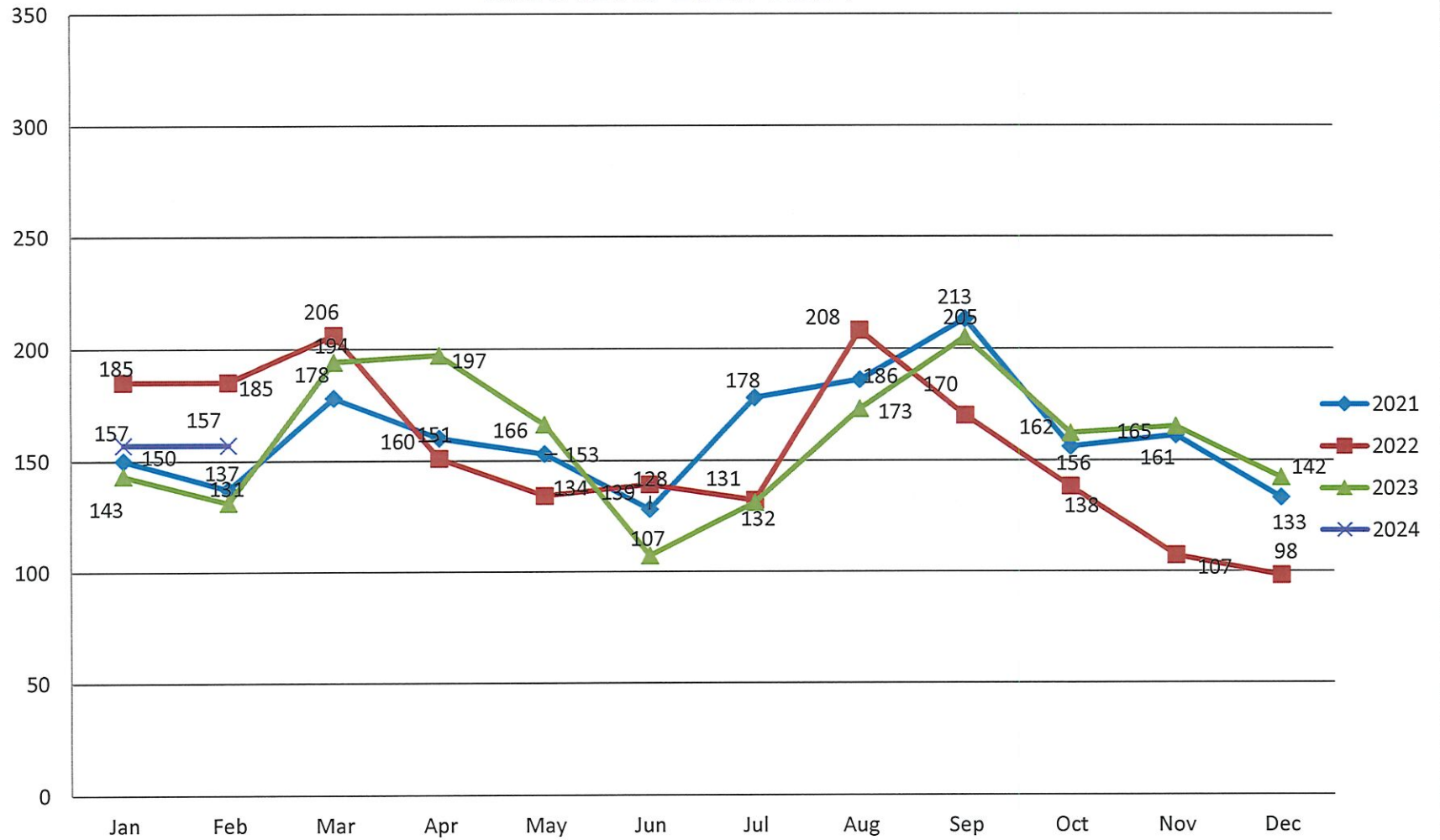
Lastly, on February 13-14, Officers McElroy, R. Wells, and Staley attended annual SWAT training with the Kettering Regional SWAT Team.

## OFFICER ACTIVITY

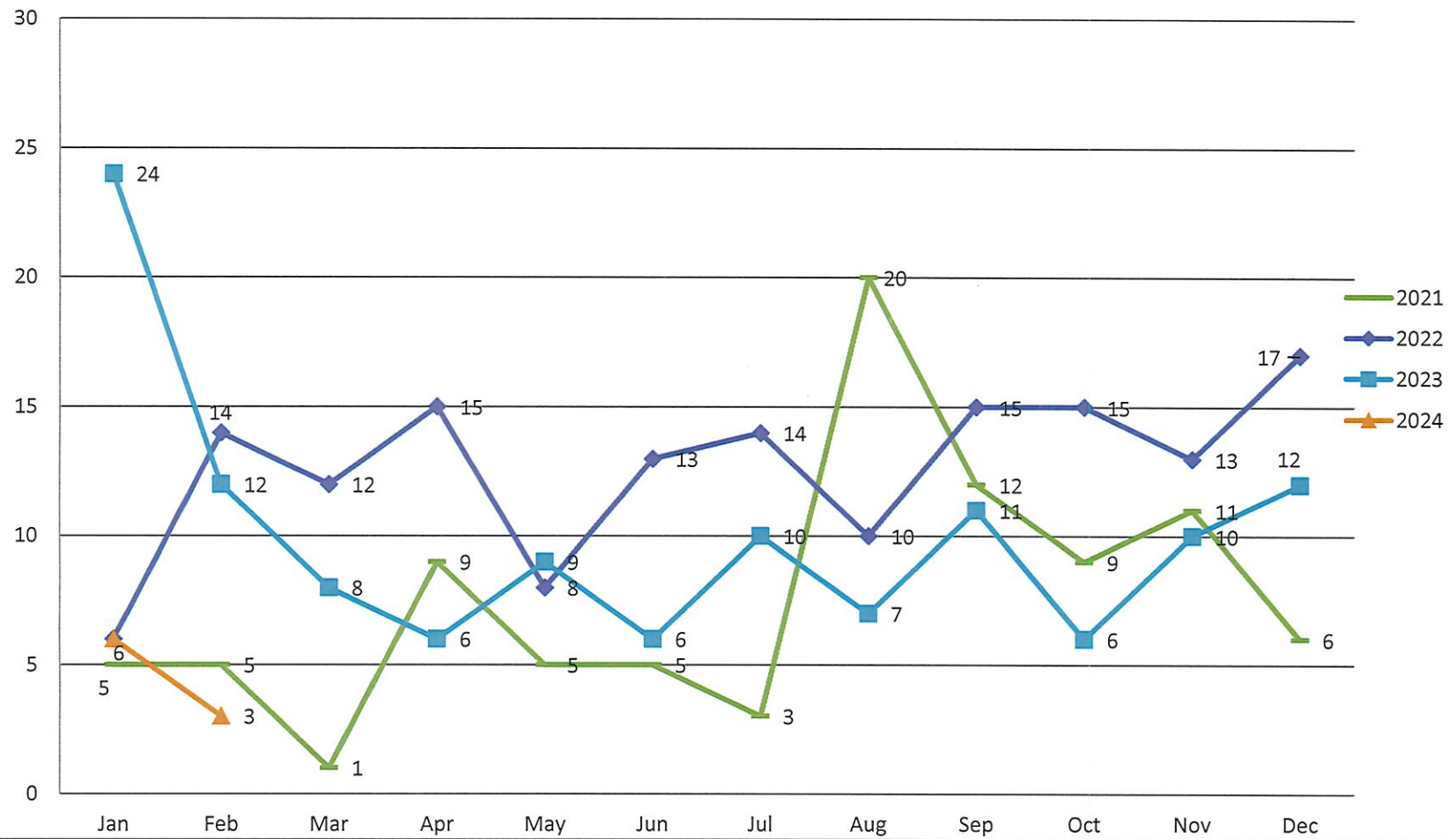
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Staff	0	5	0	0	13	2	11	29	0
1	1	47	0	0	25	16	50	131	15
2	0	44	0	2	22	12	40	138	6
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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS	
White	52	White	114
Black	47	Black	31
Indian	4	Indian	1
Asian	0	Asian	1
Hispanic	7	Hispanic	5
Middle Eastern	2	Middle Eastern	5
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	7	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS		ARRESTS	
White	1	White	2
Black	0	Black	1
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	0	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0
Other/Unknown	3	Other/Unknown	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

## CITATIONS 2021-2024



## PART 1 CRIMES 2021-2024



# KETTERING

## City scraps roundabout idea for Marshall Road

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

Kettering has opted against constructing a roundabout at an odd T-intersection at a curve on Marshall Road.

Instead, the city will reduce lanes to increase safety near the Marshall/Lincoln Park Boulevard intersection just off Wilmington Pike, Kettering Project Engineer Chad Ingle said.

It will be part of a larger \$2 million upgrade, which will include repaving from Wilmington to East David Road in two years, accord-

ing to the city.

"The main thing we were looking to accomplish ... was how can we make that intersection a little bit more efficient and safer for pedestrians," Ingle said.

A roundabout and lane reductions were two options Kettering strongly considered for the area, where plans call for a new bike path that is expected to increase activity at the intersection.

Reducing lanes is projected to cost about \$600,000, one-third less expensive than a roundabout, Ingle said.

Installing a traffic signal

was also examined, but one is "not warranted," he added. It would have been the most expensive option, requiring a traffic study, Ingle said.

The adopted plan, according to the city, includes:

■ Going north on Marshall, the one travel lane will open to two after the proposed pedestrian crossing just north of the intersection (the road currently expands to two northbound lanes before the intersection).

■ Heading south, two lanes will be maintained coming off Wilmington, but it will quickly reduce down to one

lane as motorists approach the Lincoln Park intersection.

The city worked with LJB Engineering on a feasibility study and sent out about 1,000 mailers to surrounding residents, Ingle said.

Residents' comments were both "positive and negative on the roundabout idea," Ingle said. "We did get more on the negative side than on the positive side."

Improvements at the Marshall/Lincoln Park intersection are needed as part of long-term plans to build a bike path on city land behind Claybourne Road, Assistant

City Manager Steve Bergstresser has said. The bike path would run along an old railroad right-of-way, from about Berwin Avenue to the intersection.

The Marshall project will get a \$1 million federal grant through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, while Kettering will seek other funding options to help offset its remaining share, Bergstresser said.

Aside from the Marshall resurfacing and the intersection work, city records show the project will also include:

■ Constructing an 11-foot

wide sidewalk along the south side of Marshall from Wilmington to Lincoln Park Boulevard, and along the north side of the boulevard from Marshall to North Marshall.

■ Upgrading curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements along Marshall from Stroop Road to Wilmington.

■ Repairing/replacing deteriorated curb and driveway approaches.

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