



Voters to Consider 5-Year Income Tax Increase to Support Road Maintenance

On the November 3rd general election ballot, Lebanon voters will be asked to consider approving an increase of the City's 1.0% income tax rate to 1.25% for a period of 5 years. The new tax rate would generate about \$1.6 million annually to help the community address its growing backlog of unfunded road maintenance projects.

Despite significant reductions in City staffing levels and other cost control measures, the City's road maintenance program remains underfunded by about \$1.5 million each year. Detailed information about the City's Operating

Budget and Capital Improvement Plan can be accessed on the City's website at www.lebanonohio.gov.

Key Facts

- The income tax increase would be in effect for only five years, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2020. Once the time limit expires, the income tax rate would automatically reset to 1 percent, unless voters approve a new income tax rate increase.
- Funds received from the .25 increase would be used solely for roadway repair and maintenance.

- The tax increase would not impact pensioners or retirees as their income is not taxed by the City.
- Over 50% of the City's 109 miles of roadways are currently rated as degraded or unsatisfactory.
- The City's current 1 percent income tax rate is the lowest rate in Warren County, and below average in southwest Ohio.
- It costs almost 7 times more to reconstruct a failed road than to resurface it.

Road conditions received a 71% dissatisfaction rating in the 2015 citizen survey of services.

Costs Continue to Rise

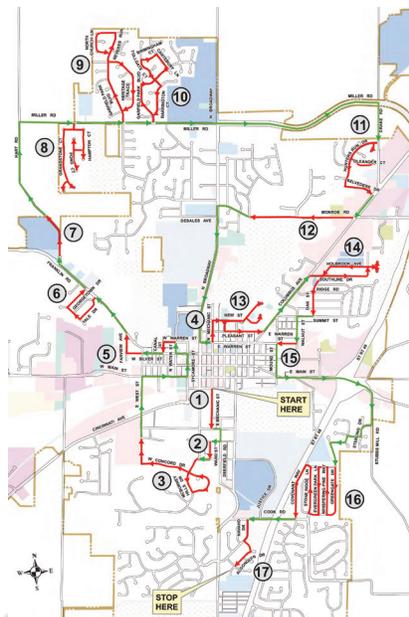
Street resurfacing costs are on the rise. In 2003, the cost to resurface one centerline mile of roadway was \$136,000. Today that cost has soared to \$257,000.



Take the Driving Tour

Take a tour of areas in our community where roadways have been in service for the typical 10-15 year service life. However, due to the current lack of funding, none of these roadways are scheduled for repairs in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

You can print the map from our website at www.lebanonohio.gov on the Engineering page.



Warren County Income Tax Rates

	Rate	Credit
Franklin	2.00	Full
Middletown	1.75	Full
Carlisle	1.50	Full
Monroe	1.50	Full
Springboro	1.50	1.0
Lebanon (proposed)	1.25	Full
Mason	1.12	Full
S. Lebanon	1.00	.5
Morrow	1.00	.5
Maineville	1.00	Full
Lebanon (current)	1.00	Full
Loveland	1.00	Full



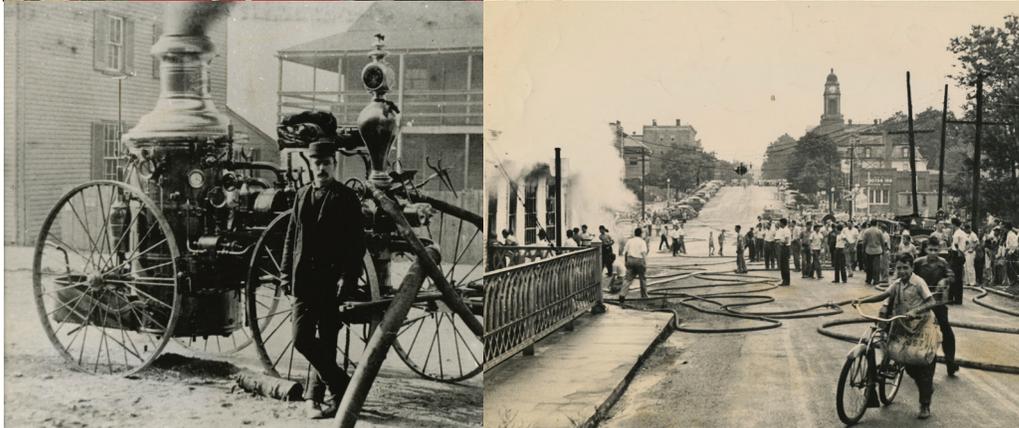
Lebanon Fire Division Bicentennial Celebration

Celebrating 200 Years 1815-2015

OCTOBER 4, 2015

SUN 1 pm
-
5 pm

Fire Station 41
20 West Silver St.



You're invited to come join the fun as we celebrate 200 years of dedicated service to the Lebanon community.

There is something for everyone to enjoy, starting with a downtown parade at 1 p.m.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**DOWNTOWN
PARADE**

GAMES & PRIZES

FOOD

**EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS
FIRE SAFETY HOUSE
KIDS' FIRE BRIGADE**

DJ

**OLDEST
WORKING FIRE
APPARATUS
JUDGING**

Yard Waste Drop-Off Day Offered

The City is discontinuing its monthly yard waste drop-off service. To assist residents with this transition, a free, yard waste drop-off day will be offered on October 10 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Yard waste includes, small limbs, brush, grass and clippings. All yard waste should be placed in the provided dumpsters on site.

Additionally, Rumpke will collect yard waste as part of our curbside refuse collection service. Yard waste must be bundled in 4' sections or bagged.

Contact the Service Department at 513-933-7200 with any questions.



Lebanon Communications Center Provides Emergency & Non-Emergency Customer Service



Do You Know Which Number to Call?

Public Safety Answering Point centers, known as PSAP's are 9-1-1 call centers that serve as the public's first line of contact to public safety authorities in an emergency situation. An emergency situation is any situation that requires immediate assistance from police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A crime
- A fire
- A car accident
- A medical emergency
- Call for assistance to check on the welfare of a neighbor, family member or friend
- Threats to health or safety
- Child locked in vehicle

Residents may also contact the Lebanon Police Department for assistance in non-emergency situations. These calls should not be placed by calling the 9-1-1 emergency number. Erroneously calling the 9-1-1 emergency number results in delays of response times for other emergency calls.

Residents can call 932-2010 for non-emergency help. Examples include:

- Road conditions
- Keys locked in vehicle (no one is inside the vehicle)
- Snow removal

- Service outages
- Directions
- Nuisance calls, such as barking dogs or fireworks.

Lebanon Residents Enjoy 24-Hour Customer Service

Lebanon residents benefit from 24-hour customer service levels, thanks to the Lebanon Police Department's (LPD) Communications Center. The LPD Communications Center serves as the After-Hours Call Center for the City. Communications officers have extensive knowledge of the community and are able to help residents with a host of needs long after City offices have closed for the day.

When City offices are closed, LPD Communications Center is available to help the community with an array of issues like utility outages, road conditions, weather-related contingencies, nuisance concerns, and other non-emergency inquiries and help.

Numbers to Call

9-1-1

Emergency Service

932-2010

Non-Emergency help, and customer service help anytime after the City Building is closed and weekends.

Deactivated Cell Phones Can Still Call 9-1-1

Parents are discouraged from giving old cell phone to children as toys.

Parents trying to find ways to keep their young children entertained are being discouraged from giving their kids old cell phones.



When a cell phone is deactivated, the phone itself can still call 9-1-1, as long as the battery has power. Parents wishing to give a child an outdated cellphone for play should at least remove the battery to avoid the possibility of prank 9-1-1 calls.

Prank 9-1-1 calls can create a major disruption of public service, since the 9-1-1 operator must determine if the call is an actual emergency. Cell phones also do not provide the same GPS information that land line calls provide, further delaying response times. Most 9-1-1 prank callers usually hang-up as well, which also increases delays, since the operator must call back to ensure there is not an actual emergency.

Parents could suffer penalties too. Repeat offenses can result in penalties and fines of up to \$5,000 and six months jail time.

Lantern Light Cemetery Tour

September 11; 7:30 p.m.
Lebanon Cemetery on West Silver Street
Historical walking tour of the notable and historic Lebanon citizens with character reenactments. Visit www.wchsmuseum.org for details.

Lebanon Feast & Fall-y

September 26; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Mulberry Street in Downtown Lebanon; Free Admission
Sample unique cuisine and do some chic shopping in historic downtown. Visit www.historicdowntownlebanon.com for details.

Country Applefest

September 26, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Warren County Fairgrounds; Free Admission
Homemade crafts and food festival. Visit www.countryapplefest.com for information.

Lebanon Farmer's Market

Thursdays through October 15, 3-7 p.m.
Downtown Lebanon; Free Admission
The market is located in downtown Lebanon at the corner of Sycamore Street & Main Street. Visit www.lebanonohiofarmersmarket.com for details.

Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade

October 24, 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dress up your dog and enter for prizes. Pet vendors, food and fun. Visit www.historicdowntownlebanon.com for details.

Trick-or-Treat

October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The City of Lebanon's Trick-or-Treat activities are scheduled for October 31 each year, rain or shine.

Girls Night Out

November 7; 4-9 p.m.; Shops of Downtown Lebanon
Come down for a nice change of pace, and an opportunity to pamper yourself. Visit www.historicdowntownlebanon.com for details.

Holiday Illumination

Nov. 27; 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Downtown Lebanon, Free Admission
The City's annual Tree Lighting begins at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Amy Brewer. Then see Santa in the City Building and enjoy a free horse carriage ride. Downtown shops open to begin your shopping!

Horse Carriage Parade

Dec. 5; 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Downtown Lebanon, Free Admission
The festival includes a daytime and evening parade, street vendors, live entertainment, and more. Visit www.lebanonchamber.org for details.

Christmas at Glendower

Open on Friday, Saturday & Sunday in December
Glendower Mansion, 105 Cincinnati Avenue
Visit www.wchsmuseum.org for ticketing information.

Oktoberfest to Raise Money for Miller Park

Lebanon's Oktoberfest will be held in downtown Lebanon on October 17, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. The event is free and offers live music, craft beers, food, shopping, and kids' activities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., including a Cool Critters animal program with petting zoo at 1:30 p.m. and a Raptor "Hunters of the Sky" program at 12:30 p.m.



The event is geared to raise funds for the community's Miller Ecological Park, the only park of its kind in the City. The 46-acre ecological park is located at 755 Miller Road, and features walking paths, over ten acres of prairie and wildflower areas, reforested habitats, and other features that promote a greater appreciation of ecology and natural areas.

For more information visit www.millerecopark.org.

TO GO

10-17-15
11 am - 10:30 pm
Downtown on
Mulberry St.

Annual Blues Run Raises Money for Local Parks

The Red Hot Blues Run was held in conjunction with the Lebanon Blues Festival. This annual event is coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Board, and serves as a fundraiser to help improve the City's parks. The run has raised over \$90,000 since its inception and has helped fund improvement projects such as, installation of playground equipment at the Sports Complex, Jarod Park and Harmon Park, and the construction of the Ida Juris Bennett Dog Park.



The Parks and Recreation Board would like to thank the event sponsors for their support of this year's event and the City's park system.

GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS

Atrium Medical Center, Cincinnati Bell Fiopics, Lebanon Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Otterbein Retirement Community, Up and Running, Warren County United Soccer, Girdwood Orthodontics, Stephen L. Kaiser, CPA

SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS

Conger Construction, Minuteman Press

BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS

Countryside YMCA, Four Paws, GMI, PE-Services, Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Creech's Garden Center, Lebanon Ford, Work Force Software, LaRosa's

Thank You!