



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.

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

Take the Driving Tour

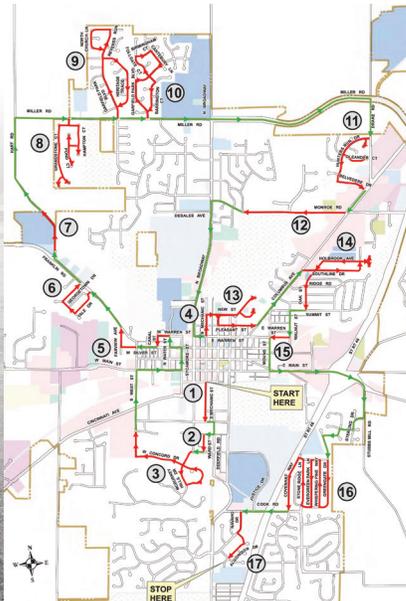
Take a tour of areas in our community where roadways have been in service for the typical 10-15 year service life. However, due to the current lack of funding, none of these roadways are scheduled for repairs in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

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



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.

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.



Leaf Collections Begin This Month

It's that time of year again, when the Streets Department is gearing up for leaf-collection season. Since trees lose their leaves at varying times, collection has been lengthened to accommodate the tree cycles.

To collect leaves more effectively, we request that you rake leaves into the street approximately 12 inches away from the curb to allow rainfall to flow down the curb and into the storm inlets. If your street does not have curbs, line up your row of leaves on the pavement as close to the shoulder of the road as possible to leave the maximum amount of street surface open for vehicles.

Please ensure that there are not any foreign objects hidden in the leaf piles. This causes great damage to our leaf-vac, causing a delay in the program for repairs.

- **Please Note: Have your leaves raked and ready for pickup by 7:00 a.m. on the first day of your scheduled pickup.**
- **When the crews are scheduled to be in your area on consecutive days, crews will be on your street one of the days, but not all.**
- **DO NOT park vehicles in the street until leaves have been removed.**

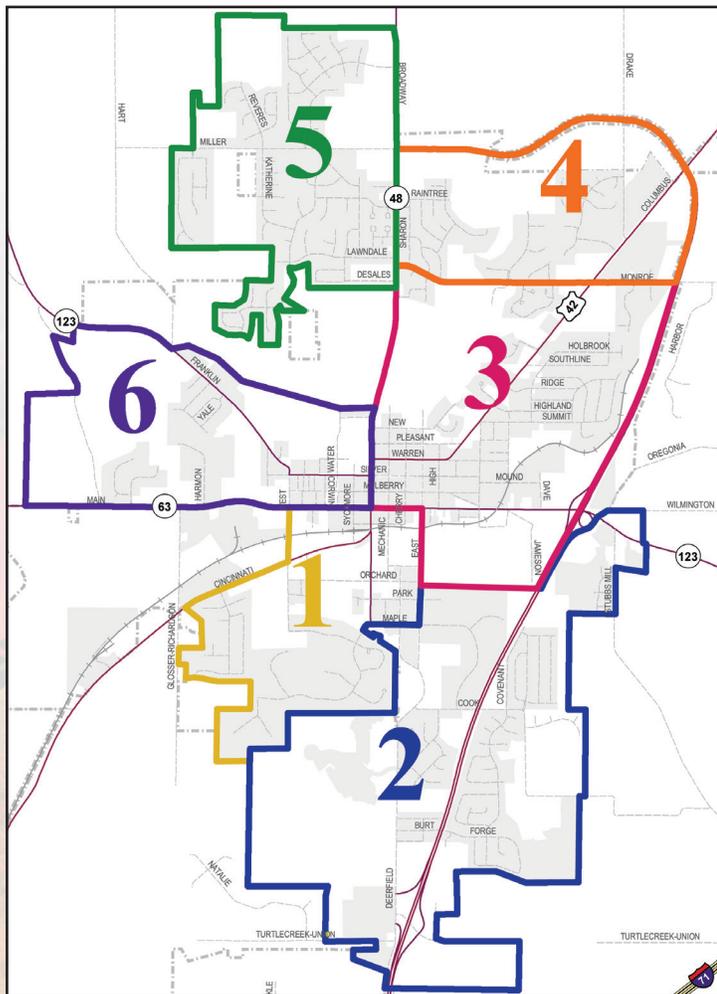
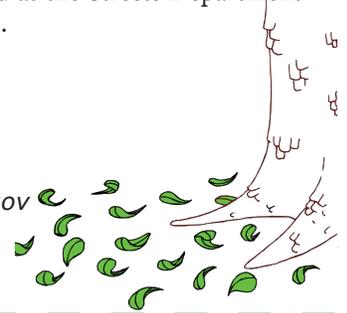
There may be times when the quantity of leaves in one area is so heavy that the leaf collection crews will begin earlier than scheduled. In these cases, crews will return to your area on the days scheduled as well.

In case of an early snow prior to a leaf collection, leaves raked to the curb for collection will likely be plowed onto the road-way along with the snow. Weather permitting, any remaining leaves will be collected. An early snowfall seriously hampers our leaf collection efforts because some of the same trucks that are used to pick up leaves will be needed to plow the streets.

Should you miss the opportunity to participate in the program on the scheduled dates, please bag your leaves and deposit them in the provided dumpster located at the Streets Department building at 580 West Main Street.

Questions or concerns?

Contact Scott Horne
Superintendent of Streets
@ 513-228-3701 or
Email: shorne@lebanonohio.gov



2015 LEAF Collection Schedule

1. Oct. 19-21, Nov. 9-11 & Dec. 2-4

Main St. to Maple Ave. from East St. to West St., including Silverwood Farms.

2. Oct. 21-23, Nov. 11-13 & Dec. 7-9

Maple Ave. South, including Poplar Hill, Oak Forge, Stone Ridge, Sterling Chase, Lakeside Landing, Catalpa Ridge, Cook Rd., Countryside and Tecumseh Trails.

3. Oct. 26-28, Nov. 16-18 & Dec. 9-11

North Broadway to By-Pass 48 from East Main St. to Monroe Rd.

4. Oct. 28-30, Nov. 18-20 & Dec. 14-16

North Broadway to Columbus Ave. from Monroe Rd. to Miller Rd., including East Ridge and Ridge View.

5. Nov. 2-4 & 23-25, Dec. 16-18

North Broadway City limits to west City limits on Miller Road to Desales Ave., including Garfield Park, Revere's Run and Millers Crossing.

6. Nov. 4-6 & 30, Dec. 2 & 21-22

North Broadway to west City limits (SR's. 63 & 123) from Desales Ave. to West Main St., including American Village.

Giving Tree Helps Local Families in Need

The City of Lebanon Giving Tree will begin in early November.

The Giving Tree gives local residents and businesses the opportunity to provide local needy children in the Lebanon City School District with new clothing.

The Giving Tree will be located in the City Building, and will have cards that list a child's name, age and clothing sizes, and applications to have a child's name put on the giving tree will be available beginning on November 2. Anyone wishing to donate to the program but is unable to shop, may purchase a gift card from a local store, such as Walmart, Target, or Kohls to help our local children in need.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please call the Service Department at 933-7200.

2015 Giving Tree Schedule

November 2

Begin accepting applications for Giving Tree

November 9

Tree goes up at the Service Dept. desk

November 30

Deadline for accepting applications

December 7

Deadline to return gifts to the City Building

December 12

Pickup day for Gifts



Trick-or-Treat Scheduled for October 31

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

Here are some helpful guidelines to make this year's event a fun and safe one:

- Go only to well-lit houses.
- Travel in small groups with an adult present.
- Bring treats home for inspection before eating.
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing through yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks where they exist and do not cross between parked cars.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame retardant.
- Consider wearing face paint, instead of masks.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy or loose costumes or oversized shoes to prevent tripping.



Are You a Good Neighbor?

We can all help to make Lebanon a great place to live and work. One of the best ways to be a good neighbor is to follow the City's ordinances.

Barking Dogs

Dog owners are not allowed to harbor or keep a dog that, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause an annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

Barking dog violations may be reported to the Lebanon Police department at 932-2010.



Yard Waste Drop-Off Day Offered on Oct. 10

The City is offering a yard waste, drop-off day on October 10 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 580 West Main Street.

Yard waste includes, small limbs, brush, grass and clippings. 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 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.

Winter Farmer's Market

The Lebanon Winter Farmer's Market will open Oct. 22 through April 2016 Visit www.lebanonohiofarmersmarket.com for details.

Lebanon Community Nights at Dayton Philharmonic

October 16-17, 8 p.m. at Schuster Center, Dayton
A fantastic evening of music for a very special price. Buy online at daytonperformingarts.org. Valid for tiers A-D. \$5 surcharge for online orders. Online offer code: 1802. For information on how to purchase in Lebanon and save the online ticket surcharge call Larry Stone at 513-932-0348.

Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade

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

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Girls Night Out

November 7; 4-9 p.m.; 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.

Octoberfest
Lebanon, Ohio

October 17, 2015
Downtown Lebanon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 am – 10:30 pm on Mulberry St.

Craft beer, wine, food, craft vendors & music

Dwyer School of Dance Noon

German Band 2:30 pm- 4pm

Richard Lynch Band 4:30 pm- 6 pm

Time Stamp 6:30pm – 8 pm

The Refranes 8:30 pm- 10 pm



FREE KIDS ZONE

11 am - 5 pm

Home Depot 11 am

Face painting and Games

Cool Critters 1pm

Ice Cream Truck
Agenter Orthodontics



Is Your Contact Information Up-To-Date?

We strive to provide you with the best service possible. To ensure that you are receiving current information and can be contacted when necessary, business and residential customers are encouraged to contact the service department to provide your current phone number (and emergency, after-hours contact information for businesses). Call the service department at 933-7200 if you need to provide updated information.

