

# **VOTER GUIDE**

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This publication is issued by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area, a national nonpartisan organization, to provide a forum to all political candidates and ballot issues within Seneca County.



Many polling locations have been moved this year. Please check the list below or look up your voter registration at <a href="https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/seneca/vtrlookup.aspx#">https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/seneca/vtrlookup.aspx#</a>

The 2025 Voter Guide is presented by the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area. It has been expanded this year to include all candidates and issues in Seneca County.

All candidates were asked the same two questions on this form:

Office you are seeking: (example: Adams Township Trustee)

Name:

**Education:** 

Occupation:

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

Responses were received from 30 candidates, and are included here without any editing, except slight reformatting to present a consistent type style and size. No change has been made to any candidate's answers.

Issues have the exact text that will appear on your ballot. There are two county-wide issues, for the Park District and the General Health District. Tiffin and New Riegel have school income tax levies, which also appear on some township ballots. Fostoria has a proposed renewal of a general fund income tax levy. There are also several local issues, all listed below.

It should be noted that Clinton Township has three separate replacement issues for the fire department, and two of the three are identical. It is not a mistake that all three are listed below and on the ballot.

Everything here should be in the same order as your ballot. Only the City of Tiffin has partisan candidates. All other candidates are non-partisan. You can see your sample ballot on the Board of Elections website at

https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/seneca/vtrlookup.aspx#.

Although efforts were made to contact every candidate in Seneca County, if anyone was missed we apologize. Some candidates who file petitions outside of Seneca County may have been missed.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS! Sadly, voter turnout is expected to be very low this year. A single vote – yours – could decide a race. A healthy democracy needs citizen participation.

David Koehl Voter Guide chairperson League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area

# **CANDIDATES**

# TIFFIN CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT- Vote for 1 - Term: 4 years

Bridget Boyle - Republican - no response received

# TIFFIN CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

# Kyle R. Daugherty - Republican

My name is Kyle R. Daugherty and I will be seeking the office of Tiffin City Councilman At Large.I graduated in 2003, completed the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy in 2007, and obtained my State of Ohio Realtor license in 2019. Currently I am a Reserve Deputy with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. My past work experience includes; Police Officer at the Tiffin Developmental Center, Adult Probation Officer and Bailiff at the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court, and Real Estate Agent. If elected, my 3 main priorities would be continued financial responsibility, crime/safety, and economic development.

# Ashlee Decker - Independent

Greetings, I appreciate the opportunity to share this information with the citizens of Tiffin. Thank you!

Office you are seeking: City Council Member, At-large

Name: Ashlee Decker

#### Education

M.En., Environmental Science, University of Miami, 2013

A.S., Environmental Engineering, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, 2009

B.A., English Literature, University of Cincinnati, 2005

Occupation: Senior Restoration Ecologist at The Nature Conservancy, Ohio

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

As a council member I would bring skills in problem solving, collaborative thinking, and project management. I am someone that looks at the world with a wide lens and naturally finds opportunities for cooperation and growth. I see challenges and conflicts not as something to be avoided, but as a chance to think about a situation in a new way and to work towards solutions that are a win for everyone.

For the last 8 years, I have worked for The Nature Conservancy, a global, non-profit, land

conservancy. In this role, I write and manage large grants, work with municipalities, park districts, state agencies and private landowners to develop and implement water quality projects, lead committees and meetings, and oversee budgets, timelines and staff. I currently lead a ~\$20M portfolio of grant funded projects aimed at improving water quality in Lake Erie.

Prior to this position, I owned the Beehive Café, Tiffin's first farm-to-table restaurant. Passionate about local food and my home community, this was one of the most fulfilling experiences I have ever had. More than anything, this experience helped me understand the rewards and challenges of owning a small business. I am a strong advocate for local business and bring this understanding and commitment to the table.

What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

(1) First priority is to ensure that the city finances are being used efficiently and effectively for the benefit of all residents. I have no suspicions that this is not currently being done, but I take the role of council member seriously and believe that fiscal responsibility, in the present and for the future, should be top of list. (2) I want to see Tiffin continue working on policy and taking action that promotes economic growth and development, while simultaneously making sure that we are encouraging practices that preserve and improve natural resources (e.g. water quality), housing opportunities, and community involvement. (3) Greenspace is near and dear to me. I would love to support the growth and improvement of our parks, bike paths, and tree planting program, including opportunities to involve youth through internships with the city.

Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

Not at this time. I appreciate the city's policies for long-term planning and their successful efforts to leverage state and federal funding resources. With that said, I love the nuances of budgeting! If elected, I would be excited to take a deeper dive into the budget and to explore opportunities for greater efficiencies through partnerships and use of outside funding sources to propel projects forward.

# John Hays - Republican

Name: John Hays (R)

Office: Member Council at Large

Education: B.S. University of Kentucky, MBA Tiffin University

Occupation: ERP Manager, Webster Industries

Training and Experience: Tiffin City Councilman 2024 - Present

Question 1: My three priorities are to do the will of the people of Tiffin; support and advance the agenda of City Officials, should it comply with the above; and maintain a positive environment for raising families in Tiffin.

Question 2: No changes to the budget, however monitoring proposed budgets and spending will always be a critical task for this office.

# Cheyane L. Thacker - Democrat

Office you are seeking: Tiffin City Council Member At-Large

Name: Cheyane L. Thacker

Education: Tiffin Columbian High School

Occupation: HRSA Grant Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the School of

Behavioral Sciences at Heidelberg

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: Council Member At-Large; President Pro-Tempore of Tiffin City Council; Streets, Sidewalks Sewers Committee Chair; Downtown Development CommitteeMember, Founding Member and Past President of Seneca Proud; Ritz Players Board Member

Answer to Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected? - My three main priorities are to maintain fiscal sustainability and smart budgeting, infrastructure investment, and increasing quality of life for our residents, specifically through economic development, housing initiatives, and safety services.

Answer to Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office? - I have no specific significant changes. However, I do think reassessing each year to account for future large capital improvements is necessary. Because of aging buildings, equipment, and infrastructure in Tiffin, it will be imperative to weigh which projects must be taken care of immediately and which must take a backseat, which would mean different line item budgets would understandably fluctuate.

# TIFFIN/FOSTORIA MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE - Vote for 1 - Term: 6 years

Rhonda L. Best - no response received

#### CITY OF FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL WARD 1 - Vote for 1 - Term: 4 years

**Noah Davoli -** no response received

## Amy Mendoza

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information for the 2025 Voter Guide. I appreciate the League of Women Voters of the Tiffin Area's engagement in our local democracy. My responses are listed below:

Office sought: Fostoria Ward 1 City Councilperson

Name: Amy Mendoza

**Education:** 

- High School Diploma Arcadia High School, 1995
- Office Support Certificate Owens Community College, 2020
- Workforce & Community Services Certificate Owens Community College, 2022

Occupation: Youth and Family Defense Administrator - Hancock County Public Defender's Office, 2010 - present

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

- Notary Public, 2012- present
- Fostoria Economic Development Committee Member, 2022
- Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Law Training Completion Award, 2022
- Co-chair of Fostoria City Council's Public Affairs Committee, 2022 present
- Graduate of Hancock County Leadership, 2023
- Getting Ahead Fostoria Mentor, 2023
- Graduate of Leadership Seneca County, 2024
- Secretary of Fostoria City Council's Law and Ordinance Committee, 2024 present
- Big Brother Big Sister Hancock County Collaboration Board Member, 2025 present

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

My top three goals are shaped by my past four years on council and the feedback I have consistently received from the community. First, we must continue improving infrastructure by repairing roads, modernizing utilities, expanding transportation, and improving broadband access to keep Fostoria connected and competitive. Second, we need to invest in our youth through after-school programs, job training, mentorships, and recreational opportunities that will help them grow and succeed. When we support our young people, we give them and our community reasons to thrive. Third, we have to revitalize our neighborhoods by addressing blight, supporting affordable housing, and encouraging redevelopment to strengthen the foundation of our city. These priorities reflect the values I hear from residents every day: pride in our community, hope for the next generation, and a desire to see every neighborhood and person flourish. With your continued support, I am committed to turning these goals into lasting change for Fostoria.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

Yes, I believe the budget should focus on key areas that best serve Fostoria's needs. We should prioritize public safety and infrastructure by maintaining roads, sidewalks, and public spaces, and ensuring first responders have the resources they need. Environmental concerns, such as landfill expansion and water quality, also deserve attention to protect our health and natural resources. Supporting economic growth through business programs and tourism initiatives is essential, while investing in parks, recreational spaces, and programs for youth and families strengthens our community and quality of life. As Fostoria emerges from recent financial challenges, we now have an opportunity to invest strategically in the city's future. By aligning the budget thoughtfully, we can build a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Fostoria.

## CITY OF FOSTORIA CITY COUNCIL WARD 4 - Vote for 1 - Term: 4 years

## Gayle D. Guernsey

Office I am seeking: Fostoria 4th Ward Council Person

Name: Gayle D. Guernsey

Education: Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing from Bowling Green State University

Master of Education in Communication Disorders from University of Toledo

Certificate of Clinical Competence from American Association of Speech-Language and Hearing Association

Occupation: Retired Speech-Language Pathologist of nearly 3 decades from the Fostoria City Schools

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: I worked with Administrators, teachers, parents and children in the preparation of Evaluation Team Reports and implementation of Individualized Educational Plans for every child needing speech-language services. I have been a 25+ years member of Alpha Delta Kappa-Psi Chapter teachers' sorority having served 2 terms as the treasurer and currently as vice president of our chapter. I am currently serving on the boards of the Fostoria, Ohio Glass Association and the Fostoria Area Historical Society. I am a member of Hope Lutheran Church where I served as Director of the Chancel Service, Director of Sunday School, Coordinator of Summer Vacation Bible School and taught Sunday School. Currently, I sing in the adult vocal choir and the handbell choir.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1. My first priority is to learn my roles and responsibilities and foster good working relationships with other representatives.
- 2. My second and equally important priority is to provide good and fair representation for the residents of the fourth ward.
- 3. My third and final priority is to lend my support to local laws and ordinances that will help improve my community in order to keep this town a place where people come to raise their families and build their businesses.

Question 2. Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

For many years I have seen many of our constituents penalized for finding work opportunities in other communities. Therefore, I would like to see changes made involving reciprocal tax credits for those of who work outside of Fostoria. Furthermore, I would like to see investments made in career counseling for those participating in vocational training as there is, by my estimation, no reason why Fostoria cannot be an educational magnate for our surrounding area now that we have a new vocational training center.

# **ATTICA VILLAGE MAYOR** - Vote for 1 – Unexpired term ending 12-31-27

**Louis Sanders -** no response received

## ATTICA VILLAGE COUNCIL - Vote for 4 - Term: 4 years

Edwin J. Beamer - no response received

James M. Gray

I am running for Village of Attica Council. My name is James M Gray. I am a High School Graduate of Seneca East. I am currently retired after 45 years at Lakeside Book Company (formerly RR Donnelleys in Willard). I was appointed to an open position on the Village of Attica Council in October of 2024. My three main priorities for the Village of Attica are 1. Complete the Regionalization of hooking up to Northern Ohio Rural Water. 2. Setting up a plan to re-pave all Village streets. 3. Work on reducing the debt the Village has accumulated with the existing Water Plant.

Kirk Stanfield - no response received

**Steven Tanner -** no response received

## **BETTSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL** - Vote for 4 (only 3 candidates) - Term: 4 years

William E. Klaiss Jr. - no response received Charles Littlejohn - no response received Robert H. Toy Jr. - no response received

BLOOMVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL - Vote for 4 (only 2 write in candidates) - Term: 4 years

**Carol Adams** – write in **Amanda Essary** – write in

GREEN SPRINGS VILLAGE COUNCIL - Vote for 4 (only 3 candidates) - Term: 4 years

Angela M. Bliss Robert L. Chrisman William Edward Young - write in

## **NEW RIEGEL VILLAGE COUNCIL -** Vote for 4 (only 2 candidates) - Term: 4 years

**Lauren K. Kirk -** no response received **Dale D. Nye -** no response received

## **REPUBLIC VILLAGE COUNCIL** - Vote for 4 (only 2 candidates) - Term: 4 years

**Renee Lacy -** no response received **Kevin R. Thompson -** no response received

# ADAMS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

#### David T. Carrothers

Re-Elect Township Trustee Adams Township David T. Carrothers

1961 Green Springs graduate

Master's Degree from Ford Motor Company

Self employed owner- operator of Dave's Auto Repair, Adams Township Republic Ohio 44867

16 years Adams Township Trustee

Maintaining roads, communication with residents if they have issues or concerns.

I am sexton of Butternut Ridge Cemetery helping residents of Adams Township choosing burial lots and helping with any concerns they may have.

Being trustee of Adams Township along with our fiscal officer. We do a god job with what we receive .From the county for our budget.

In closing I would like to see more grants helping all townships.

# Christopher W. Snavely

Office you are seeking: Adams Township Trustee (Seneca County)

Name: Chris Snavely

<u>Education:</u> Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Business Administration

Occupation: Farmer and a Director of Engineering at National Machinery

<u>Training</u>, <u>Qualifications</u>, and <u>Experience</u>: Besides my formal education in Engineering and Business Administration, I have attended numerous training sessions on Problem Solving, Supervision of Personnel and Conflict Management. From a practical applications standpoint, I have been involved in farming my entire life, working with machinery and livestock.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

My main priority will be to make informed decisions on the best use of the townships finances in a way that benefits as many of the residents as possible. Second, I will be diligent in researching grant opportunities to improve the safety and well-being of the community. Third, I will be open to concerns and opportunities expressed by citizens of the township while also being cognizant of the effect on everyone's way of life.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

At this point in time, I do not have any changes I am looking to make. I have been a resident of Adams Township for nearly my whole life, and I feel that those who have served our township in the past have done so in a professional manner. My desire is only to serve the community and continue to keep our township safe and fiscally strong.

#### Bret Cleveland - write in

Office seeking: Adams Township Trustee

Name: Bret Cleveland

Education: Bachelors in Agricultural Business

Occupation: Sales and Farmer

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: At the end of the year I will have 20 years as a Trustee, I am the chairperson for the Township for the last three years, I'm on the EMS committee for six years, and I'm also the vice President of the Seneca County Township Association. I have went to many training sessions at the State Township Association. I was also the Chairperson for the Seneca County Township Issue 2 project for many years.

I also help run Pleasant View Farms LLC and Cleveland Seed Service LLC.

Question 1: What are my three main priorities if I am reelected:

- 1- To keep being responsible with the Townships money.
- 2- To keep the roads clear and as good as we can from snow and ice.
- 3- To try to keep the Township clean and a nice place to live.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

I would like to be able to try to find more money to add to our budget to be able to continue to make our Township the best place in Seneca County to live.

#### **BIG SPRINGS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

**Stephen G. Schalk -** no response received **Steven Wagner -** no response received

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

**Troy** E. **Kagy** - no response received **Greg Smith** - no response received

#### **CLINTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

## Jim Distel

Office you are seeking: Clinton Township Truesee

Name: Jim Distel

Education: Graduate of Calvert High School and The Ohio State University

The Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy

Occupation: 30+ years Automotive Service Management

20 years Clinton Township Trustee

Small Business Owner 30 years

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

20 years working with other Townships and other bodies of local government.

Working with the public daily for over 30 years. This consists of meeting their needs, being available, approachable for questions, concerns and problem solving.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1) Maintain a balanced budget
- 2) Looking out for Clinton Township residents' best interests when spending the townships money
- 3) Continue to maintain the Township's property to prolong its life and cost to keep roads, ditches, equipment and properties top notch

Question 2 : Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office

I believe the most important improvement to our budget should be for our emergency services, the main priority being our Volunteer Fire personnel and equipment.

Currently the Township has 3 fire levies that are in place, they were established in 1976, 1981 & 1988. We all know costs have significantly increased over the last 35 to 50 years. When these levies were implemented a new Fire Engine cost were in the low to mid \$100,00 range, EMS contract with the City of Tiffin was \$7500 and cost of training and fireman gear was minimal.

We are currently receiving quotes on a new Fire Engine, and the bids are coming in at the mid \$600,000 to mid \$700,000 range. The last Fire Engine we bought in 2007 cost us just under \$283,000. We are trying to beat the new emission standards for Fire Engines. Waiting just 1 year will increase that cost by an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 on top of the quotes we are receiving.

The volunteer standards have also been drastically raised. Much more training is required,

and gear has significantly increased. The cost to start up a new volunteer fireperson is now approximately \$20,000 each. We currently have 23 Volunteers with a goal of 35 being the ideal number.

Our emergency calls continue to rise year after year. The EMS contract with the City of Tiffin is now up to \$44,000. Cost to start up new Volunteers, Equipment and the price of new Fire Engines continue to rise.

With the cost of everything going up I believe now is the time to ask you for a Replacement Levy of our old 1976, 1981 & 1988 levies. These levies are 38 to 50 years old. If all 3 replacement levies pass it would cost a homeowner of a \$100,000 home less than an additional \$40 per year. We will still have the lowest percentage per valuation at 1.75% in Seneca County.

# **Bill McKinney**

Office seeking: Clinton Township Trustee

Name: William 'Bill' McKinney

Education: Heidelberg University, B.A.

Occupation: Supervisor, NiSource, Columbia Gas of Ohio

Training, Qualifications, and experience:

I have 25 years of experience managing budgets, workload, and employee relations both for personally owned businesses and a fortune 500 company.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

Take the time to observe and learn how the township is currently being run. Implement new ideas to enhance efficiency where needed. Listen to the residents of Clinton Township and address their needs.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

I would like to first see the budget and familiarize myself with it to determine if there are any ways to spend money more responsibly. I would work hard with the other trustees in planning for a sustainable future while addressing current needs of the residents.

#### **Daniel Schmitz**

Office: Clinton Township Trustee

Name: Dan Schmitz

Education: High school graduate

Occupation: Retired. 33 years in the Environmental Remediation business Training, Qualifications and Experience: Certified Welder and Electrician

Question 1: If I am reelected, road maintenance is probably the most prevalent. Maintaing

our facilities and supporting our Fire Department follow close thereafter.

Question 2: I believe the township oversite both past and present have done an excellent job of managing our budget. I am not preparing to make any significant changes to the way the current administration manages the township's funds.

## **EDEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Kenneth W. Bish - no response received

David G. Ziegler

Office you are seeking: Eden Township Trustee

Name: David G. Ziegler

**Education:** Graduate of Mohawk High School

**Occupation:** Propane Driver/Sales

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: I have been a township trustee for the past 8

years. I also have 30+ years of farming experience.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

1. Fiscal responsibility for the township.

2. Maintaining the safety of public roads.

3. Making decisions that will benefit the entire township.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

I do not feel that we need to make any budget changes at this point.

## **HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

**David R. Alvarado -** no response received **Arthur Lee Dewald -** no response received

#### **JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

**Allen Brickner -** no response received

# Richard A. Findley

Education:

Graduated Lakota High School in 1972

Occupation:

retired farmer, retired rural mail carrier for the USPS and Jackson Township trustee Training, Qualifications and Experience

I have been a Jackson Township trustee for 28 years at the end of 2025. On the job training is the best experience. As a rural mail carrier for 32 years, mostly in Jackson Township, I am well acquainted with the residents, roads and the community's needs. We've just finished a

project for a new salt storage building.

As trustee, I've also been instrumental in helping achieve a county wide EMS (Emergency Medical System) with plans to build 4 EMS stations in Seneca County, hopefully one in Jackson Township,

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1. To continue rotation of projects for paving improvements and maintenance of our township roads.
- 2. Continue working with the city of Fostoria, Ohio on revenue sharing and joint road projects.
- 3. Trying to obtain grants for improvements of our township cemetery which was recently expanded.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

With yearly budget ups and downs, hopefully continue trash collection 2 times a month and food give away for those who qualify.

Amber R. Ginnever - no response received

Todd Manz - no response received

#### **LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Dennis J. Brickner - no response received

Andrew R. Hoover - no response received

Jeffrey J. Lynch

Address: 4730 N. County Road 11, Tiffin, Ohio

Education: Graduate of Bettsville HS, Tiffin University and Findlay University

Occupation: Recently retired Teacher from Old Fort Local Schools

Training and Experience: As a lifelong resident of Liberty Township, I have been elected to serve multiple terms as a township trustee for Liberty Township. I have been involved with numerous committees regarding budgets and road planning. I was a previous teacher at Old Fort Schools with over 24 years of experience teaching business and marketing. Additionally, my background, experience and college degrees as it relates to business management and finance, are both useful and necessary to make decisive and committed decisions for the people of Liberty Township.

Biggest Challenge: The biggest challenge is to continue to be fiscally responsible with the township's money. The township has limited funds and resources and it is pertinent to make the best financial decisions as possible regarding as such. Additional concerns are to improve the equipment in order to complete all the jobs for our township in a timely manner. This includes maintaining roads, snow removal, and mowing ditches for safe driving.

Achievements: We have widened and paved, chipped and sealed numerous roads over the past 10 years. I work closely with the other trustees and road superintendent to make sure our equipment is in good working condition and make necessary upgrades of equipment when necessary. Finally, I collaborate with neighboring townships on joint road projects to save our township money. I will continue to be dependable, dedicated and hard working for the citizens of Liberty township.

## **LOUDON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years**

Jason L. Brickner - no response received

Melvin Elmore - no response received

## **Jason Painter**

Education: Hopewell Loudon Graduate, Terra State Community College Associates Degree in Automotive Technology

Occupation: Farmer

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

12 Years of Loudon Township Experience, I have my CDL license to be able to drive Township Trucks, and attend workshops at the Ohio Township Association winter conference for training.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1: Keep a balanced budget and spend tax dollars wisely
- 2: Maintain roads, bridges, and cemeteries
- 3: Keeping up with drainage and water management

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

Not at this time. I feel that the Trustees are doing a great job with tax payer dollars. Thank you.

#### **Edwin Reinhart**

Thanks for allowing me to provide information about myself and providing this to the voters. I have also used information from you provided in the Tiffin newspaper. Below is the information you requested:

Office I am seeking: Loudon Township Trustee.

Name: Edwin Reinhart

<u>Education:</u> Associates in Applied Science - with a focus in Plastics Technology, and then took various manufacturing engineer classes before focusing on getting a Bachelor's degree in

Business Administration-with a focus in Organizational Management.

Training, Qualifications and Experience: I have lived in Loudon Township for most of my life, with the only exception being 2 years in Fostoria after marrying my wife in 1990, so I know this area very well. I grew up on the farm that was passed on to one of my brothers, and I continue helping seasonally when extra people are needed. My college and work experience in various technical, engineering and management positions have provided me with a strong knowledge of project management (road programs, etc...) effective communication/relations with parts & material suppliers, employees, and customers (committees, employees & residents), and effective supervision of employees by building teams instead of directing as a boss. Over a year ago, I decided to pass the knowledge forward that I gained during my career and took a job as a manufacturing instructor that covers hydraulics, pneumatics, machine repair and Excel, which among other things will help in maintaining equipment used for the Township. This position has greatly reduced my hours, so it would allow me to effectively manage the demands of the Township Trustee position.

Question 1: What are my three main priorities if I am elected? I will continue the present focus of effectively maintaining the township roads and ditches. I will work with the Loudon Twp Officials, area boards and committees to provide services that meet the needs of the resident's and also help manage the issues residents are experiencing in the township.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office? From what I can see as a resident I feel the budget has been managed well. However, if I am elected I will use what I have gained from my career, to review the budget and make improvements so that we are as fiscally responsible with residents' money as is possible.

# PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

William S. Biller - no response received **Dave Kingsborough** - no response received

**REED TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Brian D. Miller - no response received

Randy J. Miller - no response received

Dale A. Laibe - no response received Adam J. Powell - no response received

**SENECA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Jim Kingseed - no response received

Michael Steyer - no response received

# THOMPSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Bill Daniel - no response received

David H. Ziegler - no response received

#### **VENICE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE** - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Randy A. Aichholz - no response received

Matthew G. Heiser - no response received

# NORTH CENTRAL OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT

Steven Snavely - no response received

# NORTH CENTRAL OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

#### Bryan Bumgarner

I'm running for the North Centrai Ohio Educational Service Board. My district, for the board, is not in Seneca County. I will, however, reply to your request for Information.

North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Governor

Bryan Bumgarner

B.S. in Education from Ohio State University

Retired Autoworker

Educational Learning Tracks at the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference Have served on the NCOESC Board for 5 years

Also served on the North Union Local & Tri-Rivers Career Center Boards

- 1. Financial Stability
- 2. Customer (School Districts) Service
- 3. Personal Relationships

No. We are doing great under the leadership of our treasurer & superintendent.

# ARCADIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

**Corey Boes** 

Ryan A. George

Rachelle Harmon

**Andrew Roberts** 

# BELLEVUE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Dana R. Eskins

Nicholas Jarrett

Joel LaPata

William Evert

# **BUCKEYE CENTRAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER -** Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Lisa J. Aichholz

**Adam Burdette Dallas** 

Christopher S. Martin

Kurt L. Martin

# **CAREY ESVD BOARD MEMBER -** Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Matthew Baldridge

Mellisa Cole

Linda L. Kin

#### Brian K. Will

# CLYDE - GREEN SPRINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 -

Term: 4 years

Ken DeChant

Megan Miller

**Dennis Mosier** 

## FOSTORIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Betsy Bringman - no response received

Thomas M. Wade - no response received

**Carol A. Wines –** write in

## HOPEWELL LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Adam A. Alt - no response received

## Jill Beidelschies

Education: Graduated high school from Port Jervis, NY. Graduated with a Masters Degree in Accounting from the University of Kentucky

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: I have served on the Hopewell-Loudon School Board for 2 consecutive terms (8 years)

1. If re-elected, my three main priorities would be to continue to strengthen the academic excellence and progress the district has made with educational program growth, continue to be fiscally responsible with tax payer monies while still providing the excellent education that has come to be expected, and most importantly ensure that the students have access to a safe, supportive, and high quality learning environment.

Thank you for this opportunity!

# Linda L. Depinet

First of all, thank you for reaching out and taking the time for the The League of Women Voters informative reports published in the Voter Guide. I know it is a lot of work but very appreciative to many.

Here are my responses for this upcoming election.

Office you are seeking: Hopewell Loudon Board of Education

Name: Linda Depinet

Education: I graduated from Seneca East High School in 1977. I received my associates degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant in 1992.

Occupation: I was a Physical Therapist Assistant for 30 years. I retired 3 years ago and am truly blessed to be able to watch my 4 little grandchildren, (future Little Chieftains).

Training, Qualifications and Experience: I have been involved in education for almost 30 years. Besides being on the board, I was also very involved when my 2 children were attending Hopewell Loudon, K-12.

I will be completing my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Hopewell Loudon Board of Education member. I am involved with the District Learning Team and other various committees in the Hopewell Loudon district.

I currently am a member of the One Board at Faith United Methodist Church in Tiffin, Ohio.

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

My first and top priority is to focus on the students at Hopewell Loudon. Two areas would be maintaining their safety along with helping them achieve the best education to be successful in life. Giving them different options and opportunities that can help fulfill their needs as individuals.

Another priority is to continue a strong working relationship with the Administration team, staff, and stakeholders, to keep the district striving to be successful and maintain its excellence reputation.

The third priority is to maintain my position as a Board of Education member by upholding my responsibilities as a liaison between the community I represent and our district. I will be very active in the goal and mission settings for our district.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office.

Funding and budgets are two of the toughest areas to manage for a district. It seems like it changes yearly at the state level. To many unknowns make it difficult to budget a district. At Hopewell Loudon, we strive very hard to maintain a budget that holds us accountable to our taxpayers but most of all, gives us the funding to educate our students so they can be successful individuals as well as accomplishing the field of study they choose. This however is a team effort and being able to work closely with a strong administration team, makes it a positive outcome for a district.

Thank you!

# Justin M. Wyman

**BS** Electrical Engineering

Engineer

I am in a management position at work where I lead 22 people and have served on the H-L

Loudon School Board for over 8 years.

The 3 main priorities if elected are safety, fiscal responsibility and facilities improvement. I believe that it is extremely important for our faculty, staff, guests and children to be as safe as possible when on school property or in a school vehicle. A focus on mental health should be considered. I also will continue to focus on being a voice for responsible spending with the district finances. In order to maintain a safe and effective learning environment, I believe it is important to use personal improvement funds to keep the facility maintained and update the property where necessary.

At this time, I don't see a need for major structural changes to the budget but my priority will always be to ensure that every dollar is spent as effectively as possible. I'd want to prioritize areas such as instructional support, staff retention, providing safe learning environments, providing mental health resources, and extracurricular programs that enrich student learning, while being careful not to increase the tax burden on our community. My approach will continue to be careful, data-driven, and transparent to the community.

# LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

## Fred E. Keith, Jr.

# **Angie McGinnis**

I am running for school board for Lakota Local Schools.

My name is Angie McGinnis.

Regarding my education, I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Spanish from Hiram College, and my Master of Arts degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University.

My current occupation is the Manager of Career and Transfer Services at Owens Community College.

I have 24 years of experience in higher education at Owens. I have experience working with high school and college students of all ages related to dual enrollment, admissions, academic advising, and career services. I am currently a Certified Career Services Provider. I was a Girl Scout volunteer for 14 years and previously served as treasurer of the Lakota Music Boosters and was a frequent volunteer in the outdoor concession stand.

My main priorities, if elected, include focusing on student and employee safety, transparency, career and college preparation, lifelong learning, and family involvement in the school community.

Regarding potential budget changes, I would like to see more scholarships created through community foundations to support Lakota graduates. I would also like to see increased fundraising in areas such as The Box Tops for Education program. I think funds should be invested in violence prevention/bystander intervention training for Lakota students and employees.

Thanks.

# **Nancy Timmons**

#### Katie Ward

Office you are seeking: Member, Lakota Local School Board of Education

Name: Katie Ward (Zoeller)

Education: Lakota High School Graduate, 2023

Tiffin University Bachelor of Business Administration, 2027 Bowling Green State University Master of Accountancy, 2028

Occupation: Lead Senior Business Intelligence Developer for Erie Home Sylvania, Ohio

Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

Former Board Member, Lakota Biddy Sports

Former Coach, Lakota Biddy Volleyball

Former Coach, Lakota Biddy Basketball

Parent, Lakota Student

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1. Foster active engagement among students, staff, and Lakota families so their concerns are heard—and addressed—through genuine collaboration.
- 2. Champion excellent educational opportunities that empower every student to reach their highest potential.
- 3. Steward financial resources responsibly, ensuring every dollar is allocated where it delivers the greatest impact.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

Maintain what works. Programs with clear evidence of improving academic growth, well-being, or post-graduation readiness will remain fully funded

# Timothy K. Woodruff

#### MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

#### Lori Arnold

Dr. Lori Arnold

Education Background: Ph.D. in Teaching/Learning from the Ohio State University; Masters in English from BGSU; Bachelor of Arts in Education and Music from Heidelberg College; Mohawk High School Graduate

Occupation: Retired Early Childhood Teacher/Education Professor; Adjunct Education Professor/Student Teacher Supervisor and Music Teacher at Heidelberg University

Experience/Qualifications/Training: My experience as a teacher both in the elementary classroom (first half of my teaching career) and then at the college level training early childhood teachers provides me a rich background in education. I have always been affiliated with school/education in some respect, and I highly support our teachers/staff, our schools, and community. I have four years of experience on the Mohawk Board of Education. Four years on the Northwest Ohio Executive Committee of OSBA (Ohio School Board Association); I was also appointed to the State OSBA Board Cabinet (2 years).

I am very involved in the community in many ways. I am an active member of Trinity Evangelical Church in Upper Sandusky; serve by playing piano for several area churches; also lead a Celebrate Recovery program at Sycamore UMC; lead 2 support groups at Wyandot Memorial Hospital – including "HOPE" and an ostomy support group; Mohawk Literary Club member/president. I volunteer and read in the Mohawk elementary classrooms with my puppet.

#### **Priorities:**

# 1. Student Achievement

I have been involved with many issues and experiences over the past 4 years serving on the Mohawk BOE. I am the Student Achievement liaison and encourage use of student data to inform teaching and professional development. I started the practice of having student representatives at each board meeting to share what is going on with their particular group and also as a way to connect them with the board to better understand our role in the school community. We enjoy hearing from the students and share what is going on in their classes and groups. I am part of a Student Achievement Committee made up of lead teachers in various disciplines, administrators, and the superintendent. We look at test data to inform teaching direction and explore needed resources to support achievement. Student learning and well-being is always my main concern and should be the top priority of a school board. I have kept Mohawk "on the map" by nominating groups to represent Mohawk at the Student Achievement Fair at Capital Conference in Columbus each November. This year we are taking members of our Mohawk Leader Club who will proudly represent Mohawk.

#### 2. STEAM classroom

I have been actively involved with a new project this past year in researching STEAM labs/classrooms at other schools and helping to design and implement one at Mohawk. This is part of the focus on Student Achievement to consider what resources

and materials teachers need to be successful in teaching and providing students an innovative and stimulating learning environment where they can explore and learn from a wide array of interests. Plans are on track for an elementary area to be remodeled and open at the onset of the 2026-27 schoolyear, with further expansion into areas for the secondary students to follow.

## 3. Fine Arts

I initiated a new board committee last year - the Fine Arts Committee - to give a voice to the various arts - visual, musical, etc. so that we can better support the arts and provide for their needs. In pulling these groups together and giving them a voice, we are discussing new ways to showcase student artwork and music and draw in community involvement to work with the school in even more ways than we already do! This committee draws attention to the importance of arts in education and to provide a variety of ways for all students to be involved with activities outside of the classroom, which in turn promotes and enhances student achievement.

Budget: No significant changes to the board, yet my focus is to maintain a balanced budget and forward-thinking and planning approach. The present and past Mohawk BOE has always saved well and spent wisely, always looking ahead to future needs and investing wisely. I highly respect that approach and would agree that we continue to spend and invest wisely as stewards of school funding.

# Nichole E. England

#### **Education:**

Graduate of Hopewell-Loudon High school as well as Sentinel Career and Technology Center in Cosmetology

I earned my Associates of Technical Study-Cosmetology/Education from Terra State Community College in 2011

I earned my Bachelor of Education from the University of Toledo in 2014 Occupation:

Cosmetology and Career Exploration Instructor at Sentinel Career & Technology Center Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

I earned my Cosmetology License in 1999, my Managing/Advanced Cosmetology license in 2000, and my Cosmetology Instructor's license in 2001

Over the years I have stepped up when needed in a variety of positions including but not limited to; Cub Scout leader, CCD teacher, 4-H Advisor, and as the Jr. High Volleyball linejudge

Currently I am a member of the St. Pius X church in Sycamore, a member of the Ohio Cosmetology Career and Technical Association, a member of the Seneca County Home Builders, a SkillsUSA advisor, and a volunteer photographer for Mohawk Leader

Question 1: What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- 1. The children of our district
- 2. Our staff
- 3. Our community

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

At this point no, I feel you need to be able to see the entire picture before you can make decisions

# NEW RIEGEL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Jeff Hohman Erin Love Jaclyn Schalk Darrell Tiell

**NEW RIEGEL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER** – Vote for 1 – unexpired term ending 12-31-25

No Valid Candidate Filed

OLD FORT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER – Vote for 3 (only 2 candidates) - Term: 4 years

**Gwendolyn Stallard -** no response received **Emily Riehle -** write in

**SENECA EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER** – Vote for 2 - Term: 4 years

Kelly L. Shock - no response

Daniel E. Stacklin - no response received

#### TIFFIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER - Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

#### Joanna Beres

Education Ph.D. in Chemistry from The University of Akron (2011) Occupation: Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Forensic Science Training, Qualifications, and Experience:

I earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Walsh University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Akron. After completing my education, I discovered a passion for teaching and have been working in higher education since 2013. For the past seven years, I've focused on researching the pedagogy of college-level chemistry courses, gaining a deep understanding of how to teach complex subjects to diverse student populations with varying levels of preparedness.

This experience has given me a profound respect for educators at all levels, and I truly value the critical work they do every day. I currently teach at Tiffin University and have a child enrolled in Tiffin City Schools. My husband and I have lived in Tiffin for 12 years and are raising twin 4-year-olds who will be entering the school system soon. I have a personal and vested interest in the success of our schools and our community. If elected, every decision I make as a board member will be made with care, integrity, and the understanding that these choices affect not only my family but all families in the district.

What are your three main priorities if you are elected?

- Rebuild Trust and Improve Communication: I aim to be a rational and transparent
  voice on the board, helping to rebuild trust between the community, the
  superintendent, and the board after several challenging years. I will approach issues
  with fresh eyes and a commitment to honest, respectful dialogue.
- Responsible Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars: It's essential that the district budget is managed wisely. I will advocate for ensuring that financial resources are focused on the primary mission of educating our students while being mindful of the community's investment.
- Support High Standards for All Students: I believe every student deserves access to a
  high-quality education that prepares them for life after high school—whether that path
  leads to college, technical training, or the workforce. I will support policies and
  initiatives that promote academic excellence and real-world readiness.

Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office? One of the board's most important responsibilities is overseeing the school district's budget. My priority will be to ensure that every dollar spent benefits our students first and foremost. If the upcoming levy does not pass, the board will face difficult decisions. I will advocate for a transparent budgeting process and work to minimize any negative impact on student learning. Any necessary adjustments must be made thoughtfully, with clear communication to the community and a commitment to protecting the quality of education in our schools. Thank you for all the work that you do to educate voters.

# Larry J. Kisabeth

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physical Education - Heidelberg College - 1974

Masters in Educational Administration - Bowling Green State University - 1987 Additional education - University of Findlay

Occupation: Retired Educator, coach

Training, Qualifications, and Experience: MS/High School Mathematics Teacher - 16 years

High School Guidance Counselor - 12 years High School Principal - 7 years Interim HS Principal - Columbian High School

(twice)

Interim HS Principal - Fremont Ross HS
Interim Asst. HS Principal - Findlay HS
Interim MS Dean of Students - TMS
Interim Athletic Director - Columbian HS
Adjunct Professor of Mathematics - Heidelberg

College

Coaching of various sports from elementary to Div.

III assistant men's basketball at Heidelberg College. Head Varsity Coach over my teaching career in Carey and Tiffin - baseball, softball, boys' track, girl & boys'

basketball

Served on numerous boards - Allen Eiry

Center, United Way, Family Counseling, Trinity United Church of Christ, Lakeside Chautauqua Board of Directors, Vanguard-Sentinel Technical Career Center, Tiffin City

**Board of Education** 

Question 1: What are three main. priorities if are elected.

1. In my first term part of the board's goal was to solidify and stabilize the administrative staff in the central office.

I want to continue with that stability and consistency for the benefit of our teaching staff and our students. The overriding goal is "always to do what is best for kids" - the district's students.

- 2. The second priority is to continue the implementation of a strategic plan in place to move the district forward and students' performances forward.
- 3. The third priority is to be an educational leader in the area, keeping high expectations for staff and students.

Question 2: Are there any significant changes you would like to make to the budget for this office?

As of September 10, 2025 we hope to have sold the property to the South of town. This in response to the wishes of the majority of our community.

We are currently deficit-spending in our district which means that we are spending more annually than we are receiving. Our five year forecast reveals that we will be potentially out of operating funds by 2029. Therefore our operating levy for 0.75 of one percent of earned income on this November ballot is of utmost importance for the operation of our school system. If this levy passes it could take up to eighteen months to fully receive the increased funding based on the passage of the levy.

#### Victor H. Perez

Education:: Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law and a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Chicago

Occupation: Child Protection Attorney, Seneca County DJFS

Training, Qualifications and Experience: I am the proud parent of a recent TC graduate and a current student. In addition to my education outlined above, I also have also worker in many jobs from paperboy, fast food, retail, journalism and now as an attorney. I was the product of public and parochial schools and worked my way through college and law school. In addition to the nearly 8 years on this board, I have served on the Board of Governors for the Ohio State Bar Association and other not-for-profit boards, including Legal Aid of Western Ohio. Having served on this board for nearly 8 years, I am familiar with the funding process and the needs of the district and its families.

Question 1: My three main priorities for this upcoming term are: 1) Ensure that our focus remains on Education with a focus on curriculum and good citizenship; 2) Continue our fiscal oversight of the district to ensure that our schools are competitive with the resources that are available; and 3) Support our district as it navigates through the many changes facing it in the near and distant future.

Question: I would like to see the State of Ohio reform school funding to cover more of the operating cost of our traditional local school system, so that property taxes, would only be used for capital projects.

## **VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT -** Vote for 3 - Term: 4 years

Dawn M. Caudill

Sarah J. Garner

#### Eli Hershberger

I am retired. Previously I owned a farm & construction dealership and more recently A sales rep and still drive a School Bus everyday. I was on the school board before moving into this area 14 years ago .

My reason for running for school board: My discovery that 55% of the students in the district are open enrolled in surrounding schools not in the district they live in.

What do I hope to accomplish? Find out why parents are choosing to enroll their children somewhere other than Vanlue. Encourage my fellow board members to do what is best to provide the education each child deserves.

I am prepared to listen to the history and tradition the school has in the community . Most important is providing an education to all district children that will prepare them for the future .

If elected, I hope to look into ways to give at least high school students the opportunity to be involved in other programs such as vocational agriculture, DECA, Industrial Arts, STEM and other programs that other schools have available that are not offered at Millstream.

#### Sean A. Martin

# **ISSUES**

## All Seneca County

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Seneca County for the purpose of current operating expenses of the Seneca County General Health District that the county auditor estimates will collect \$467,913 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.3 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$8 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

## All Seneca County

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Seneca County Park District for the purpose of parks and recreation that the county auditor estimates will collect \$942,310 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

#### All Bettsville

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Beck Suppliers, Inc, dba Friendship Foodstore 77, an applicant for a D6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a carryout/grocery store at 712 State Street, Bettsville, OH 44815 in this precinct?

# Clinton Township (3 separate issues, 2 with identical amounts)

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Clinton Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therfor, or sources of water supply and materials therfor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$128,646 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.75 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$26 for \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Clinton Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therfor, or sources of water supply and materials therfor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or

volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect \$42,882 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.25 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$9 for \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

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# City of Fostoria

Shall the Ordinance providing for the continuation of an existing 1 per cent levy on income for providing funds for street repair, capital improvements, infrastructure, Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, development, parks and recreation, citywide cleanup and beautification and general fund be passed?

# All of Green Springs, Adams split 1, Pleasant Split 2

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Birchard Public Library for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,161,360 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$23 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 10 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

# All Liberty Township and Bettsville Village

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Liberty Township for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$50,369 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$24 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

All of New Riegel Village, Big Spring Township-1, Loudon South-3, Hopewell B-2, Hopewell C-2, Seneca A-3, Seneca B

Shall an annual income tax of 0.75 % on the school district income of individuals and of estates be imposed by New Riegel Local School District to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2026 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2027, for the purpose of current expenses?

Tiffin Ward 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3D & 4, Tiffin Ward 3C-1, Eden Township North-1, Hopewell Township A-3, Liberty Township A-5, Clinton Township A-1, B, C, D-1, E, Pleasant Township-3 and Scipio Township-2

Shall an annual income tax of 0.75% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by Tiffin City School District for 6 years, beginning January 1, 2026 for the purpose of current expenses?

#### Tiffin 1st Ward

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Coastal Swing Three, L.L.C., an applicant for a D6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a bar at 35 S. Monroe St, Tiffin, OH 44883 in this precinct?

# Polling location changes:

Fostoria Learning Center:

342 Perry St., Fostoria

F1B (formerly Geary Family YMCA)

F3A (formerly Geary Family YMCA)

F3B (formerly Geary Family YMCA)

F4A (formerly Fire Station)

UAW Hall 2021: 1675 N. Union Street

Jackson Township (new)

F1A (has been)

Hopewell Loudon School old gymnasium- 290 S. CR 7, Tiffin, Ohio (across the street from the Football Field)

Hopewell B (formerly Bascom Fire Station)

Hopewell C (formerly Bascom Fire Station)

Loudon North (formerly Loudon Township House)

Loudon South (formerly Loudon Township House)

Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services - 900 CR 20, Tiffin

Do not go in the front of the building follow the drive around to the rear of the Job and Family Services Building

Eden North (Formerly County Garage)

Eden South (Formerly Eden Twp Hall & Fire Station)

Clinton C (Formerly Fire Station#2)
Clinton E (Formerly Fire Station #2)

Rodger Young VFW Hall - 5912 CR 44, Green Springs

Thompson Township (Formerly the Zion UCC Church)

Green Springs Village (since May 2025 Primary)

Adams Township (has been)

Seneca County (OH) Board of Elections Web site: <a href="https://www.boe.ohio.gov/seneca/715">https://www.boe.ohio.gov/seneca/715</a>. Washington St. Suite 1101

**Tiffin, OH 44883** 

If you have questions or need more info please call the office at 419-447-4424.

# Early Voting Hours

# November 4, 2025 General Election Information

In Person Early Voting Hours

Dates	Times
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - Friday, October 10, 2025	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - Friday, October 17, 2025	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 20, 2025 - Friday, October 24, 2025	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, October 27, 2025	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	7:30 am to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025	7:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 1, 2025	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 2, 2025	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

# November 3, 2025<sup>th</sup> - Absentee Ballot U.S. Postmark Deadline

# November 4, 2025<sup>th</sup> - General Election (Polls Open 6:30am-7:30pm)

Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls

November 8, 2025 - Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after general election). UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after general election)

# Voting schedule

https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/

# Voter Identification Requirements / Types of Valid ID

There are several types of valid photo identification.

- Ohio driver's license;
- State of Ohio ID card;
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV;
- A US passport;
- A US passport card;
- US military ID card;
- Ohio National Guard ID card; or
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

All photo IDs must have the following:

- An expiration date that has not passed;
- A photograph of the voter;
- The voter's name, which must substantially conform to the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book

**NOTICE**: An unexpired Ohio Driver License, State ID Card, or Interim Documentation with your **former address IS an ACCEPTABLE** form of ID when your current address is in the pollbook.

The BMV issues Ohio Interim Documentation until the applicant receives their new ID through the mail. A driver's license or state identification card in the old or new format, the Ohio Interim Documentation, and a voter's old, hole-punched driver's license or state ID card are acceptable forms of identification for voting, as long as the expiration date has not passed.

If the voter changed their name and provides proof of the legal name change, completes and signs Form 10-L, and is registered within the precinct, the voter's name on the photo ID may be different from the voter's reported change of name.

**REMEMBER**: A voter who moves within the precinct (and completes a Voter Registration Form) or provides proof of legal name change (and completes Form 10-L) votes a regular ballot.

# Where to obtain a free id?

Ohioans who are 17 years and older can receive a state ID card at no cost from the BMV. Follow this link to learn more about obtaining an Ohio ID at no cost(opens in a new window).

# **Unacceptable Types of ID**

Ohio law prohibits acceptance of the following forms of ID:

- Utility bill;
- Bank statement;
- Government check;
- Paycheck;
- Other government document (other than acceptable forms listed above) such as a social security card or birth certificate;
- Driver's license or photo identification card issued by a state other than Ohio;
- A driver's license or ID that contains a "Non-Renewable/Non-Transferable" identifier:
- A driver's license or ID that contains a "Noncitizen" identifier may be used in conjunction with additional proof of citizenship.
   Follow this link to learn more about the photo identification review process.(opens in a new window)
- Ohio Mobile ID
- Insurance card; or
- Any registration acknowledgment notice from the county board of elections.

# **Provisional ballots**

If you do not have any of the above forms of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

If you do not provide one of the above forms of photo ID, you will still be able to vote using a provisional ballot. However, for that ballot to be counted, you must return to the board of elections no later than four days following Election Day to provide a qualifying form of identification. If you do not have a photo ID because of a religious objection to being photographed, you may complete an affidavit of religious objection and have your provisional ballot count.

Follow this link for more information on provisional ballots.

# **Absentee Voting**

**Please note:** all PDF forms and documents function optimally when downloaded to your computer and opened with the <u>free Adobe Acrobat Reader software(opens in a new window)</u>.

# \* Information Needed to Request an Absentee Ballot

You must use the application form prescribed by the Secretary of State (<u>Form 11-A</u>) or provided to you by your county board of elections to apply for your absentee ballot.

Send your request to your county board of elections. Board mailing addresses are available at <a href="https://ohioSoS.gov/boards">OhioSoS.gov/boards</a>.

# **Absentee Voting By Mail**

Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Nov. 4 general election must be received by boards of elections by the close of business October 28, 2025 (7 days before general election)

All Ohio voters whose registration information is up-to-date have the opportunity to vote in any election from the convenience of their own homes by requesting an absentee ballot. Absentee voting has many benefits -- You can vote early, it is convenient, it reduces the chance of lines at the polls on Election Day, and **absentee ballots are the first votes counted on Election Night**. Voters need only fill out and return an application and their absentee ballot will be mailed to them so they may make their selections at their leisure and return their ballot to the board of elections ahead of Election Day.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is seven days before the election in which you want to vote. If mailed, absentee ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election in order to be counted. You can also return your absentee ballot in person to your <u>county board of elections</u> before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

You can request your ballot for each individual election beginning on January 1 or 90 days before the date of an election, whichever is earlier, but you must complete and submit a separate application for each election in which you want to vote. Your request must be received by your local county board of elections by the close of business on the seventh day before the election. However, you should submit your request as far in advance of the election as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the board to mail you a ballot and for you to timely return that ballot.

# Steps to request and vote an absentee ballot:

- 1. Complete the absentee ballot request form\*.
- 2. Once you have completed your application by providing all of the required information **print and sign it**.
- 3. Mail the request form back to your own county board of elections. Board mailing addresses are available at <a href="https://ohioSoS.gov/boards">OhioSoS.gov/boards</a>.

- 4. **Wait to receive your ballot in the mail from your county board of elections.** If you have questions about your absentee ballot request, you should call your <u>county board of elections</u> or you can track the status of your ballot request as well as your voted absentee ballot through the <u>Voter Toolkit</u>.
- 5. Return your voted ballot.
  - If you return your absentee ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections no later than four days after the election. By state law, a postmark does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) estimates that it may take two to five days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your board of elections by mail.
  - If you are returning your voted ballot by mail during the week before Election Day, you should take it to USPS no later than the day before Election Day and ensure it receives a postmark as follows:
    - If you use a postage label purchased at a USPS customer service window or vending machine, the date on the label is the postmark. This is the USPS-recommended way to postmark your ballot.
    - If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.

You should not use a postage meter or an online service (such as stamps.com) to affix postage. It is your responsibility to make sure the ballot has enough postage.

- If you are returning your absentee ballot in person to your board of elections, you must do so by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Only you, your spouse, child, or a near relative\* may deliver your ballot to the board of elections for you.
- A disabled voter may select any person of their choosing to deliver their ballot, other than their employer or an officer in their union.
- The person delivering the ballot for a family member or disabled voter must complete an attestation form at the county board of elections office (Form 12-P)(opens in a new window).
- If you are a member of the uniformed services or a voter outside of the United States, ballots must be received by the fourth day after the election. Sign your identification envelope by the close of polls on Election Day or return in person by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

\*Near relative includes the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-inlaw, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

If you do not vote your absentee ballot and instead decide to go to your assigned polling place on Election Day, you must vote a provisional ballot.

**Note**: No voted ballot may be returned to a board of elections by fax or e-mail. If a voted

ballot is returned by fax or e-mail, it will not be accepted, processed, or counted.

# Military and Overseas Voters

**Note:** State and federal law make additional accommodations for military and overseas voters. Please visit <u>Military Votes. Ohio.gov</u> for more information

# **Hospitalized Voters**

If you or your minor child is in the hospital on Election Day, you must submit a properly-completed and signed request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located by 3 p.m. on Election Day. To be eligible under this provision, you or your minor child must be confined in a hospital because of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency. If you or your minor child is hospitalized in the same county where you are registered to vote, two representatives of the board of elections can deliver the ballot to you, wait while you mark the ballot, and return your voted ballot to the board office. Additionally, you may include in your absentee ballot application a request that your county board of elections give your unmarked ballot to a designated relative – your spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, adopted parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece – who shall deliver the ballot to you in the hospital and return your voted ballot to the board office. Click here for Hospitalized Absentee Ballot Request Form 11-B(opens in a new window).

# **Voters With Disabilities**

Any Ohio voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act can request an absentee ballot to complete through the accessible absentee voting system. <u>Click here for Accessible Absentee Ballot Request Form 11-G.(opens in a new window)</u>

# **Early In-Person Voting**

In Ohio, voters have many options to vote. Starting the day after the close of voter registration, all registered voters may request and vote an absentee ballot in person at their county board of elections or early voting center as designated by the county.

Click here for times and locations for early in-person voting.

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Tiffin, OH 44883

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