



Fall 2023

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification Committee is a non-profit established for the purpose of beautifying the community. In addition to the yard of the month program the committee partnered with the Village to purchase street banners and planters. They established a farmers market with vendors, music and food trucks every Sunday throughout the summer. Profits from the market were earmarked for the Gazebo roof replacement and repair. We look forward to a bigger and better farmers market next year.



The Village of Cleves will be placing a new 7 mill General Operating Levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

The proposed levy will generate funds to replace the annual general operating revenue that was lost due to the failure of the 6-mill renewal levy in November, 2021 and subsequent failure of the proposed 6 mill levy in May, 2022. These funds are needed to maintain the current level of services the Village of Cleves provides to its residents.

The Village of Cleves' total revenue in 2021 was \$1,052,850. Sixty-eight percent (\$718,860) of that revenue came from property tax. The failure of the 6-mill renewal levy resulted in a revenue loss of \$320,282 which equated to 30% of the total annual revenue.

The Village has been able to maintain services throughout 2022 & 2023 by putting non-urgent needs on hold and utilizing Recovery Act Funds for many Storm Sewer and Catch Basin repairs rather than using Village General Funds. In 2022, there were 14 projects completed using Recovery Act Funds totaling \$249,070.63 and in 2023 there have been an additional 7 projects totaling \$24,870.50. These Recovery Act Funds are no longer available moving forward.

The proposed 7 mill General Operating Levy, if passed:

- Will generate an estimated \$423,000 annually.
- Will cost homeowners approximately \$245 annually per \$100,000 current market value.

Question: Why 7 mill rather than the 6 mill that previously failed:

The Village of Cleves Council Finance Committee established the amount needed to continue providing residents with the current level of services based on a projected 5-year budget utilizing previously proposed police contract numbers, proposed future street projects, expected equipment replacements, potential Fire contract increases, employee raises, inflation, etc.

Question: What are the options for General Operating Revenue generation:

- Property Tax Levy – Voted on by Village residents.
- Earned Income Tax – The Village Council has resisted this avenue in the past, but in our efforts to be open and transparent, the Village Council can institute a 1% income tax without resident vote. Anything beyond 1% must be voted on by the Village residents.
- Combination Property Tax Levy(s) & Earned Income Tax.

Question: What services does the Village provide to residence?

- Police protection
- Fire protection
- EMT services
- Plowing and salting of streets
- Repairing/paving streets
- Storm sewer maintenance
- Grass cutting of all Village properties

Did you know that you can visit the Hamilton County Auditor's website at <https://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org>, do a property search and view your "Tax Distributions" which show exactly where your tax dollars go? Currently, only 20.1% of your property taxes paid goes to the Village of Cleves.* You can also view your "Levy Information" which shows all levies proposed for the November 7, 2023, election and what you will pay for each proposed levy.

Proposed Levies					
Levy	Levy Type	Mills	Current Annual Tax	Estimated Annual Tax	Note
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Renewal	1.00	\$21.70	\$\$\$	C, D
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	Increase	0.50	\$0.00	\$\$\$	C, D
Hamilton County-Zoological Park Services & Facilities	Renewal	0.46	\$7.67	\$\$\$	C
Village of Cleves-Current Expense	Additional	7.00	\$0.00	\$\$\$	C

This is an estimated levy payment based on the current value of your property. Actual tax amounts per tax year may vary based on changes in property valuation and based on whether a parcel receives any abatement, credit, or reduction during the levy period.

*Information obtained from Hamilton County Auditor's website on 9/17/2023.

CHRISTMAS WALK 2023

Downtown Cleves will continue our Christmas Walk traditions on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 from 10AM to 5PM. Visit our local institutions and businesses for kids crafts, treats, free raffles, facepainting, and games.

All of our traditional events will return, and more are being planned. The Senior Center will host crafts vendors, and offer lunch and fudge. The library will offer button making and crafts. The Masons will offer ornament making. The Harrison-Symmes museum will offer free tours. The Village will offer hot chocolate, snowball fights and raffles. Also, a host of local businesses will offer crafts, treats, games, and baskets.

Other activities including food trucks are planned but not finalized so be sure to check Cleves.org for a complete list of offerings.

If you would like to represent your business or organization at our event, please contact Kevin.Burns@Cleves.org to plan your space and activity.

Got a fun idea for this event like a doggy parade or a decorating contest? Contact Kevin Burns at Kevin.Burns@Cleves.org.



VILLAGE PURCHASES TWO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Village purchased two AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) using Covid relief revenues. One will be mounted at the Administration Building, 92 Cleves Avenue and the other at Council Chambers 101 North Miami. A portable unit will be available at the ticket booth at the entrance of the park during soccer season.



PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The village has installed a GAGA court in the park and has been well received by residents. Plans are to install shade trees around the playground area this fall.





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Cleves, Ohio 45002

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VILLAGE OF CLEVES TRICK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 PM

Please observe extra caution while driving to keep our ghosts and goblins safe!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget that daylight savings time ends **Sunday, November 5th**. Please remember to fall back one hour.



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