



**ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**  
**POLL HOURS: 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

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**STARK CO BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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# 2017 VOTERS GUIDE

**Cities of Canton, Louisville, Massillon, North Canton**  
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 – <http://cantonlww.org> –  
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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Candidates have provided responses to our questionnaires, printed herein in their own words as submitted to LWVCA.

Candidates' names for each race are listed alphabetically by surname.

Candidates are asked to limit their responses to specified lengths. Ellipsis marks (...) indicate responses that exceeded those limits and that have been truncated for publication.

Printable Word and pdf versions, formatted for 8 1/2 X 14 paper, are available for download from our website: <http://cantonlww.org>

# STATEWIDE ISSUES

## State Issue 1: Rights for Crime Victims

Generally known as Marsy's Law or "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights," this initiative would alter the state Constitution to require that crime victims be notified and consulted on developments in their cases

*(Proposed by Initiative Petition)*

A **YES** vote means approval of the constitutional amendment.

A **NO** vote means disapproval of the constitutional amendment.

If approved, the proposed amendment will take effect

90 days after Election Day.

League Expalantion of Issue 1:

### Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

Issue 1 (Marsy's Law) will alter the state constitution to significantly expand the rights of victims in Ohio. The law would ensure that crime victims have a meaningful role throughout criminal and juvenile justice systems. It would provide crime victims with specific constitutional rights, including the right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; to be notified about and present at proceedings, to be heard at proceedings involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, or parole of the accused; to a prompt conclusion of the case, to reasonable protection from the accused; to be notified about release or escape of the accused; to refuse an interview or deposition at the request of the accuse; and to receive restitution from the individual who committed the criminal offense.

Marsy's Law is named after Marsy Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. One week after her death, her mother and brother Henry walked into a grocery store where they saw the accused murderer. The family had no idea that he had been released on bail. Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, brother of Marsy, is the key backer and proponent of Marsy's Law. Marsy's Law initiatives have been passed in California, Illinois, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota (see <https://marsyslaw.us/about-marsys-law/marsys-story/>).

There is already language addressing rights of crime victims in the Ohio constitution which voters passed in 1994. However, Marsy's Law would replace it with language that, as described above, would expand the existing rights of victims and would establish new rights for victims.

### PROS:

1. This proposed law will increase the legal rights and privileges of victims.
2. Marsy's Law would replace the 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amend ment, which victims/rights advocates said has been unenforceable.
3. The proposed law would ensure that victims are informed when the accused offender is released from custody.
4. It will inform crime victims of their rights.

### CONS:

1. The amendment would override state law, eliminating judges' abilities to weigh the rights of victims and defendants.
2. Victims are already protected by 1994 Ohio Victims' Rights Amendment in the constitution.
3. The amendment would allow crime victims to directly file an appeal, overstepping the decisions of prosecutors.
4. Victims could refuse to be interviewed or to turn over pertinent evidence or testimony.

**PROPOSERS:** Marsy's Law for Ohio is leading the campaign in support of the initiative.

**OPPONENTS:** As of our publication deadline, no organized opposition has formed, however representatives from the legal profession have voiced concerns and may formalize their opposition. A summary will be updated if and when an opposition campaign is announce and posted on Vote411 (<http://www.vote411.org/>)

## STARK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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[boe@starkcountyohio.gov](mailto:boe@starkcountyohio.gov)

<http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections>

## Issue 2: The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Will appear on the ballot as "STATE ISSUE 2: To require state agencies to not pay more for prescription drugs than the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and require state payment of attorney fees and expenses to specific individuals for defense of the law."

Prohibits the state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer for a price over the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

*(Proposed by Initiative Petition)*

A **YES** vote means approval of the Act.

A **NO** vote means disapproval of the Act.

If approved, the proposed Act will take effect

immediately after Election Day.

League Explanation of Issue 2:

### The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

Issue 2 would limit the amount the state and state agencies could pay for prescription drugs. This Act is designed to restrict the amount that any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the VA. The VA negotiates drug prices with companies and typically pays 20 to 24 percent less than other agencies for prescription drugs.

Specifically, it would forbid state agencies to enter into any purchasing agreement with drug manufacturers unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than that paid by the VA.

State agencies would not be allowed to pay more than the VA pays for a particular medication. These state agencies include, but are not limited to, the Ohio Department of Aging, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Insurance, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the program for people with low incomes or disabilities).

The bill will only impact those who receive drugs **paid for by the State**, not those with any other type of coverage. If adopted, the proposed statute would affect only those associated with the above mentioned state agencies - roughly 4 million Ohioans. The Act would not apply to those who use private insurance, Medicare, or other non-state-provided coverage - approximately 7 million Ohioans.

### PROS:

1. Drug costs are the main driver of rising health care cost. There is an urgent need to control costs while maintaining access to needed medications.
2. Too many Ohioans must choose between the basic necessities of life and paying for their medications.
3. There is an indirect benefit to taxpayers as the state would save an estimated \$536 million per year on drugs. This could free up some substantial money that the state could use for other programs.

### CONS:

1. The Act does not define some important terms, such as "drug," "state," "ultimate payer," and "net cost."
2. The Act does not address pricing of drugs that are not purchased by the VA and creates costly, complex purchasing arrangements.
3. Pharmaceutical companies might respond to passage of the Act by (a) negating existing discounts and rebates, (b) raising prescription prices charged to non-covered entities and individuals, and/or (c) raising prices charged to the VA.

**PROPOSERS:** Yes on Issue 2, also known as Ohio Taxpayers for Lower Drug Prices, is leading the campaign in support of the initiative. (<http://yesonissue2.com/>)

**OPPONENTS:** No on Issue 2, also known as Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Ballot Issue, is leading the campaign in opposition to the initiative. (<http://www.deceptiverxissue.org/>)

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

- A similar proposition (Proposition 61) appeared on the California ballot in 2016. It was defeated. More information on California Proposition 61. (<http://votersedge.org/en/ca/ballot/election/area/42/measures/measure/2024?id=statewide-42-ca#summary>)
- Analysis from Vorys Healthcare Advisors commissioned by Ohioans Against the Deceptive Rx Issue, the campaign opposing the proposal. (<http://www.voryshcadvisors.com/files/2016/09/2016-9-27-Report-OH-Drug-Price-Initiated-Statute.pdf>)



## COUNTYWIDE ISSUE

### Issue 3 – Stark County Property Tax Renewal for 9-1-1 Service

Renewal, 0.1 mill, continuing operation, for five years, commencing in 2018.

The Stark County Commissioners are asking voters within the county to renew a 0.1-mill property tax to provide for the continuing operation of the county's two 9-1-1 emergency call centers. The levy was first passed in 1987. It was replaced in 1997 and last renewed in 2013. It generates \$638,000 per year, or 78% of a \$816,000 budget. The remainder comes from the state of Ohio. In 2016 the county 9-1-1 service fielded 169,836 calls, with 85% of them from cell phones. If approved, the levy will run for five years, beginning in 2019. The current levy expires in December 2018.

## CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT

Serves the cities of Canton, North Canton & Louisville; the townships of Lake, Plain, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Canton, Pike & Sandy; the Villages of Hartville, East Canton, Meyers Lake, East Sparta, Waynesburg, Magnolia, Greentown & Uniontown.

Jurisdiction of the Court includes misdemeanor criminal cases, misdemeanor traffic cases, civil cases \$15,000 or less, and small claims cases \$3,000 or less.

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 6 years **Salary:** \$125,850

Judicial races are non-partisan in the General Election.

### QUESTION:

What ethical practices are critical to keep the judiciary independent?

## JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TERM COMMENCING 1-1-2018

### John A. Poulos

218 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton OH 44702

**Age:** 64

**Education:** JD University of Akron, 1981; BA University of Akron, 1978

**Occupation:** Judge, Canton Municipal Court

**Qualifications:** Judge at the Canton Municipal Court since January 1994

**Answer:** Since being elected Judge in 1993, I have attempted to treat all criminal defendants and civil litigants fairly to ensure equal access to the justice system.

## JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TERM COMMENCING 1-2-2018

### Curt Werren

218 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton OH 44702

**Age:** 49

**Education:** Canton McKinley High School; Grove City College; The Ohio State University, College of Law

**Occupation:** Judge, Canton Municipal Court

**Qualifications:** Judge in two different trial courts. Common Pleas Court handling felony offenses and sentencing offenders to prison and the current position of Municipal Court Judge. Twenty years of private legal practice.

**Answer:** The independence of the judiciary depends on the respect accorded it by the other two branches of government. It is an ethical responsibility of all to understand and properly respect our system of governance. The Court can assist and monitor the ethical practices of the attorneys before it. But for the judiciary to keep its independence, each branch must treat the other as an equal both in actions and in words.

## CITY OF CANTON

### CITY OF CANTON – TREASURER

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$80,424

**QUESTION:** In light of the expansion of the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, what do you consider the key issues to be addressed by the city?

### Kim R. Perez, Democrat

509 36th St NW, Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 60

**Education:** Thousands of hours of training and education provided by numerous institutions dealing with Public Financing

**Occupation:** Canton City Treasurer

**Qualifications:** 6 1/2 years City Council, 10 1/2 years City Auditor, over 7 years County Auditor, on my 4th year as City Treasurer

**Answer:** Rebuilding the City of Canton's Neighborhoods as well as the city's infrastructure.

## CITY OF CANTON – PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$19,366

**QUESTION:** In light of the expansion of the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, what do you consider the key issues to be addressed by the city?

**Allen Schulman, Democrat**

*Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$18,565

**QUESTION:** In light of the expansion of the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, what do you consider the key issues to be addressed by the city?

### James O. Babcock, Democrat

3411 9th Street SW, Canton OH 44710

**Age:** 67

**Education:** Central Catholic High School; Attended Kent State Hondros College (real estate)

**Occupation:** Real Estate (realtor)

**Qualifications:** Serving 5+ years on Council & knowing the city qualifies me

**Answer:** Leveraging the village in a positive manner for developing of the city by attracting business and community development

### Richard D. Hart, Non-Party

2405 University Ave NW, Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 63

**Education:** Lehman H.S. 1972; B.S. Educ., Ohio State University 1975; Masters Educ., Admin., U. of Akron

**Occupation:** Retired Special Education, Canton City Schools

**Qualifications:** Former 10th, 7th, At Large Councilman; Established Canton's curbside recycling program; Solved drainage problems; work with others to find solutions to problems

**Answer:** Canton needs to see there are employment opportunities for qualified city residents and invest money made into neighborhoods and into affordable housing for new home owners.

### Corey Minor Smith, Democrat

349 Hamilton Ave NE, Canton, OH 44704

**Age:** 43

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Bowling Green State University; Juris Doctorate from the University of Toledo, College of Law

**Occupation:** General Counsel for Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority

**Qualifications:** Education, legal and career experience in the public/government sector and as an elected official.

**Answer:** Key issues include, but are not limited to job creation for Canton City residents, neighborhood development and maintaining and/or enhancing infrastructure in the City of Canton. For example, the City of Canton implement effective strategies to ensure living wage job opportunities in the Village and development of neighborhoods by collaborating with the Village to address ... issues. Further, the infrastructure improvements for the Village can lead to other improvements throughout the City.

### Bill Smuckler, Democrat

5203 Cedar Glen Cir NE, Canton OH 44714

**Age:** 62

**Education:** B.A. in Journalism from Bowling Green State University

**Occupation:** Co-Owner Canton Hotel & Restaurant Supply and Canton City Councilman At Large

**Qualifications:** I have raised a family in Canton, co-owned a business in Stark County, and served as a Canton City Councilman for 28 years.

**Answer:** We need to continue the expansion of the Hall of Fame Village. This is our jobs generator for the near future. We have cut everywhere we can. Increasing revenue is all we can do to increase basic city services. Our biggest problem is the budget. Creating jobs will generate revenue for the budget.

### Edward L. Springer, Republican

1400 Ridgeway Pl NW, Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 58

**Education:** Walsh University - Business Management

**Occupation:** Maintenance Unit Manager TimkenSteel

**Qualifications:** Canton City Citizen

**Answer:** (1) Fire and Security - Are we staffed at the appropriate levels? (2) Accessibility - Road Improvements (3) Promote downtown businesses - SARTA bus route to and from HOF Village and downtown

**Patrick G Wyatt**, Non-party  
225 2nd Street NW Suite 1101, Canton OH 44702

**Age:** 56  
**Education:** 1979 Central Catholic HS; 1989 Malone College BA Management; 2014 Malone University MAOL (Masters of Arts in Organizational Leadership); Government Academy Leadership Stark County graduate. I am currently enrolled in the 31st Signature program with Leadership Stark County.  
**Occupation:** Senior Investigator-Nationwide (Special Investigations Unit-Ohio); Special Deputy with Stark County Sheriff Office; Co-owner of Carpe Diem Coffee Shop-Canton, Ohio.  
**Qualifications:** Prior Board of Zoning Appeals-Louisville, Ohio. Past Board Chairman Member of St Thomas High School/Middle School. Current Board Member Canton City Health Department, and Board Member Leadership Stark County.

**Answer:** I would represent all citizens of Canton, as a member of council. I believe Canton has a bright future ahead. I want to keep our city moving forward and encourage others to work, live and do business in Canton, Ohio. Some of key issues facing our city leadership would be following the comprehensive plan, connecting the downtown with the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, while continuing to protect our citizens and improve our neighborhoods.

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY WARD

**Elect:** 1 per ward    **Term:** 2 years    **Salary:** \$18,565

**QUESTION:** In light of the expansion of the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, what do you consider the key issues to be addressed by the city?

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 1

**Gregory F. Hawk**, Democrat  
2907 6th St NW, Canton OH 44708

**Age:** 67  
**Education:** Lincoln High School, Stark State  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Qualifications:** Experience

**Answer:** The HOF and Johnson Controls will have invested more than 750 million dollars in Canton. This investment will result in positive growth.

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 2

**Nathaniel E. Chester, III**, Democrat    *Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 3

**Jason Scaglione**, Democrat  
3027 Glen Pl NW, Canton OH 44708

**Age:** 45  
**Education:** High school, some college courses and various trade schooling  
**Occupation:** Assistant manager at Rescar, a train car repair provider in the transportation industry, providing customer service in the transportation industry.

**Qualifications:** Former 4-year neighborhood association president, involved with city council for the past 14+ years, and also the current Ward 3 Councilman since January 1, 2016.

**Answer:** That all areas of our city continue to grow with this project. That no area is impacted in a negative way. We need to continue to work to ensure that this project brings positive impacts to our city through job creation & bringing in new opportunities for our city.

**Michael W. Westlake**, Republican  
3047 11th St SW Canton OH 44710

**Age:** 53  
**Education:** BS Business Management  
**Occupation:** Retired Military  
**Qualifications:** 20 Year Navy Veteran; Assistant Manager at Wal-Mart 2 Yrs; General Manager at Fleet Imports 6 Yrs; Lobbied Congress for Veterans School Choice under Post 9/11 GI Bill; Vice-President of Student Veterans of America (SVA) Virginia Beach Chapter; Member American Legion Post 44

**Answer:** First and foremost getting the crime under control. I believe in bringing businesses back however businesses want to locate where their business and personnel are safe. I believe we can accomplish this by increasing the budget for Police and Fire departments and then build up the HOF Village. We need to increase family friendly events so the income stream is not a one week a year event.

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 4

**Brian L. Parks**, Non Party  
1438 Allen Ave SE, Canton OH 44707

**Age:** 38  
**Education:** U of Cincinnati and Stark State College of Tech.  
**Occupation:** Real Estate Professional  
**Qualifications:** Long-time resident of Ward 4 with relationships among community members. I've a deep understanding of the needs, strengths and challenges of our ward. A short/long-term vision for the growth and success of Ward 4 has been created.

**Answer:** Key Concerns: (1) Long-term economic growth for local businesses; (2) Long-term commitment from non-local enterprise level investors; (3) City Government's willingness to partner with the non-local enterprise to increase success factors

**Chris Smith**, Democrat  
458 Waynesburg Rd SE, Canton OH 44707

**Age:** 64  
**Education:** Completed High School, Cosmetologist, Salon Owner, Instructor, B.A. - Master - Doctorate Degree in the studies of hair  
**Occupation:** Licensed Cosmetologist and 4th Ward Canton City Council  
**Qualifications:** Live in the City and 4th Ward since 1965. I understand the needs, wants and the necessities needed to maintain, live and grow families.

**Answer:** The key issues are to secure and maintain jobs for our residents of the city of Canton, and that our Unions here be a part of the growth of the Village. We must not focus solely on the Village, but also our residents and neighborhoods (funding).

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 5

**Robert Fisher, Jr**, Democrat  
2506 12th St SW, Canton OH 44710

**Age:** 48  
**Education:** Timken Sr High School, graduated Associates of Arts Degree in Computer Drafting, Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

**Occupation:** Computer Drafter  
**Qualifications:** Created the Bedford Area Neighborhood Association, (currently active). I have many years of organizing and activist experience varying from political campaigns to neighborhood issues. I am currently the Ward Five Councilman and have been for a year. I have gained much experience in that time.

**Answer:** I believe Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village will be a key to the revitalization of Canton and I do support the project. I also believe the city must begin paying equal attention to the neighborhoods. Once the Hall of Fame Village is completed I feel it will encourage other business and industry to relocate to Canton, something the city greatly needs. I'd like the Comprehensive Plan to finally come to fruition because this will help our city as a whole.

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 6

**Kevin D. Hall**, Democrat    *Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 7

**John Mariol**, Democrat    *Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 8

**Edmond J. Mack**, Democrat    *Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 9

**Frank Morris**, Democrat    *Unopposed, no response*

## CANTON CITY SCHOOLS – 1st SUB DISTRICT MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 1    **Term:** 4 years    **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Canton City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

**Richard S. Milligan**  
408 19th St NW, Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 63  
**Education:** Lehman High School; Kenyon College, BA; University of Akron School of Law, JD



**Occupation:** Attorney

**Qualifications:** Longtime parent of CCS students (4), 16 year member of Board.

**Answer:** Many of our students are challenged by the transition from school to college or career. I would continue the efforts to tear down barriers to obtaining college credit in high school and improve existing links to career training and certificates.

### **C. David Morgan**

922 27th Street NE, Canton OH 44714

**Age:** 66

**Education:** B.A. in Psychology, Lamar University; M.Div. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

**Occupation:** Retired Presbyterian Pastor

**Qualifications:** I have the interest, the intellect, the time, and the commitment to devote myself to serving on the Board of Education

**Answer:** CCSD faces the challenges that urban school districts and civic organizations in Ohio face: our constituents are older, fewer and poorer. That impinges on our ability to fulfill our responsibility to provide a top quality education to all students. CCSD must re-engage with the whole community, other entities and our citizens in discerning trends, realistically assessing the future, and planning for the ways in which we can work together to address the challenges.

## **CANTON CITY SCHOOLS – MEMBER-AT-LARGE MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Canton City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### **John M. Rinaldi**

220 Harter Ave NW, Canton OH 44708

**Age:** 55

**Education:** GlenOak High School/Stark State University/Kent State University/Ironworker Local 550 Apprenticeship Program/A.E.M.A.

**Occupation:** Executive Specialist, City of Canton Building Department; Retired Certified, Professional Equipment Manager–Major League Baseball

**Qualifications:** Past President/Vice President Canton City School Board/ Major League Baseball Administrative Experience/Community Volunteer/Grandparent of a CCS Student.

**Answer:** Student achievement and safety are always the major issues or concerns around public education, especially in an urban district. With continued budget cuts and unfunded mandates at the state and federal level, we must continue to collaborate with all stakeholders on how best to utilize our resources (human and fiscal) to ensure that our students are not only safe, but are achieving at high levels ready to enter the workforce or college.

## **CITY OF LOUISVILLE**

### **CITY OF LOUISVILLE MAYOR-COUNCILPERSON**

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$7,560  
Charter municipality; all seats non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

### **Pat Fallot**

903 Sand Lot Cir, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 63

**Education:** Graduate of Malvern High School & Leadership Stark County for Government

**Occupation:** Semi-Retired

**Qualifications:** Have been Mayor-councilperson for the last 7 years. My job in the Stark County Auditor's Office for 33 years prepared me for this leadership position.

**Answer:** I have worked diligently over the last 7 years to bring the city together and to revitalize the downtown area. I am a hands on mayor who spends much time getting to know the citizens, answering their questions, and getting results for them in the process. I will continue to strive to bring our downtown area back to life by utilizing the arts and by bringing new businesses to the area. I am a great believer in service before self and practice it every day.

### **Carl R. Linder**

1015 Constitution Ave Apt 8, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 47

**Education:** Louisville High School, 1989 Class; RG Drage, AG, Production, 1989; Kent State University BA in Psych, Minor Philosophy, Fall 2017

**Occupation:** Full-time Student, Staff Sgt. Ohio Army National Guard, 12 Yrs. Firefighter/EMT, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator.

**Qualifications:** I am a veteran, with two tours, Iraq and Afghanistan, with my experience as a veteran and firefighter; I feel that has given me knowledge and experience to help our community growth in unity and strength.

**Answer:** One major issue, is economical growth in our world today, it is enhanced by globalism. We should use the same technique in growing this city. By this I would us grow correlations, of businesses in a physical sense, and online businesses? The 2nd, should bring the city together by dimensions, degrees, and levels. The major thing is the diversity of our city, between youth, seniors, and the family dwellers. Our greatest asset, is our youth. I would implement programs that would put them with the greatest generation left, our seniors. I would implement programs that have a lot to do with veterans. The First Responders should have a greater tie with our community.

## **CITY OF LOUISVILLE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-AT-LARGE**

**Elect:** 2 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$3,780  
Charter municipality; all seats non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

### **Richard R. Guiley**

415 South Chapel St, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 58

**Education:** Law degree from University of Akron

**Occupation:** Lawyer

**Qualifications:** I am an incumbent – having been on council for 12 years. I understand the City of Louisville's budget, law, business and community needs.

**Answer:** The fiscal needs of the City are always a priority. We are looking at an income stream that needs fixed – but only the voters can fix it by modifying what 25% of the income tax may be used for. I intend to educate the voters on the need for this change. In addition, we need to continue to revitalize our old downtown and parks. They are part of our community identity. Revitalization will assist in bringing in more businesses and keeping the businesses we already have.

### **Corey M. Street**

412 Navaho St, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 26

**Education:** Louisville High School (2009), Slippery Rock University (PA) (B.S. Elementary Education, History, 2012), American College of Education (Masters: Educational Leadership, 2017).

**Occupation:** Teacher & Coach, Louisville City Schools (2012 - present)

**Qualifications:** High School: Class President, College: Vice President of University Events, Senator in the Student Government Association, Community: Member of Christ United Methodist Church, have served on Church Council, SPR Committee.

**Answer:** I believe the key issues that council will address next session includes funding and modernizing city infrastructure, searching for and hiring a new city manager, and attracting new businesses to our city. I look forward to working with council and helping move our city forward.

## **CITY OF LOUISVILLE – ISSUE**

### **Issue 6– Louisville Local Option–Brookside Farms**

Sunday sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor for Brookside of Louisville, LLC, dba Brookside Farms, 5440 Ravenna Avenue NE, Louisville OH 44641.

Voters in Precinct B of Ward 6 are being asked to approve Sunday sales of beer, wine, mixed beverages and spirituous liquor by Brookside Farms at 5440 Ravenna Avenue NE, Louisville, Ohio.

## **LOUISVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE**

### **Issue 41 – Louisville City School District – 5 Mill Property Tax Renewal**

Renewal, 5.0 mills, emergency requirements, for 5 years, commencing in 2018.

The Louisville Board of Education is asking voters to renew an emergency 5-mill operating levy first approved in May 2013. Property taxes account for 28.7 percent of the district's general operating funds. The current emergency levy generates \$1,835,00 per year, or 7.1 percent of the total.

This levy would not increase taxes currently paid by City residents; the

homeowner of a \$100,000 home currently pays about \$154 per year.

The other major source of funding for the Louisville City Schools is the State of Ohio. In four of the last eight years, Louisville public schools have seen a decrease in state funding amounting to \$652,561. The district has 4 school buildings to serve approximately 3,000 students. If approved, the levy will be collected from 2019-2023.

## LOUISVILLE CITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 3    **Term:** 4 years    **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Louisville City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### Jon M. Aljancic

1249 Hillmoor St, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 42

**Education:** BA from Dartmouth College

**Occupation:** Position Manager at WH Trading LLC

**Qualifications:** Graduate of the Louisville School District (1993).

Member of a family of educators. Concerned member of the community. Position Manager with the same company for 20 years whose experience should help bring financial stability to the school district.

**Answer:** I believe the main issue facing Louisville Schools is the divisiveness within the community following the teachers' strike this past year. Transparency and communication are the keys to help bridge the gap of mistrust between all parties involved. By treating each other with dignity and respect, we can work through our differences and create the best possible learning environment for the children of this wonderful community. Our brightest days could be ahead of us if we work together

### Donald L. Barthel

1103 East Reno Dr, Louisville Ohio 44641

**Age:** 51

**Education:** 110 pre-nursing hours at Stark State and Kent Stark; Paramedic, Aultman Hospital; Professional firefighter, Columbiana College; Arson Investigator, Ohio Fire Academy; Fire Inspector, Ohio Fire Academy.

**Occupation:** Firefighter/Paramedic for 34 years, employed by the City of Louisville and Nimishillen Township.

**Qualifications:** I am a fair and impartial individual and, as a public employee, understand the constraints of working with a budget.

**Answer:** At this time as a new candidate I am not aware of any upcoming issues facing the school board. The majority of the community voted to provide us with a workable budget and we must learn to work within those constraints and always put the children first. We as adults must lead by example so our students can understand the correct way to solve a problem.

### Richard Crislip

516 Hazel Ave, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 60

**Education:** Louisville High School graduate 1975; Bachelors of Science in Education; Masters of Ed. in Administration

**Occupation:** Retired teacher / coach.

**Qualifications:** 35 years as an educator; graduate from Louisville; Life resident of Louisville.

**Answer:** Louisville needs to be financially responsible in all aspects of the city school system. I believe (in) keeping open communication and transparency that will help provide information that is essential to our school success. Our leaders need to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students, parents and community.

### Barbara DeJacimo

5610 Alcorn Ave, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 44

**Education:** BA in English from Ohio State 1995; MA in English Education from Ohio State 1996

**Occupation:** tutor / home instructor

**Qualifications:** I was a classroom teacher in Perry from 1997-2001 and earned National Board Certification for Early Adolescence English/Language Arts. I have management experience and keep abreast of current educational issues.

**Answer:** There is a lack of trust between the school staff, administration, and the Louisville community. These relationships need repaired through open communication and transparency so that we can unite to pass a renewal levy. Without this renewal, drastic cuts would have to be made, and our students will lose in academics, sports and the arts. Repairing relationships to build community support is essential if we hope to provide students with an excellent education and opportunities to thrive.

### Thomas E. Doyle

124 N Marion Ave, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 60

**Education:** B.S. & M.S. in Engineering from The Ohio State University

**Occupation:** Research Engineer (retired)

**Qualifications:** I have lived in Louisville for 30+ years. I care about this community, especially the schools. Utilizing my professional and life experiences, I will devote the time and energy necessary to be an effective school board member.

**Answer:** Three primary issues are to eliminate the adversarial relationship between the LEA and the school administration/board, to repair and rebuild community trust in the school district and to promote and pass the current levy renewal. Addressing these issues involves improved labor relations via training; more transparent school district communications; and a clear, honest and concise presentation of the school district financial status.

### Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux

7261 Paris Ave, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 44

**Education:** Graduate of Louisville High School; Graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine with a DVM

**Occupation:** Small and large animal veterinarian at West Main Veterinary Clinic, Louisville.

**Qualifications:** I have faithfully and diligently served the taxpayers and students of the Louisville City School District on its Board of Education for 5 years. During that time I have been committed to student safety as well as fiscal responsibility and transparency by creating the Safety Committee and serving on the Finance Committee. I also am active in the leadership of my church and a 4-H club advisor and dairy judging team coach.

**Answer:** The main issue facing the Louisville Schools currently is looking to the future and moving forward instead of looking back at the adversity we faced last year. I am committed to continuing to make the best decisions for our district within our budget and putting kids first. Especially with the constant uncertainty of state and federal education funding, we have to continually try to do more with less. I have proven that I will work hard to make that happen.

### Cheryl Shepherd

5572 Oakridge Drive, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 51

**Education:** Louisville High School graduate. B.A. Malone University. Continuing education at OSBA school board conference every fall for 13 years.

**Occupation:** Owner and CEO of Shepherd & Associates, LLC and Shop My Hotel

**Qualifications:** Thirteen years of experience as a board member serving the students of Louisville City Schools. Active mom of two Louisville students.

**Answer:** Please go to [www.re-electboe.com](http://www.re-electboe.com) for detail on all issues we are working on. Providing quality programming has been and will continue to be a focus. We want to provide as many possibilities as our community can afford. The current board has and will continue to closely work with our superintendent and treasurer to make decisions that will ensure the district maximize taxpayers' hard earned money for the betterment of our students.

### William R. Wyss, Jr.

5765 Eastview St NE, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 57

**Education:** Diploma from Marlinton High School, BA from University of Mount Union, MA from Ohio University

**Occupation:** University professor

**Qualifications:** Museum Educator (10 years), Louisville High School Social Studies Teacher & Department Chair (20 years), Nimishillen Township Resident (26 years), Family owned and operated Milann's Restaurant in Louisville (16 years), Currently a University of Mount Union Professor (3 years).

**Answer:** Of the many complex problems facing the Louisville City Schools, I would identify low morale as the most significant. Students, staff, and community members have been negatively impacted by recent events that have divided our community. In order to ensure academic excellence and financial solvency, we must insist upon local control to restore community pride as we invite the public to greater participation in critical decision-making for our children's futures.

## MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT

Serves the cities of Massillon & Canal Fulton; the townships of Bethlehem, Jackson, Lawrence, Perry, Sugar Creek & Tuscarawas; the villages of Hills and Dales, Beach City, Brewster, Navarre & Wilmot.

Jurisdiction of the Court includes misdemeanor criminal cases, misdemeanor traffic cases, civil cases \$15,000 or less, and small claims cases \$3,000 or less.



## MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT – CLERK OF COURTS

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 6 years **Salary:** \$64,183

### QUESTION:

What ethical practices are critical to keep the judiciary independent?

**Johnnie Maier**, Democrat

13520 Barrs St SW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 66

**Education:** Canton Central Catholic High School; Kent State University, BA; Clerk of Court Certification; Ohio Association of Municipal Court Clerks

**Occupation:** Massillon Municipal Clerk of Court

**Qualifications:** My experience in the criminal justice field, past work as a State Representative, and my programs improving court computerization and collecting restitution for crime victims.

**Answer:** Our founding fathers realized that the key to a fair and impartial system of justice was to keep the court system independent from the legislative and executive branches of the government. An independent judiciary, free from political interference, is necessary to dispense justice without undue influence. The work of the judicial system must be free to function without the constraints, or influence, from the legislative and executive branches.

## CITY OF MASSILLON

### CITY OF MASSILLON – TREASURER

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$14,238

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

**Maude Slagle**, Democrat

*Unopposed, no response*

### CITY OF MASSILLON – LAW DIRECTOR Unexpired term ending 12/31/2019

**Elect:** 1 **Salary:** \$52,124

**QUESTION:** Besides your legal background, what in your experience will help you be an effective law director?

**Andrea M. Scassa**, Democrat

829 Millstone Lane NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 36

**Education:** J.D. Capital University Law School; B.A. Miami University; graduate of Massillon Washington High School

**Occupation:** Massillon Law Director

**Qualifications:** I have been a practicing attorney since 2006, whereby I have spent my entire career at the municipal level of government.

**Answer:** Prior to being appointed law director, I was serving my third term as the council person representing the Third Ward in Massillon. Being a councilperson gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn various aspects of municipal government. In addition, I began my legal career as a prosecutor in the Canton City Prosecutor's Office, so I gained that criminal experience of being a trial attorney. Lastly, I still serve part-time as the Staff Attorney for the Canton Municipal Court. I believe that working in these different capacities with municipal government, has given me a wide variety of tools to aid me in being an effective law director.

### CITY OF MASSILLON – PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$8,564

**Question:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

**Claudette O. Istnick**, Non-party

1812 Wales Rd NE, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 67

**Education:** Masters in Education

**Occupation:** Retired teacher of 35 years, presently I run a driving school for the Massillon AAA

**Qualifications:** I served on council from 2000 -2004 and I am presently President of Council

**Answer:** We are presently working on the roads and catch basins in Massillon, deciding the future of Massillon Reservoir, bringing back the Fire Station on Wales Rd NE and the "Imagine Massillon" project. We need to make sure that any and all projects are totally funded because we just got out of financial problems with the state.

## CITY OF MASSILLON – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$7,992

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

**Milan E. Chovan, Jr.**, Republican

1501 Oak Bluff Rd NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 63

**Education:** BFA Journalism Kent State University

**Occupation:** Marketing Consultant

**Qualifications:** Lifelong Massillon resident, three terms as Councilman at Large, Massillon Businessman. I've served the city the past 6 years as we struggled to get out of fiscal emergency. Now, I want to guide the future direction of Massillon by serving on Council again.

**Answer:** Primary objective: Open another fire station on Northeast side to improve response times. Continue to repair and replace storm sewers and streets. Restore Reservoir to provide recreation area as well as improve wildlife habitat. Work on redesigning downtown area to attract investors to build residential areas, which will, in turn, attract new businesses. Critical: continue to utilize municipal, state and federal grant programs to bring new industries in order to preserve and grow our income tax revenue.

**Ed Lewis, IV**, Republican

2131 Courtland Ave NW Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 37

**Education:** Massillon Washington HS–1998; Marietta College–Bachelor's Degree–2002; University of Akron–Master in Public Administration–2012

**Occupation:** Supervisor of Provider Compliance and Technical Support – Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

**Qualifications:** Three terms on Massillon City Council. Two terms as Chair of the Finance Committee. Played a role in the city's removal from fiscal emergency. Introduced legislation to address housing in blighted neighborhoods. Fought to replace an aging fleet for our safety forces.

**Answer:** The City of Massillon is undergoing a great transformation. Having come out of fiscal emergency and experiencing growth in our revenue streams, it is of the utmost importance to responsibly manage these monies moving forward. This management should be focused on road improvements, supporting our safety forces (i.e. staffing, equipment, and upgrading facilities), addressing infrastructure needs such as the reservoir, and fostering growth in our downtown. My focus will be on building strong community.

**Paul Manson**, Democrat

350 Starbrook NW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 70

**Education:** Graduate of Washington High School, Machinist Apprenticeship Republic Steel, Some college at Stark Tech

**Occupation:** Machinist, Experimental Development Mechanic, Tool & Die maker

**Qualifications:** 14 Years on Massillon City Council, 4 Years on Planning Commission, 32 Years Washington High School Alumni Scholarship Fund Trustee

**Answer:** Continue our aggressive Street Repaving Program using the funds from the Street Levy passed in 2016. Accelerate the repair of the hundreds of dangerous collapsed catch basins in the city. Funding to repair and reopen the Wales Rd. Fire Station. Continue to work with the Community to find a solution for our problems with the Reservoir.

**Marion V. Perkins**, Democrat

1525 Gibson Ave SE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 63

**Education:** Massillon Washington H.S.; Bowling Green State University B.S. of Education

**Occupation:** Facility Manager–working with persons with disabilities to become contributing members of their community

**Qualifications:** Experience in budgets of \$200,000–\$1,000,000, Personnel experience with both union/non-union employees, Community Activist, etc.

**Answer:** (1) Opioid addiction in Stark County, including Massillon Ohio. Our communities need to invest into Opioid Protection Kits for Law Enforcement used to protect police officers, fire fighters and first responders from contact with drugs like heroin, meth and Fentanyl. (2) Economic Development Jobs in Massillon Ohio and link Paul Brown Stadium in to Pro Football Hall of Fame Village and create tours of Massillon Ohio.

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY WARD**

**Elect:** 1 per ward **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$7,992

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 1**

**Shannon Crable**, Non-party

1313 Greenridge Dr NE , Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 32

**Education:** I graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in General Studies

**Occupation:** I'm a parent engagement coordinator at the Early Childhood Resource Center. I retired from the NFL in 2013.

**Qualifications:**

**Answer:** When elected to Council, I will bring a more diverse look at legislation. I believe, as a community, we can strive for equality across genders, ethnicities, generational gaps, and cultures. We need inclusion in decision making. I would address the Massillon Sippo Reservoir issue. We need a strategic plan of next steps out to the community to ensure we reach a happy medium. I would address the conditions of the streets and man holes.

**Sarita Cunningham**, Republican

*Candidate did not respond.*

**James L. Wolgamott**, Democrat

*Candidate did not respond.*

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 2**

**Dave Irwin**, Democrat

912 1st St NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 56

**Education:** Tuslaw High School

**Occupation:** Microfilm Supervisor

**Qualifications:** I have served as your Ward 2 Councilman for the last two years. I am dedicated and committed to serving the community. I have served as the President of the Massillon Band Boosters Club and coached youth baseball.

**Answer:** I believe the key issue that needs to be addressed in the upcoming term to be the Massillon Reservoir dam. Currently, we are waiting on pricing to repair or remove the dam. Depending on the cost factor and what is in the best interest of the people of Massillon will determine my decision on how this issue should be addressed.

**James J. Thieret**, Republican

935 Roosevelt St NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 64

**Education:** I graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

**Occupation:** After serving in the Army's 82nd Airborne Div. at Fort Bragg NC, I accepted a position on the Massillon Fire Department in January of 1980 and retired as the City Fire Marshal January 2011.

**Qualifications:**

**Answer:** Strong, clean and secure neighborhoods. Responsible City growth. Adequate Police and Fire Protection. These issues weave together and are inseparable. By maintaining responsible growth, the City's services can keep pace and all the neighborhoods can be properly cared for and protected. As a governing body we owe our constituency quality decision making when it comes to protecting the basic unit of society, the family. Tax dollars must be used wisely.

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 3**

**Robyn Bloom**, Democrat

846 Wellman Ave SE, Massillon OH44646

**Age:** 40

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Kent State University.

**Occupation:** I work for MedVet

**Qualifications:** I am qualified to represent the residents of Ward 3 because I am a good listener, hard worker and I will do what's best for the residents.

**Answer:** Two key issues in our city right now are the Streetscape project and the Rezzzy. Both of these projects are vital for our city to move forward in attracting people to choose Massillon. People want to put down roots in areas where there are good jobs, parks and schools. Areas that have activities for single people and families. I would like to look at what other successful communities have done with these same issues to help move Massillon forward.

**Mike Gregg**, Republican

681 Greenbrier Cir NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 56

**Education:** BBA Finance, Ohio University, 1983

**Occupation:** Compliance Officer

**Qualifications:** 34 years in Financial Services, 20-year resident of my ward. Demonstrated strong community involvement. Desire to serve the residents of my ward and my city.

**Answer:** (1) Streets. I plan to do my best to ensure that money that has been allocated to street repairs is fairly and sensibly distributed to repair the streets that need it the most. (2) The Reservoir Dam. I want to make sure that Reservoir Park is returned to its former beauty as the "Crown Jewel" of our park system in the most cost-efficient manner possible. (3) Jobs/New Business. I believe in creating a favorable place for new businesses to locate and grow and therefore create new jobs in Massillon through tax incentives and financing assistance.

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 4**

**Jill E. Creamer**, Democrat

2040 Augusta Dr SE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 53

**Education:** Youngstown State University, BS Biology, Minor Chemistry

**Occupation:** 4th Ward Massillon City Council; Microbiology Capital Equipment Consultant; Registered Medical Technologist

**Qualifications:** My experience as a Councilperson, as well as my previous experience as a laboratory director, I am prepared to serve this office and the citizens of Massillon.

**Answer:** Continue the Street Paving Program and safety services throughout the city of Massillon. Also, work with administration to enhance opportunities for economic growth and neighborhood improvements.

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 5**

**Scott R. Graber**, Non-party

1218 Tremont Ave SW, Massillon 44647

**Age:** 63

**Education:** WHS Grad 1972; 1 year at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware Ohio

**Occupation:** Retired

**Qualifications:** Student of Ohio Municipal Government Statutes section 731 (Massillon is a 731 Statutory Municipal Corporation); Parliamentarian; Expert on City Finances. ( I actually read State Audits) Fearless.

**Answer:** TAX FREE MASSILLON: \*Exempts\* ALL Massillon & Tuslaw SD residents from Municipal Income Tax. Hire police officers to National average 2.5 LEO/1000 residents (presently 1.25/1000). Hire Animal Control Officer. Enforce Traffic Laws in City. Increase 1401 Capital Improvements Split. Eliminate all subsidies to Legends Golf Course. Dog Park at Wampler Park. Restore authority of City Council - ORC731.47. Withdraw from LOGIC: restore \*local dispatching\* for safety services. HOW? Legislation/ Hard WORK.

**Megan E. Starrett**, Democrat

2121 Margilee Dr SW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 31

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree, Capital University; Juris Doctor, University of Akron

**Occupation:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Criminal Division, Stark County Prosecutor's Office

**Qualifications:** This will be my 3rd term as City Council Woman, and I have gained significant experience and education to help make the best decisions for Massillon.

**Answer:** - How to proceed with the reservoir repair. - Continuing to make sound financial decisions for Massillon. - Continuing road and storm drain repairs throughout the City. - Envisioning the future of Massillon - such as Imagine Downtown Project.

**CITY OF MASSILLON –  
MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 6**

**Jason C. Harris**, Republican

1800 Woodruff Ave NW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 39

**Education:**

**Occupation:** President-AJ Harris Tactical

**Qualifications:** Special Operations Commander, Owner AJ Harris Tactical, SGT US Marine Corps

**Answer:** Reservoir; Business development; Roads



**Linda K. Litman**, Democrat  
3189 Castle West Cr NW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 52  
**Education:** Certified Wealth Advisor; Certified Investment Fiduciary; Certified Trust and Financial Advisor  
**Occupation:** Vice President and Wealth Client Advisor, Huntington Bank  
**Qualifications:** Certified Trust and Financial Advisor for over 20 years at a variety of financial institutions. Work with high net worth individuals and business owners to meet their financial goals.  
**Answer:** I am very proud to be a part of the Municipal Team that has been able to bring Massillon out of fiscal emergency. This hurdle behind us, financial responsibility remains constantly at the forefront. Maintaining a financially healthy city has to be a Key Issue and Top Priority every term by every member of City Council and every member of the City Administration. As a member of the Finance Committee, I am committed to appropriate oversight to a balanced budget and expenditures that are in the best interest of the City.  
Our City streets are certainly our main concern and a Key Issue...  
Another key issue is to advance the City economically...

## CITY OF MASSILLON – ISSUES

### **Issue 4 – Massillon Local Option–Margaritas Mexican Grill**

Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor for Sky121 LLC dba Margaritas Mexican Grill, 121 Lincoln Way W and Patios, Massillon OH 44647.

Voters in Ward 2, Precinct C in Massillon are being asked to approve Sunday sales of wine, mixed beverages and spirituous liquor by Margaritas Mexican Grill at 121 Lincoln Way West, including on their patios.

### **Issue 18 – Massillon Museum – Tax Renewal and Increase**

Renewal and increase, 1.5 mills, Museum, for 5 years, commencing in 2018.

Massillon voters are being asked to renew a 1 mill levy for the Massillon Museum along with a half-mill (.5) increase, for a total of 1.5 mills for 5 years. The 1-mill levy was first passed in 1988 and renewed in 1993, 1998, 2003, replaced in 2008 and then renewed in 2013. It provides 58% of the Museum’s current \$830,000 budget and runs through tax year 2017. The Museum is currently raising funds for renovations and expansion, and the 1.5 mills will support increased operating expenses associated with the expansion. The expansion/renovation project includes the addition of classrooms, exhibit space, an event space, an expanded ceramic studio, and the new home of the Paul Brown Museum.

The levy would cost the owner of a \$75,000 home \$13.13 more per year than they are currently paying, bringing their total support of the Museum to \$35.05. The levy would begin in tax year 2018. If Issue 18 doesn’t pass, the Massillon Museum could come back to voters in 2018 before current levy funding ends.

## MASSILLON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE

### **Issue 43 – Massillon City School District: Property Tax Renewal**

Renewal, 8.6 mills, emergency requirements, for 5 years, commencing in 2017.

The Massillon City Schools Board of Education is asking city school district voters to renew an 8.6-mill emergency levy, first passed in 2012, for another 5 years to maintain current programs in its five school buildings. The levy represents 8 percent of the school district’s total operating budget and generates \$3.4 million annually to support the district’s nearly 4,000 school-age children. This renewal will not increase taxes paid by homeowners, who currently pay \$263 per year for a home valued at \$100,000. Two other voted levies, totaling \$5.2 million, also support the district.

## MASSILLON CITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 2 **Term:** 4 years **Base salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Massillon City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

**Liz Hersher** *Unopposed, no response*

**Ronald B. Pribich** *Unopposed, no response*

## MASSILLON CITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION Unexpired term ending 12/31/2019

**Elect:** 1 **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Massillon City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### **Nicole J. Herrera**

1857 Jefferson Rd NE, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 38

**Education:** Massillon Washington High School 1997; Bowling Green State University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science 2001; University of Akron, Master of Arts in Composition Studies 2008

**Occupation:** Associate Professor of English, Stark State College

**Qualifications:** I have 12 years of experience teaching in higher education, which gives me a unique understanding of curriculum development, educational research and trends, and college standards. I have worked with students at the K-12 level as a substitute teacher, coach, and room mother.

**Answer:** Massillon City Schools face the daunting task of creating quality educational opportunities for all students despite the challenges of declining revenues and high rates of economically disadvantaged students. The Board of Education must facilitate a culture of cooperation, transparency, and engagement among students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration. A grass-roots approach that values all perspectives and capitalizes on the professional expertise of our teachers strengthens our school system, which is the foundation of our community.

### **Monica Weber**

2850 Gordon Ave NW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 50

**Education:** Master of Science in Social Administration, MSSA, Case Western University; Master of Business Administration, concentration in Health Care Administration, MBA, Ashford University

**Occupation:** Manager of Clinical Social Work and Spiritual Care departments, Cleveland Clinic Akron General

**Qualifications:** Live in Massillon, both children graduated from Massillon City Schools, 2012 and 2016. I have experience in managing business as well as leading and developing people. Desire to promote and develop strong schools in order to promote stronger community through communication and engagement with the community.

**Answer:** Support of renewal levy as well as development and/or upgrades of current elementary school buildings. I believe there needs to be clear communication regarding the reasons why the levy is on the ballot and where the money will be spent. Reviewing all options for how the structure of the district will look with regards to the elementary schools. Choosing a plan that will be best for the community as well as fiscally responsible.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON

### CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MAYOR

**Elect:** 1 **Term:** 2 years **Salary:** \$17,400  
Charter municipality; position is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

### **David J. Held**

*Candidate did not respond.*

### **Scott L. Kelly**

232 Woodrow St NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 38

**Education:** 1997 Graduate of North Canton Hoover High School  
**Occupation:** Fire Inspector for Plain Township Fire & Rescue, Reserve Deputy for the Stark County Sheriff’s Office

**Qualifications:** Lifelong resident of North Canton; public servant since 1999. Became a volunteer firefighter, City of North Canton, May 1999. In January 2004 I became a fulltime fire inspector for the city. Additionally, I worked at the city’s drinking water plant from March 2013 until April 2015 when I returned to the fire service for Plain Township Fire & Rescue.

**Answer:** (1) The redevelopment of the Hoover Company – I will contact the developer and create a timeline for construction and hold the developer accountable; (2) Recruiting and retaining businesses – I will improve the permit process for new businesses and communicate regularly with existing businesses to ensure the city is meeting their needs; (3) Reduce wasteful spending – I will work with each city department to assess all personnel and equipment needs and prioritize accordingly.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

**Elect:** 3    **Term:** 2 years    **Salary:** \$7,200  
Charter municipality; all seats non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

### Mark Cerreta

566 Rose Lane SW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 58

**Education:** High School: North Canton Hoover (Class of 1978)

College: Ashland University (Class of 1982), Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Marketing / Public Affairs

**Occupation:** Pfizer Inc. 1982 - Present, Professional Healthcare Representative, Manager, Marketing, Trainer.

**Qualifications:** Council At-Large member over the last 7 years, involved in many of the most recent community changes and improvements.

I care about my hometown and where it is headed. I have a vision of what I would like to see North Canton become for my children's children. As a life member of this city I have been involved and know the people who live here. With that knowledge and my experiences in business, I have the knowledge and capabilities to get things done.

**Answer:** The City of North Canton will always be challenged by the local economy and uncontrollable cutbacks or competition for funding sources. We are always looking to attract new businesses and residents to make their homes within our city limits. This helps us generate more tax dollars to help service our entire community. Our goal is to make North Canton a first class-middle class city. If you create a place where people want to live, work, learn and play, people will come. People will most definitely come. I will continue to help create a community atmosphere that is safe and clean with all the desired amenities that attract businesses and residents to our community.

### Daniel R. Griffith

211 Woodrow St, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 40

**Education:** B.A. from Mount Union; J.D. from The Ohio State University College of Law

**Occupation:** Senior Vice President, Regional Trust Manager with Huntington Bank

**Qualifications:** Six years as a Council Member, two as the Finance Committee Chair; Experienced community volunteer; Father of three North Canton City School Students; Active member of Faith United Methodist Church

**Answer:** North Canton needs to continue to find ways to improve housing stock and welcome new businesses into our City. Low tax rates have helped to keep the community strong, but we need to continue to develop coordinated strategies that include the school system, the Chamber of Commerce, Walsh University, and other groups. We must modernize our zoning codes, lowering permit fees, and making the construction process more user friendly for the average citizen. North Canton has already made some important steps to develop effective, transparent government and we need to continue on that path.

### Marcia Kiesling

*Candidate did not respond.*

### Daryl L. Revoldt

1565 Ambler Ave SW, North Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 66

**Education:** Ph.D University of Akron

**Occupation:** Retired (at time of election)

**Qualifications:** I have served as councilman, council president and mayor, service totaling over 23 years. I bring private sector perspective as well as experience at the state and federal level. Most important as Hoover is an issue, over a decade spent in economic development work.

**Answer:** The city needs to do a better job eliminating expensive, unforced errors. In this last term the city has been forced to pay tens of thousands of tax dollars for improper tax abatements, unnecessary special elections and dubious expenditures. I would give very close attention to budgeting, questioning even "routine" expenditures and not hesitate to exercise the authority within the city charter to take corrective action in on-going operations.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY WARD

**Elect:** 1 per ward    **Term:** 2 years    **Salary:** \$7,200  
Charter municipality; all seats non-partisan

**Question:** What do you consider to be key issues to be addressed in the next term, and how would you address them?

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 1

### Douglas V. Foltz

433 Werstler Ave NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 53

**Education:** University of Akron, BS Public Policy Management

**Occupation:** Director of Springfield Parks, Springfield Township, Ohio

**Qualifications:** My degree in public policy and experience in government provides skills and knowledge of the business of government.

**Answer:** (1) Continue to attract new businesses to the Hoover Complex and other areas in the city zoned for commercial development.

(2) Review current housing and rental codes, and work to establish a registration process for rental owners. An emphasis should be made on the importance of keeping all housing structures up to code. This will help to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods.

(3) Continue to improve our city parks and road infrastructure.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 2

### Daniel Jeff Peters

*Unopposed, no response*

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 3

### Jon Snyder

1616 South Main St, North Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 70

**Education:**

**Occupation:** Sr. Manager Tuxedo Junction; Private Clothing Sales

**Qualifications:** 16 plus years City Councilman and President; 10 years Planning Commission

**Answer:** In a broader context City Council should study the impact of an "aging population". Retirees will make up better than 50 percent - employment pays for 45 percent of police and fire; 60 percent of EMS and 100 percent of capital improvement. We need aggressive economic development.

### Stephanie Werren

1593 Alexandria Pkwy SE, North Canton OH 44709

**Age:** 48

**Education:** Miami University, BA International Studies and Political Science 1991; Malone University – MBA, 1999

**Occupation:** Director of Leadership Stark County

**Qualifications:** Current Ward 3 councilwoman, Chairwoman of Ordinances & Rules, Committee member of other standing committees, Graduate of the 19th Leadership Stark County Class & Graduate 1st Government Leadership Academy. Committed public servant, innovative, high-energy, team player, collaborative thinker, trusted leader.

**Answer:** We have momentum in new business development which means jobs and income tax revenue to keep streets paved, parks vibrant and safety services at capacity. For Ward 3, I advocate for safety services in neighborhoods. I recommend infrastructure assessments for roads, basins and potholes along with snow plowing. Tourism is important to our region, Ward 3 was fortunate to have the 720 Market. We want people to come to our City and spend time and money.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON – MEMBER OF COUNCIL – WARD 4

### BJ Boyajian

204 Rose Lane St SW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 39

**Education:** BS Criminal Justice & Business Administration, Ashland University

**Occupation:** Vice President, Retail Banking, Keybank

**Qualifications:** 20 year management/leadership/ finance background; lifelong resident North Canton

**Answer:** Communication, fiscal responsibility, lack of trust & confidence in current city council's decision process. I am a trusted leader and decision maker who is looking to assist and rebuild the infrastructure of NC City Council. I am an independent thinker and will both challenge & support the citizens – to be their voice.

I was brought up in the city's politics and know North Canton is a business. I need to bridge the new generation and old to effectively communicate that our reputation is at risk and our character needs to strengthen. I will do this by always allowing an open line of communication and be a listener. I will keep citizens' concerns at top of mind with both the Hoover project and street concerns, public safety – that are the hot topics as of today.

### Dominic Fonte

965 Fair Oaks Ave SW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:**

**Education:** Graduate of McKinley HS; attended Malone; ongoing real estate continuing education.



**Occupation:** Self-employed real estate agent in North Canton and surrounding areas.

**Qualifications:** I have built my career in real estate for over 29 years and have helped over 1,600 families buy & sell homes. A long-standing career is only possible because of hard work and a reputation built on a solid foundation of trust, respect and integrity..

**Answer:** Three changes I would make in the office I am seeking are to improve the communication between the citizens and local government. I would work on getting more jobs and businesses into our community and I want to continue to strengthen the local economy to be an attractive place to want to live, work and play. Lastly, I would work on getting the Hoover project completed.

## CITY OF NORTH CANTON ISSUES

### **Issue 8 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Voting, Recording of City Ordinances**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article II, Section 2.05, concerning the procedure for voting upon any ordinance or resolution and recording the vote.

The proposed Amendment to the city of North Canton's operating document would change City Council votes from an individual roll-call vote to a group voice vote, with the Clerk of Council recording the vote of each Councilperson in the Council's journal of proceedings. This amendment was proposed by the Charter Commission before being approved for the ballot by Council.

### **Issue 9– City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Planning Commission Membership**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article III, Section 3.07(2), concerning the non-voting members to serve on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission has the responsibility to review and approve new commercial development plans, plats and lot splits and may recommend zoning changes to City Council.

The Planning Commission consists of five voting members, all North Canton residents appointed by the mayor to staggered 5-year terms. The Director of Administration and a member of Council, selected by Council, have been required to attend Planning Commission meetings, serving in an advisory, non-voting capacity. This amendment would add the Director of Permits & Development and the City Engineer as non-voting members, as well as remove the requirement that non-voting members attend meetings.

### **Issue 10 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Duties of the Zoning and Building Standards Board**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article III, Section 3.07(3), concerning the duties of the Zoning and Building Standards Board of Appeals.

The Zoning & Building Standards Board hears appeals from property owners who disagree with decisions made by City building and zoning staff, and may grant variances from zoning regulations.

The proposed Charter amendment is designed to be a more straightforward description of the duties of the Zoning & Building Standards Board of Appeals. No changes to the Board's duties are recommended.

### **Issue 11 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Zoning and Building Standards Board Membership**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article III, Section 3.07(3), concerning the non-voting members to serve on the Zoning and Building Standards Board of Appeals.

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of five qualified citizens of North Canton, appointed by the Mayor. The Director of Administration and a member of Council, selected by Council, have served as non-voting advisory members of the Board and have been required by the Charter to attend all meetings.

This amendment expands from two to four the number of non-voting members on the Zoning & Building Standards Board, and drops the requirement that these non-voting members attend all meetings. In addition to the Director of Administration and a Council member, the new non-voting members would include the City Engineer and Director of Permits if this amendment is approved. This amendment was proposed by the Charter Commission before being placed on the ballot by Council.

### **Issue 12 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Tax Budget Language**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article IV, Section 4.03, concerning deletion of language related to the tax budget.

This amendment would update North Canton's Charter to comply with Ohio's Revised Code, clarifying that the City's accounting year is the Calendar Year (Jan 1-Dec 31) and that the City's budget shall reflect income and expenditures of that same timeframe. It removes the June

15th deadline for the Mayor to submit a proposed budget to Council for the following year, and it removes the specification that Council adopt and submit a tax budget to the County Budget Commission. This amendment was proposed by the Charter Commission before being placed on the ballot by Council.

### **Issue 13 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Charter Review Commission Recommendations**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article VI, Section 6.04, concerning a requirement that the Charter Review Commission have a majority vote of members to make a recommendation to Council.

North Canton's Charter requires establishment of a 15-member Charter Review Commission every 10 years, whose members are appointed by Council. This proposed amendment would require that any recommendations for Charter Amendments be approved by majority vote of the entire Commission, not just a majority of members present when a vote is taken. Currently the Charter does not specify that recommendations to Council must be supported by a majority vote of the entire Commission. Unlike other proposed amendments to the Charter, this amendment was proposed by City Council.

### **Issue 14 – City of North Canton Charter Amendment: Appointment of Charter Commission Leaders**

Charter Amendment, amendment of Article VI, Section 6.04, concerning the appointment by the Charter Review Commission of a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary.

This proposed amendment to North Canton's City Charter specifies that the 15-member Charter Review Commission appointed every 10 years elect from among its appointed members a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. This amendment was proposed by the Charter Commission to reflect historical operating practices.

### **Issue 16 – North Canton Local Option: Pav's Creamery**

Sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor for The Creamery In North Canton LLC, dba Pav's Creamery, 708 South Main St, North Canton OH 44720.

North Canton voters in Ward 3, Precinct A are being asked to approve the sale of beer, wine, and mixed beverages by Pav's Creamery, 708 S Main St.

### **Issue 17 – North Canton Local Option: Sunday Sales by Pav's Creamery**

Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor for The Creamery In North Canton LLC, dba Pav's Creamery, 708 South Main St, North Canton OH 44720.

North Canton voters in Ward 3, Precinct A also are being asked to approve the Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages by Pav's Creamery, 708 S Main St.

## NORTH CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE

### **Issue 44 – North Canton City School District Bond Issue and Income Tax**

Bond issue, \$55,000,000, 3.99 mills, maximum of 34 years, and Income tax, 0.75%, current operating expenses and general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time, both commencing in 2018.

The North Canton Board of Education has placed on the ballot an earned-income tax of .75% (three-quarters of one percent) combined with a 3.99-mill property tax levy. The two types of taxes will be voted on together, not separately. Their adoption would fund renovation of the 21-year-old Hoover High School and building of a new Middle School and two new elementary schools, reducing the number of school buildings from six to four.

The income tax will generate about \$5.87 million per year for operating expenses as well as general improvements. The school district will issue bonds for \$55 million for improving the high school and building three new schools. The State of Ohio will contribute \$34 million (or 37%) of the expected \$74.4 million price tag of the proposed Master Plan improvements. For a resident who earns \$30,000 per year, the resulting earned-income tax increase would be \$225 per year.

The property tax would pay the debt charges and potential securities on the bonds. For a homeowner with a \$100,000 house, the increase in property taxes would be \$140 per year. A previously adopted 2.5-mill property tax will expire in 2019.

Those opposed to the tax issue say

1. The earned-income tax will be permanent.
2. The increase in taxes is too expensive for residents.

3. If the issue is approved, North Canton will have one of the highest income tax rates (2.25%) in Stark County.

Those in favor of the tax issue say

1. Residents should have an opportunity to vote following numerous public meetings discussing district needs and development of a Master Plan.
2. The earned income tax will not burden older residents because it won't apply to social security income, other pensions, annuities, interest, dividends, capital gains, or rental income.

Without approval of the levy, there will have to be a \$300,000 budget reduction in 2017-2018 and another \$1.25 million reduction in staff in the summer of 2018.

## NORTH CANTON CITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 3    **Term:** 4 years    **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing North Canton City School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### **Bruce R. Hunt**

2484 Clydesdale St NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 52

**Education:** B.A. Mount Union College; M.A. Kent State University

**Occupation:** Director of Sales, Ball Corporation

**Qualifications:** After college, I spent 5 years as a teacher and coach, and for the past 24 years, I've worked in the business world. These experiences have given me a unique perspective. I've also served on the NCCS BOE since 2014, the past two years as President.

**Answer:** The good news for our district is that the governor's new biennium budget holds our state funding flat the next two years. The bad news is that expenses continue to rise. So the biggest challenge is always going to be how you allocate those available resources. Working with the superintendent, I believe a fiscally responsible BOE and district continually evaluate programming, personnel, and expenditures to ensure they are getting the biggest return on their investments.

### **Robert P. Roden**

9397 Huntshire Ave NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 72

**Education:** Ed.D and MA University of Akron; BA Walsh University.

**Occupation:** Retired Educator: Teacher, Principal (elementary/middle school). Superintendent—North Canton City Schools. Associate Superintendent—Canton City Schools and Stark County ESC.

**Qualifications:** 50 years in education. Worked with Boards of Education in North Canton and numerous other districts in Stark County.

**Answer:** Adequate funding and facility management are persistent concerns. The community developed plan before the voters in November conscientiously addresses both of these issues. The district's major challenge is the need for qualified board members who care about children, have no vested interest and whose goal is to simply serve. I understand the board member's role of listening to community members and working with the administration/staff to provide optimal resources for the learning community.

### **Jessica Stroia**

638 Portage St NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 27

**Education:** Hoover High School; Malone University, Organizational Management.

**Occupation:** Administrative Assistant for 415 Group, accounting group

**Qualifications:** I am an effective communicator that will improve the School Board's communication with the community by making the Board of Education more transparent to the community. In North Canton I served as the Secretary of the Charter Review Commission, and am a member of the Zoning and Building Board of Appeals.

**Answer:** NCCS main issue is transparency and communication with the community about the Facility Master Plan, and Issue #44. I would address these issues by improving the transparency and communication with the community and building public initiative to become more active in issues relating to the schools. This can be done by bridging the gap between the School Administration and the City Administration to ensure citizens and the children attending NCCS are the main focus.

### **Andrea Ziarko**

1090 Wedgefield Ct, North Canton 44720

**Age:** 41

**Education:** Hoover High School (1994); BS Accounting, Indiana University (1998); JD, The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law (2001)

**Occupation:** Attorney—Baker, Dublika, Beck, Wiley & Mathews (2001-present)

**Qualifications:** Over 16 years of legal service in the community. Mem-

ber of several local boards and committees. Three children attending North Canton City Schools.

**Answer:** The main issue facing the Board is collaboration with community members and leaders to ensure the district maintains its excellent rating. Our community's strength depends upon the continued improvement of our schools. North Canton has in place superior teachers, staff and administration, and to remain competitive, and most importantly provide excellent educational services to our children it is imperative for the Board to provide the best learning environment and facilities without interest in personal agendas.

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Elect:** 2    **Term:** 4 years    **Salary:** \$22,676  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you believe is the key environmental issue impacting Jackson Township, and how will you address it as a trustee?

### **Todd J. Hawke**

9318 Paulding St NW, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 42

**Education:** BA, Major Economics Management & Minor Sociology from Ohio Wesleyan University

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor

**Qualifications:** Currently hold the position - since April 2012, Business Acumen, Education, Community Involvement, Work Ethic.

**Answer:** While most environmental issues are addressed at the State and Federal levels, we work hard locally to keep those regulations and initiatives in focus. Recycling is one such initiative, and I will continue to work diligently with the Jackson Township Recycling Station Board to keep the Township striving to be a leader in materials recycled and services to our residents.

### **John E. Pizzino**

6117 Old Church Ave NW, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 64

**Education:** Graduated from Jackson High School

**Occupation:** Local Business Owner for over 40 years

**Qualifications:** Over the years, I have gained experience as a business owner by working with budgets, personal, and customer relation. Also, I have been your Jackson Township Trustee for four terms.

**Answer:** The key environmental issue is the amount of residents that have well water. With all the contamination that we hear about in other areas, we need to prevent these issues from occurring in our Township. As your Trustee, I will continue to work with local water companies to assure that all residents are provided with clean water. The Township can pay upfront for extending water into unserved neighborhoods, then receive reimbursement when necessary. Bringing water into these neighborhoods allows fire hydrants to be installed, which allows our fire department to better serve the community.

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP ISSUES

### **Issue 22 – Jackson Township Local Option:**

#### **Marc's Belden Village**

Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages for Marc Glassman Inc., dba Marc's Belden Village, 4825 Dressler Rd NW, Canton OH 44718.

Voters in Precinct 3 are being asked to approve the Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages by Marc's in Belden Village 4825 Dressler Road NW, Canton Ohio 44718.

### **Issue 23 – Jackson Township Local Option:**

#### **Fresh Thyme Farmers Market**

Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages for Lakes Venture LLC, dba Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, 5509 Dressler Rd NW, North Canton OH 44720.

Voters in Precinct 3 are also being asked to approve the Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages at the new Fresh Thyme Market at 5509 Dressler Road NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720

### **Issue 38 – Jackson Township Zoning Referendum:**

#### **Tam O'Shanter Property**

Referendum of Zoning Amendment No. 630-17.

*(This issue is awaiting a ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court, which may withdraw it from the ballot. Watch local media for updates regarding the status of Issue 38.)*

Jackson Township residents, including the owner of Carriage Hill Apartments, collected signatures to put this issue on the ballot after the Jackson Township Trustees approved a zoning change for 62 acres of the Tam O'Shanter golf course.



The golf course owners (Tam O'Shanter Co.) asked that 62 acres at the corner of Fulton Drive and Everhard Road be rezoned for business. The company plans to sell 205 remaining acres to the Stark County Park District and donate 20 acres to Jackson Township for athletic fields. According to the jacksontownship.org website, the approved B3 commercial zoning would allow for a variety of retail, service and administrative businesses. "This district also includes activities which because of their nature, such as their tendency to encourage traffic congestion and parking problems, storage problems, or certain other inherent dangers, create special problems and are, therefore, best distinguished from other commercial activity."

The golf course is expected to close in two years. Without voter approval of the recently approved business zoning, the 62 acres would revert back to rural residential zoning. Owners could redevelop the land with approximately 300 single family homes or ask Trustees for an alternative change in zoning.

In March 2016 Jackson Township voters rejected a previous Tam O'Shanter Co. proposal to rezone 40 acres at the SE corner of Hills & Dales Dr and Brunnerdale Ave NW for apartments.

A YES vote maintains the business zoning. A NO vote will reinstate the residential zoning.

Those opposed to the business zoning say that:

1. The rezoning will cause increased traffic, noise, light pollution and litter at the corner of Fulton Dr and Everhard Road.
2. The township already has a surplus of business property and doesn't need more.
3. If the Stark County Park District cannot raise the money to buy the entire 205 acres, golf course owners could create a residential development or ask for another zone change.

Those supporting the business zoning say that:

1. Development of 22% of the 287-acre property will allow for public use of the remaining acreage.
2. Commercial traffic would be no more burdensome than that of 300 single family homes.
3. Property owners should have the right to develop their land for maximum economic benefit, as long as they follow accepted community zoning requirements.

## JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS – MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Jackson Local School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

**Katrina M. Barton** *Candidate did not respond.*

**Clayton S. Conaway**  
9521 Rivercrest St NW, Massillon OH 44647

**Age:** 19  
**Education:** Currently a sophomore at the University of Akron.

**Occupation:** Manager of a small online business.

**Qualifications:** Currently pursuing a degree in education, political activist and 2016 graduate of Jackson High School. I'm very familiar with Jackson Local Schools; I look forward to working with parents, students, and staff.

**Answer:** The main issue facing Jackson Local Schools is a lack of communication between the Board of Education and the people of Jackson Township. If elected, I will work with parents and students to establish better communication. With this, we can better address concerns that parents and students may have. In terms of declining revenue, my campaign expresses the importance of fiscal responsibility. I will work with fellow board members to address fiscal needs.

**Kenneth J. Douglas**  
8018 Cheryl Lane NW, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 57  
**Education:** University of Mount Union, BA in accounting. Ohio CPA  
**Occupation:** Audit Partner at CliftonLarsonAllen (formerly Bruner Cox)

**Qualifications:** Current School Board member at Jackson since 2005. Serves on several local not for profit community boards. Jackson resident, 30 years.

**Answer:** Providing the best 21st century education for our children, while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers is always our main issue. With almost 6,000 children to educate on a daily basis, we are entrusted to keep them safe and deal with the ever changing federal/state funding and education rules. There will always be financial issues in Ohio public education. That is why we need experienced board members with a financial background to deal with those issues and propose successful options for our Community. In Jackson, people value education, are very proud of our schools, and rightfully demand excellence and continued success from all involved, including our School Board.

**Lynne S. Kulich**  
5743 East Blvd, Canton OH 44718

**Age:** 47

**Education:** PhD in Curriculum and Instruction; Superintendent Licensure

**Occupation:** Account Executive with NWEA

**Qualifications:** Former Director of Curriculum, Jackson Teacher and University Professor, Jackson Parent

**Answer:** The main issue facing our school district is meeting the diverse social, emotional, physical and academic needs of all students given our growing population and current revenues. Whether a student is identified as gifted and talented, an English Language Learner or has special needs detailed in an IEP or 504 plan, we have a legal and moral obligation to provide that student with all necessary supports to foster growth and achievement.

**Thomas W. Winkhart** *Candidate did not respond.*

## NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP

### NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Elect:** 2 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$12,478  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you believe is the key environmental issue impacting Nimishillen Township, and how will you address it as a trustee?

**George Kiko**  
5440 Eshelman Ave, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 44

**Education:** BS in Real Estate & Urban Analysis at The Ohio State University, College of Business.

**Occupation:** Auctioneer – Realtor

**Qualifications:** 14 year Nimishillen Twp resident. Business owner. Finance Chairman, Board of Directors, Kiko Auctioneers.

**Answer:** Past & current property flooding in the township & Louisville community. Work with city, township & county officials to resolve these problems and create plans for funding.

**Jennifer Leone**  
10661 Kilmarnock Rd NE, Alliance OH 44601

**Age:** 48

**Education:** 1987 High School Graduate, Stark State College - Ohio Real Estate License

**Occupation:** Co-Owner, Ink Incorporated, 1992–current. Realtor, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services 2013–current.

**Qualifications:** Business owner for over 25 years has gained me a strong and unique skill set. Management, Communications, Operations. Result driven, hard working and enjoy working with people. Additionally, my career as Realtor brings valuable experience dealing with residents and issues they encounter through the process.

**Answer:** Flooding, drainage and water run-off. I will address it by prioritizing our ditching problems and improve our drainage infrastructure. I will allocate more funds to correct them as well as seek additional funding from State and Federal through increased grant writing by the Township.

**Dean A. Ross**  
5572 Oakridge Dr, Louisville OH 44641

**Age:** 55

**Education:** Wayne High School and Indiana University - Purdue

**Occupation:** Owner of Event Lighting and Design

**Qualifications:** As a small business owner, I listen to customers, ensure event satisfaction, and manage budgets. These skills will translate into listening to township concerns, following through with decisions, and helping other trustees be fiscally responsible.

**Answer:** I asked residents about their environmental concerns. The first concern is fixing pot holes in the roads. Second is the flooding of ditches and waterways during heavy rains. Third is the improper dumping of trash and tires. Possible solutions are signage, passage of ordinances, proper allocation of taxes and follow-up. Our fire and EMS should also have the proper gear and resources they need and request so they can take care of our residents.

Residents of **Nimishillen Township** will also be voting on Issue 41–Louisville City School District levy (see page 5) and for Members of the Louisville City Schools Board of Education (see page 5-6).

# PERRY TOWNSHIP

## PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Elect:** 2 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$22,676  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you believe is the key environmental issue impacting Perry Township, and how will you address it as a trustee?

### Craig E. Chessler

1117 Rolena Circle NW, Canton OH 44708

**Age:** 59

**Education:** Perry High Class of 1976; U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Otterbein College, Bachelors degree; Akron Law School, JD

**Occupation:** Perry Trustee; Attorney; Assistant Law Director, Canton

**Qualifications:** Seven terms on-the-job experience

**Answer:** Perry's most significant environmental issue has been dealing with storm water and flooding. Over the past three decades, we have undertaken several major drainage projects and work daily on isolated problem areas. We will continue these efforts, partnering with the county & private entities to alleviate flooding & improve the environment.

### Douglas M. Haines

3641 Bunker Hill St NW, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 49

**Education:** Fairless High School; Stark State College, Associate in Business Management.

**Occupation:** Transportation Director, Louisville City Schools

**Qualifications:** Perry Township Trustee, Graduate of Leadership Stark County, Past St. Joseph's Federal Credit Union Board Member, Past President Perry Township Youth Soccer.

**Answer:** I feel the key environmental issue impacting Perry Township is correcting the drainage infrastructure. I have worked with the County Engineer to address and correct issues in the township. We have taken on joint projects in allotments to move water out of the neighborhoods more effectively and efficiently. We have also partnered with the state to get OPWC grants/loans to help improve the infrastructure in the township. Collaborating with local, county, and state governments, we can combine resources to achieve the goals for the residents of Perry Twp.

## PERRY LOCAL SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Perry Local School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### Doug Brown

*Unopposed, no response*

### Betsy Elum

*Unopposed, no response*

### David J. Ramos

*Unopposed, no response*

# PLAIN TOWNSHIP

## PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

**Elect:** 2 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$22,676  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you believe is the key environmental issue impacting Plain Township, and how will you address it as a trustee?

### Brook Harless

7408 Ivydale Ave NW, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 41

**Education:** Bachelor's: English, History: UMHB, Associate's: CTC, Stark Cty Citizen Police Academy, Stark Cty Govt Leadership & Signature Programs, Grassroots Leadership Academy

**Occupation:** Retired Army

**Qualifications:** On Board of Directors for: Red Cross, SAM Center & American Legion 44, WIN Co-facilitator, CVA Team Leader, NCC, Plain Twp. Rotary and more: see my website.

**Answer:** I believe several environmental issues are currently impacting us such as the potential building of an apt complex over wetlands, home sewage, drainage and storm sewer issues. Being diverse regarding developmental areas, I would focus on implementing a plan to meet the needs of the present land without compromising sustainability to solve these significant concerns. The environmental protection of township parks is concerning which is why I will be donating half my pay if elected.

### Scott M. Haws

2940 Cloverhurst St NE, Canton OH 44721

**Age:** 40

**Education:** Masters of Business Administration – Walsh University; Bachelors Business Finance – Kent State; FBI Citizens Academy & Leadership Stark County Graduate.

**Occupation:** Board of Trustees, President & Director of Operations

**Qualifications:** Delivered balanced budget annually; Overseen unparalleled economic re-development in Plain Twp history; Increased Fire/EMS/Police staffing; Overseen infrastructure/roadway projects in excess of \$50 million

**Answer:** Storm water run-off represents the single greatest environmental issue for Plain Township due to the property destruction it creates. As Trustee, I have worked to successfully secure over \$200,000 in CDBG grants to replace culverts and storm sewers, to contributing to a collaborative multi-party Stark County Engineer led solution that monitors key water ways such as the Zimber Ditch, as well as actively promoting education programs to our residents on storm water management.

### John L. Juergensen

*Candidate did not respond.*

### Anthony Rich

5666 Beverly Ave NE, Canton OH 44721

**Age:** 33

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Management from Walsh University. Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

**Occupation:** Assistant Stark County Prosecuting Attorney.

**Qualifications:** I'm a lifetime area resident who's been serving Plain Township as a prosecutor for the past 10 years.

**Answer:** Zoning changes for business developments and the Hall of Fame Village. This is certainly an exciting time for our community and as a Trustee, I will aim to promote business and tourism growth without sacrificing the natural, environmental landscape of our Township.

### John A. Sabo

1220 Spangler Rd NE, Canton OH 44714

**Age:** 66

**Education:** Glenwood High School

**Occupation:** Plain Township Trustee

**Qualifications:** As a former Plain Township fire chief and current trustee, I am knowledgeable regarding our critical safety services, and will continue to fight to ensure our police, road, and fire departments have the best possible equipment, manpower, and training at the lowest possible cost.

**Answer:** At the local level, a Plain Township Trustee needs to be cognizant of those environmental concerns specific to local government. As a trustee, I work to create responsible development which mitigates the problems associated with storm water runoff, and balances residential interests with business growth. I work with county government to ensure proper sanitary sewer disposal, and I continue to advocate for a strong system of parks and recreation to keep greenspace in the township.

## PLAIN TOWNSHIP ISSUES

### **Issue 30 – Plain Township Local Option:** **Paw Paw Country Mart**

Sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages for Paw Paws Top Shelf Enterprises LLC dba Paw Paw Country Mart, 4235 Middlebranch Ave NE, Canton OH 44705.

Voters in Plain Township, Precinct 27, are being asked to approve the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages by PawPaw Country Mart at 4235 Middlebranch Ave NE, Canton.

### **Issue 31 – Plain Township Local Option: The Barrel Room**

Sale of spirituous liquor for Keri Sullivan/Sullys4Boys LLC dbaThe Barrel Room, 7901 Cleveland Ave NW, North Canton OH.

Voters in Plain Township, Precinct 24, are being asked to approve the sale of spirituous liquor by The Barrel Room at 7901 Cleveland Ave NW, North Canton.

## PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** What do you consider the main issue(s) facing Plain Local School Board and how would you address it (them), especially in a time of declining revenues?

### Kristen Donohue Guardado

4600 Beverly Avenue NE, Canton OH 44714

**Age:** 46

**Education:** Juris Doctorate - The University of Akron, School of Law; BSBA - Finance - The University of Akron; Diploma - McKinley Senior



High School

**Occupation:** Attorney - Senior Trial Counsel/DV Prosecutor - Canton City Prosecutor's Office; Also have a Private Practice

**Qualifications:** 16 years on the Plain Local Board of Education, training and education as an Attorney as well as numerous community boards and community involvement

**Answer:** Revenue has always been a challenge for schools, especially since it is always changing at the state and federal level as they continue to expand voucher dollars. In Plain Local, we'll continue to push forward providing students with an excellent education and continue to provide more opportunities for students. We will continue to outperform voucher programs. We will continue to increase our community partners and look for additional revenue sources to provide the best learning environment possible as we have done in the past. Including expanding opportunities for students to gain college credits prior to graduating high school.

### **John W. Halkias**

1561 Whittingham SE, North Canton OH 44720

**Age:** 57

**Education:** B.A. University of Akron, 1983; J.D. University of Akron School of Law, 1987

**Occupation:** Administrator, UFCW Local 880 Union, Employer Benefit Funds

**Qualifications:** Board member since November 1999; recently nominated to be President-Elect of Ohio School Boards Association.

**Answer:** The main issue facing Plain Local Schools is the funding of public education in Ohio with the constant erosion to charter schools and private schools through vouchers. We address this by being the best we can be at educating our students, and by in turn educating our legislators that make these funding decisions.

### **Ambrose S. Perduk, Jr.**

1013 Stone Crossing St NE, Canton OH 44721

**Age:** 56

**Education:** Undergraduate studies at University of Akron, graduate studies at Logan College of Chiropractic

**Occupation:** Chiropractic Physician

**Qualifications:** Past President, Rotary Club of Dover; North Central Academy of Chiropractic; Stonehedge Homeowners Association; Owner, private practice 31 years

**Answer:** By the Board setting the policies for the District, allowing the Superintendent to lead the district, our goal is to continue to demonstrate that Plain Local is parents' 1st choice for education. This will allow State funds to stay within our district and not be diverted toward ineffective charter schools.

### **Dan Wales**

3740 Kaiser Avenue, Canton OH 44705

**Age:** 47

**Education:** '89 Graduate of East Stroudsburch High School South

**Occupation:** Machine Operator/Carpenter at E.B. Display Company

**Qualifications:** Father of Plain Local Student, tax payer and concerned citizen

**Answer:** Commitment - the major issue facing Plain. Some of our current board aren't fully committed to the staff, students and tax payers. Instead of running for office or state positions, let's focus on positively impacting students. Declining revenues effect us. We have to make necessary cuts. You deserve board members willing to make those decisions. I'm a Dad, hard-worker, don't have a big education or high paying job. I know kids. Yours deserve quality education.

## **STARK COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER**

*The Stark County ESC currently provides shared services to numerous school districts across a five county area. These services include special education and pre-school classes, psychologists and other related service providers, curriculum development and supervision, and professional development.*

### **STARK COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Elect:** 3 **Term:** 4 years **Salary:** \$125 per meeting  
Office is non-partisan

**QUESTION:** Stark County school districts are supported by a range of SCESC services. What additional services might better be centralized at the SCESC?

### **Jim Holmes**

1520 Dunbarton Ave NW, Canton OH 44708

**Age:** 67

**Education:** Graduate of Niles McKinley High School and The Ohio State University

**Occupation:** Registered clinical microbiologist, Aultman Health Foundation

**Qualifications:** 8 years as Governing Board Member, SCESC (Past President and Vice-President of SCESC); Perry Township Trustee (7 elected terms), 1980-2008

**Answer:** I am a strong believer in centralization when funding is no longer plentiful in the local school districts. Currently the most beneficial centralized services with city and local districts involve the cooperative pooling of resources, such as purchasing health insurance, housing of the mainframe computer for all of the districts, assisting with contract negotiations, providing legal services including background checks and certifications on all employees of the districts, and setting the bar to meet the highest standard of educating our children. We need to encourage additional services that may be better centralized by expanding cooperative purchasing, sharing administrative services such as superintendents and treasurers, and sharing teachers (highly specialized) and transportation services and mechanics. We stretch our dollars and save millions!

### **Fran Miller**

5532 Island Dr NW, Canton OH 44718

**Age:** 62

**Education:** Dental School, Case Western Reserve; BS in Special Education, Kent State University

**Occupation:** Dentist

**Qualifications:** Personal: (1) Mother of 4 children educated in public schools; one a special education student and one an ESL student (2) 12 years plus member of various PTO's (3) Co-chaired a successful levy campaign for Plain Local Schools. Professional: I have daily exposure to students (typical and special), educators, professionals and employers which keeps me current on issues driving the educational needs and desires in Stark County.

**Answer:** I would like to see the SCESC quarterback "meetings of the minds" with the Stark County School Districts and the Professionals in the private sector. The pertinent issues to be addressed would be: (1) The opioid crisis which is contributing to student neglect and abuse (2) Seminars for parents and educators to address how to manage social media in the classroom and in the homes (3) The ever so important discussion of Inclusion and Tolerance!! I believe Professionals in the private sector would WELCOME this avenue to be able to share their expertise and advice.

### **Barbara Morgan**

8757 Ontario St NW, Massillon OH 44646

**Age:** 76

**Education:**

**Occupation:** Retired Teacher

**Qualifications:** I hold a degree in education. I taught for twenty eight years in Stark County secondary schools. I have taught adult education classes. Over the years, I have worked for various districts in the treasurer's office. I served on a state curriculum committee for business education. During the last twenty years, I was fortunate enough to have a front row seat into the operation and programs of the ESC during my husband's tenure as ESC superintendent. This will allow me to "hit the ground running" as an ESC board member.

**Answer:** There is a pilot program at the ESC that I would like to see expanded to all the districts. Instead of each district recruiting, training and employing their own substitute teachers, the ESC is taking over all those responsibilities. This would allow the districts to focus on education rather than administrative tasks. Another area that would save tax payer dollars is the coordination of school district transportation services.

### **Richard Wingerter**

6969 Stonecreek Ave NE, Canton OH 44721

**Age:** 85

**Education:** BS Elementary Education Kent State; MEd Social Science Kent State

**Occupation:** Retired Elementary Public School Teacher in Stark County 23 years

**Qualifications:** Elected in 1993 and Re-Elected in 1997; 2001; 2005; 2009; 2013 to the Governing Board of Stark County Educational Service Center (Formerly the Stark County Board of Education)

**Answer:** All services are mandated by the State. The ESC provides expertise and assistance to increase proficiency test scores in all districts. The ESC assist districts in improving instruction in reading, math, science, technology and social sciences. All these services are beneficial to area city and local districts. No new services are needed. We are coordinating to all 18 school districts areas of business operations, teacher training, legal services, preschool programs, and technology which save tax dollars.

## WHAT IS A TAX LEVY MILL?

One mill = an annual tax of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Assessed property value = 35% of appraised property value, as determined by the county auditor.

Every six years the auditor appraises all property at 100% of its market value and makes an interim update on the third year after each reappraisal. The auditor sets your "assessed value" as 35% of that appraised market value.

### Example:

For property with an appraised market value of \$100,000, one mill equals \$35 in annual taxes:

Appraised value:	\$100,000
X 0.35 = Assessed value:	\$35,000
x \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value = annual tax:	\$35

But that annual tax liability is reduced by 10% for residential or agricultural property, and by an additional 2.5% for owner-occupied residential property. Continuing from the example above, these reductions are:

Residential/agricultural property reduced by 10%	$\$35 \times 0.90 = \$31.50$
Owner-occupied residential property reduced by 12.5%	$\$35 \times 0.875 = \$30.63$

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North Canton OH 44709

## MARION MILLS MEMORIAL

Marion Mills (1927-2017) became a Lifetime Member of the League of Women Voters after 50 years of active membership in the Canton Area League. As a League Observer of Canton City Council, she took a special interest in zoning laws, eventually serving on Canton's Zoning Board Planning Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals. In the 1970s, she chaired both a panel to study, evaluate and update Canton Zoning Laws, as well as a task force to study sewer rates. She was especially troubled by city plans to re-zone the park at 25th St and Cleveland Ave NW as commercial. Through her diligent efforts, that space remains a public park today.

Upon her death in March 2017, Marion's family requested gifts in her memory be made to the League of Women Voters of the Canton Area. LWVCA has decided that this special memorial fund will be dedicated in support of a newly established *LWVCA Speaker Series*, programs in line with LWV's mission:

*"to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy."*

LWVCA will thus preserve and honor the memory of Marion Mills.

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