

## Understanding the Property Tax Levy for Repairs of Riverside Streets and Roads

The Riverside City Council voted to place an 8-mill property tax levy on the November 6th ballot to address repairs of residential streets and major thoroughfares.

The money will be used for urgently needed repaving of neighborhood streets.

The 2018 tax levy will generate approximately \$1.9 million per year and used exclusively for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges.

### **The Facts** *\$75 million is the estimated cost for city-wide road repairs.*

- A 2017 engineer's report estimated \$40 million needed for residential street repairs and a 2015 report estimated \$35 million required for the major thoroughfares.
- Current Riverside revenues are not sufficient to meet the increasing costs for repairs on the deteriorating streets and roads without additional tax revenue.
- The failed 2013 income tax levy did include funding for road repairs and maintenance.
- Matching grant money is available and has been used successfully for major thoroughfare projects which are planned 5-6 years in advanced. These grants will continue to be used for eligible road projects.
- Grant money is not available for neighborhood street projects.



### **Learn More** *Find out more about the property tax levy.*

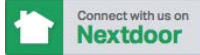
- Riverside Website- [www.riversideoh.gov](http://www.riversideoh.gov).
- Contact the City Manager- 937-233-1801 or [mcarpenter@riversideoh.gov](mailto:mcarpenter@riversideoh.gov).
- Attend a Community Discussion- Road Tax Levy and General Community Q & A.
- Talk with a Council Member- (Contact information on back page of newsletter).

### **Community Discussion** *Join the discussion on the tax levy and general community Q & A.*

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| • <b>Date/Time:</b> September 13, 6-8 pm        | October 9, 6-8 pm       | October 25, 6-8 pm          |
| • <b>Location:</b> Spinning Hills Middle School | City Council Chambers   | Brantwood Elementary School |
| • <b>Address:</b> 5001 Eastman Avenue           | 5200 Springfield Street | 4350 Schwinn Drive          |

(Call for additional information; 937-233-1801. Coffee and bottled water will be provided)

**Safe Social Neighborhood Network**



Connect with Riverside and 2,000 residents

using **Nextdoor**, all working together to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

- 📌 Get the word out about a break-in.
- 📌 Track down a trustworthy babysitter.
- 📌 Ask for help finding a lost pet.

<https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/en/portal/articles/805001>

**Resident's Concerns**



**Property Maintenance**

The collective efforts of Homeowners to follow the City code regulations impacts the appeal of our neighborhoods.

**Work permits** are required for property upgrades prior to construction: fences, driveways, decks, sheds.

**Tall Grass:** Grass must be cut below a height of **EIGHT** inches. **Please** do not blow grass into the street which blocks sewers.

**Trees:** Residents are responsible for trimming limbs near streets, assisting safe travel for school buses and utility trucks.

**Republic Services:** 800-543-1339 for bulk trash. Furniture must be wrapped in plastic.

Please report a violation or vacant house  
937-233-1801 or [rgibbs@riversideoh.gov](mailto:rgibbs@riversideoh.gov)



**PLEASE RECYCLE**  
Recycling Simplified

<https://recyclingsimplified.com/>

**Do Recycle**

- Glass
- Plastic
- Cardboard
- Junk Mail
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Aluminum Cans
- (Rinse and remove labels)



**Do Not Recycle**

- Styrofoam
- Paint Cans
- Steel Scrap
- Facial Tissue
- Coat Hangers
- Oil Containers
- Plastic bags
- Wrapping Paper



For questions or cart order:  
[riverside@republicservices.com](mailto:riverside@republicservices.com)  
800-543-1330



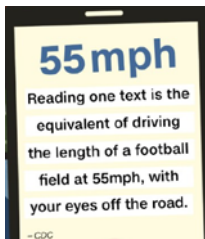
**City Ordinance Review**

**Pedestrians, Bicycles & Motorcycles**

Safety is Priority! Find safety information in the City Ordinances for pedestrians and driver's responsibility when walking or bike riding around Riverside.

- [371.01](#) Right of way in crosswalk.
- [371.02](#) Right of way of blind person.
- [371.03](#) Crossing roadway outside crosswalk; diagonal crossings at intersections.
- [371.04](#) Moving upon right half of crosswalk.
- [371.05](#) Walking along highways.

Visit the Website for all City Charter, Ordinances and Codes;  
[www.riversideoh.gov](http://www.riversideoh.gov)



**Head Up, Phone Down!**

Distracted walking incidents are on the rise.

The Governors Highway Safety Association reports there were nearly 6,000 pedestrian fatalities in 2017 from walking and looking

down at a phone. We are losing focus on our surroundings and putting our safety—and the safety of others—at risk. Texting can wait! **Stay Alert, Stay Safe!** Texting and driving is common but is illegal in Ohio.

Learn more about texting and driving at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4511.204>.

**Mayor of Riverside Elected President Of the Mayors Association of Ohio**

William Flaute, 'Mayor Bill', is recognized for his leadership and experience with municipal issues, including his role as a City Council member assisting in the merger of the Village of Riverside and Mad River Township into the City of Riverside.

Experience as Mayor and relationships with multiple local economic development entities will serve to support the mayors of 937 municipalities throughout Ohio, working together to improve the administration of Municipal government and the general welfare of cities and villages. Mayor Flaute brings to his new position a solid background facing tough issues, including guns in schools, public records, Ohio's medical marijuana law, funding programs, ethics, and supporting community well-being. Congratulations Mayor Bill!



**Ways to VOICE what kind of city YOU want to live in!**

**VOTE** in elections. Keep updated on upcoming ballot issues; join our email list.

**VOICE** concerns. Attend a City Council meeting, email or call your elected council members.

**VOLUNTEER.** Share your expertise in city programs and help grow our community.



**3 ways ways to register to VOTE:**

1. Online
2. In Person
3. Mail in registration

Montgomery County Board of Elections

<http://www.mcboe.org/>



Watch for the Riverside Voter Toolkit



Registration Requirements  
Ballot Issues  
Polling Locations  
Voting Hours  
Election Day Volunteer  
Absentee Voting

**Riverside Zoning Map**

**Coming Soon!**



A Zoning Portal on the Riverside Website

- \* Submit and review permit applications.
- \* Check for violations
- \* Make online payments



Montgomery County **2018 Fall Job Fair**  
September 19  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wright State University- Nutter Center

**FREE to Job Seekers**

<https://www.thejobcenter.org/>



**PLEASE** watch for Runners and cyclists as we share our

roads for upcoming local special events.  
Air Force Marathon, Sept. 15, 7:00 am  
Tour De Gem, September 2, 7-4 pm

**Make Great Connections!**

Find the Riverside community organizations on the website.



Stay Connected with the City E-Newsletter

Join Our Email List

[riversideoh.gov](http://riversideoh.gov)

[facebook.com/riversideohio/](https://facebook.com/riversideohio/)

Text Riversideconnect to 22828



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



### Improvement Projects Road Repair-Airway-East

The City Council recognizes the hazardous conditions of Airway Road (East) and has approved the project to begin repairs. The engineer's initial estimate is \$550,000.00. Project bids are currently being accepted and completion is tentatively scheduled for November.

**City Property Repairs:** Damaged guard rails, fences, signs and park structures will be repaired through October.

**Please report city property damage**  
937-233-1801, #2

**Street Sweeper:** August-October.

Thank you for moving parked cars off the street when the sweeper is in your neighborhood.

**ADA Curb Ramp Replacement:** 30 curb ramps will be replaced and will meet ADA (American Disability Act) requirements. Locations: intersections of Tall Oaks Drive Arcadia Blvd. and Cosmo Court/Balsam Dr. Project should be completed late August.

**Thank you for making parking and commute adjustments around project locations.**



### Slow Down, Be Alert!

Know the school bus signal lights.

**Yellow flashing lights** indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

**Red flashing lights and extended stop arms** indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before driving again.



### The Riverside Police Department 'Keeping Our Community Safe'

The Dayton Daily news included an article on July 25, 2018, 'Riverside Police lost access to crime-fighting tool in cyber-attack,' The article cites the Department lost a tool to assist in crime fighting. The actual incident is a temporary inability to make a paper copy of past reports.

The Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) system was used for many years to store the Riverside Police Departments records. In June of last year (2017) we moved to a different system to record all of the data, however, the older files are still retained in the OHLEG system.

Presently, the department does not have access to older files as the State of Ohio was concerned about a cyber-attack perpetrated against the City. We are currently following the protocol outlined by the State of Ohio Attorney General to restore our account with OHLEG and outlining an alternative method of retrieving the older reports.

Existing Riverside Police Department cases already sent to the Prosecutor's office are still under review by said office and will not affect the older files currently inaccessible per the OHLEG.

The department's ability to obtain past reports in no way disrupts our performance or efficiency to serve and protect the Riverside community.

Chief Robinson, Riverside Police Department



### 'Providing the best service is our goal.'

Please take 3 minutes to complete the survey and help the Riverside Police deliver the best in public safety and protection.



**SurveyMonkey.com** (3 minutes to complete)  
Select: 'Riverside Police Community Survey'  
Your feedback is important! Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2RC8VM>



### The Riverside Fire Department's

Community Paramedicine Program, in partnership with

**Reach Out Montgomery County**, proved To be an essential resource during the power outage at the Overlook Homes Community on the June 30<sup>th</sup> heat wave.

Paula Bascom, firefighter/paramedic and community paramedic and Lt. Brett Wentzler, were honored with A Certification of Appreciation for their response and efforts to aid the citizens of Overlook Homes with cooling stations and water.



As part of the Community Paramedicine Program, the Fire Department offers monthly health-related sessions to local seniors in the Mad River Manor and River Cross Way Assisted Living.

Contact the **Reach Out Clinic** for information. 937-259-2000

[www.daytonreachout.org](http://www.daytonreachout.org)

Reach Out Video

<https://vimeo.com/101510936>



Riverside Fire Fighters will visit our elementary schools during **Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13th** and teach students fire safety.



### Historical Society Annual Ice Cream Social



September 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Airway Shopping Center  
**NEW: Cruise-In Car Show**



Saturday, September 15  
Noon-4:00 pm

**Airway Shopping Center**  
4924 Airway Road, Riverside  
Information: 937-773-1225

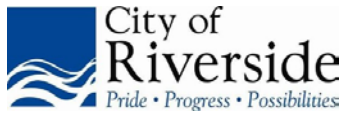
**Dash plaques to first 75 cars / No pre-registration**  
Trophies awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at 4:00 pm

**Entertainment All Day**  
Elvis Impersonator, Walt Sanders & The American Kings

**GetHelpNow-** Montgomery County A FREE and 'user friendly' app to locate addiction, mental health services and more. Share with family, friends and workplace. Find help now:

**Samaritan CrisisCare**

937-224-4646  Text "4hope" to 41741



5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100  
Riverside, OH 45431  
937-233-1801

**CITY COUNCIL CONNECTS**

**2019 Charter Review Commission:** The Charter of the City of Riverside, Section 13.04, states that every five years City Council shall appoint a Commission of nine electors of the municipality to review the existing Charter and make recommendations for revisions to City Council. The Charter was last reviewed in 2014.

The Charter Review Commission will work with the City’s Legal Counsel and the Clerk of Council to prepare and present report to City Council by the last meeting, May 2019. The Council will review and take action as the members deem warranted to cause amendments to be placed on the ballot in November 2019.

All Riverside residents registered to vote and would like to volunteer to assist with this important process, please visit the website or submit a letter of interest to: Clerk of Council, 5200 Springfield Street Riverside, 45431.

**Resident Volunteers Making a Difference:** Civic-minded citizens volunteer to serve on the City Boards & Commissions to support the Riverside community. Thank you and congratulations to the re-appointed and newly appointed residents.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Re-Appointed  
**Merrily Federle**  
**Kyle Winning**  
**Mark Tragesser**  
**Ruth Newhouse**

Newly Appointed  
**Ron Brohm**

**Current openings for Board positions:** Board of Zoning Appeals: Aug.-April 6, 2021 and Board of Tax Appeals: Aug.-April 18, 2021. Please complete application online or apply at 5200 Springfield Street.

**Health & Safety Commission**

Re-Appointed  
**John Schnieders**  
**Mary Kay Walters**

Newly Appointed  
**Adam Long** (fulfilling unexpired term)

**Board of Tax Appeals**

Re-Appointed  
**Chuck Evanhoe**

**Regular monthly City Council meetings** are open to the general public and held on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Monthly work sessions are open to the general public scheduled one hour prior to the City Council meetings at 6:00 p.m. City Council meetings, work sessions, Board and Commission meetings are held in Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100. Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 937-233-1801.

Find a calendar of City Council meetings, programs and events on the website: [www.riversideoh.gov](http://www.riversideoh.gov)

**Elected Officials**

William R. Flaute, Mayor, [bflaute@riversideoh.gov](mailto:bflaute@riversideoh.gov), 937-254-2377  
Sara Lommatzsch, Deputy Mayor, [slommatzsch@riversideoh.gov](mailto:slommatzsch@riversideoh.gov), 937-258-0065  
Beverly Campbell, [bcampbell@riversideoh.gov](mailto:bcampbell@riversideoh.gov), 937-838-0003  
Kenneth Curp, [kcurp@riversideoh.gov](mailto:kcurp@riversideoh.gov), 937-254-6694  
Michael Denning, [mdenning@riversideoh.gov](mailto:mdenning@riversideoh.gov), 937-304-4473  
Steven Fullenkamp, [scfullenkamp@riversideoh.gov](mailto:scfullenkamp@riversideoh.gov), 937-254-0077  
Brenda Fry, [bfry@riversideoh.gov](mailto:bfry@riversideoh.gov), 937-626-4505  
Clerk of Council, [mbrane@riversideoh.gov](mailto:mbrane@riversideoh.gov), 937-233-1801

**City Administrative Staff**

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Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager, [clohr@riversideoh.gov](mailto:clohr@riversideoh.gov)  
Tom Garrett, Finance Director, [tgarrett@riversideoh.gov](mailto:tgarrett@riversideoh.gov)  
Jay Keaton, Public Service, [jkeaton@riversideoh.gov](mailto:jkeaton@riversideoh.gov)  
Daniel Stitzel, Fire Chief, [dstitzel@riversideoh.gov](mailto:dstitzel@riversideoh.gov)  
Frank Robinson, Police Chief, [police@riversideoh.gov](mailto:police@riversideoh.gov)  
Bob Murray, Economic Development Director, [rmurray@riversideoh.gov](mailto:rmurray@riversideoh.gov)  
Brock Taylor, Planning & Program Management Director, [btaylor@riversideoh.gov](mailto:btaylor@riversideoh.gov)

**Important Numbers**

**Emergency (Fire and Police) .....911**  
Non-Emergency (Fire and Police).....937-233-2080  
City Administrative Staff.....937-233-1801  
Area Two Court (Huber Heights).....937-496-7231  
Republic Services: Bulk Waste and Pick-Up... 800-543-1339  
Water and Sewer.....937-781-2688  
DP&L (Electric).....937-331-3900  
(Report a Power Outage)..... 877-468-8243  
Montgomery County Animal Control.....937-898-4457  
Ohio Means Jobs.....937-255-5627  
Dayton RTA.....937-425-8300

