



SPECIAL EDITION GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

a MESSAGE from our Mayor

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ISSUE 20 PROPOSED RENEWAL (Not a new property tax)

Dear Reader,

It is my hope this message finds you well. This year has certainly been a challenging one for all of us. On November 3 we are all called to exercise one of our basic rights of citizenship: to cast our ballots for the next President of the United States. What an honor and privilege it is to vote!

On our own local level, one very important issue will be on our ballot (official ballot language):



Issue 20 – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) - A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Macedonia for the purpose of **current expenses** at a rate not exceeding 5.07 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 50.7 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

The City started out 2020 strong financially. The City was on track to experience growth before the onset of the pandemic in March. Now, financial projections are unclear. This year has been daunting because we are in a situation different than any other year experienced in the history of the City. It is almost impossible to predict what will be happening next month, let alone trying to predict the situation we will be in a year from now.

I write you today to inform how imperative it is to vote on November 3, whether it is in person or to vote as many of you may be doing by absentee ballot. One of the most important issues on the general election ballot for you to consider is Issue 20. Issue 20 is a proposed renewal of a property tax levy that was first passed in 1962, and has been renewed numerous times since then. The City of Macedonia has been operating on a budget that **has not increased its property tax since 1962**. The proposed levy has an effective rate of approximately 1.11 mills for most property owners. Issue 20 will not cost residents any additional dollars – it is not an increase of your property tax from what you are currently paying. For instance, a homeowner of a \$100,000 dwelling pays little less than \$3.00 a month, or about 10 cents per day. That dollar amount would remain the same for the next 5 years. It is prudent to mention Macedonia's property tax is one of the lowest in Summit County.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Nicholas Molnar, Mayor

Monies generated from Issue 20 are critical for the City to maintain its operating expenses. These operating expenses include fire protection such as fire apparatus and payment of full-time permanent firefighters, snowplow services, and leaf pick-up, to name a few.

If the Issue 20 proposed renewal levy fails, Safety Services would be negatively impacted. The City would be faced with tough choices: lay off two Police Officers, lay off two Fire/EMS staffing and lay off two Service workers. Other City services would likely be impacted as well.

If you have any questions about the proposed Issue 20 RENEWAL Levy, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at nmolnar@macedonia.oh.us or to call at 330.468.8322. Please vote so your voice can be heard!

We have so much to be proud of. The City has come a long way and we hope we can continue to provide services you have been accustomed to receiving.

Enjoy the colorful Fall Season. Happy Halloween to all our Trick-or-Treaters and please adhere to the guidelines set forth from the Governor DeWine following this message for your safety and the safety of our Community.

Stay Healthy. Stay Safe. Vote.

Sincerely,



Mayor Nick Molnar



The City of
MACEDONIA

The Crossroads of Northeast Ohio

ISSUE 20 Macedonia Ballot FACT SHEET

YOUR VOTE COUNTS...Would Keep Macedonia Strong
ISSUE 20 **RENEWAL** LEVY...**NO INCREASE**

Official Ballot Language
Issue 20 - Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)
City of Macedonia

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Cost estimate to a Homeowner of a \$100,000 Home =
LESS than \$3.00 per month

RESIDENTS PAY THE SAME

PAY TODAY

PAY TOMORROW

10 cents
a day

10 cents
a day

Issue 20 November 2020

INCOME GENERATED BY THIS LEVY IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAIN OUR CITY SERVICES.

WHAT HAPPENS IF ISSUE 20

FAILS?

- Lay Off 2 Police Officers.
- Lay Off 2 Firemen.
- Lay Off 2 Service Workers.
- Other City Services to be impacted.

ADVANTAGES

IF ISSUE 20 DOES PASS:

- Police Force will remain at present levels.
- Fire and EMS will remain at present levels.
- Snow plow services will remain at current levels.
- Leaf pickup will remain.
- City staffing levels will remain at present levels.



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The Fall season is officially upon us and you know what that means... That's right! Leaf Collection will be starting the first round on October 26, 2020. Our goal, as always, is to complete three rounds around the City as weather permits. We ask you to please rake often and that the leaf piles be placed at least 10 feet away from mailboxes, street signs, trees and fire hydrants. Guidelines for leaf collection are following and can be found on our City's website www.macedonia.oh.us.



MACEDONIA LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Macedonia will start the Autumn Leaf Collection Program on **October 26, 2020**. The following is a list of guidelines to follow that ensures an efficient collection of your leaves:

LEAF PILES IN WINDROWS: Place leaves into long windrows, not big piles, along your tree lawn on curbed streets, or along the street side of the ditch line or berm. If you have no berm, you can place the leaves on the house side of the ditch line.

NOT IN THE STREET OR DITCH: Under all cases, **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES INTO THE STREET** or **DO NOT FILL THE DRAINAGE DITCHES** in that this causes safety and drainage hazards. Blocked water flow has the potential to cause flooding.

ALL WINDROWS WITHIN 10 FEET FROM ROAD EDGE: All leaf windrows shall be placed no further than 10 feet from the roadway edge, which is the maximum reach of the leaf vacuum hose. Crews will not go further than 10 feet from the roadway edge to collect leaves.

ONLY LEAVES, PLEASE! Do not place sticks, twigs, trash, rocks, grass clippings, or other foreign material in the windrows, in that these materials can clog or cause damage to the vacuum machines. If these items are found in your windrow, the crew will stop collection and not return until the debris is removed.

ALL WINDROWS 10 FEET AWAY FROM OBSTRUCTIONS: Place leaf windrows a minimum of 10 feet away from obstructions such as; mailboxes, utility poles, fire hydrants, and landscaping features. These items make leaf vacuuming more time consuming and difficult.

RAKE LEAVES EARLY AND OFTEN: Rain and / or snow cause delays to our collection efforts, so the earlier you rake your leaves out for collection the better the job the City can do to get them picked up efficiently. The same workers and trucks that are used to collect leaves are also used to plow snow and spread salt, so inclement weather will cause delays.





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City of Macedonia



Sagamore Hills



Northfield Center



Northfield Village



NORDONIA HILLS HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Halloween is more important than ever this year as we navigate the new normal together and are seeking opportunities to celebrate safely.

The City of Macedonia, Sagamore Hills, Northfield Center and Northfield Village have collaboratively agreed to a traditional Halloween Trick-or-Treat, **Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Trick-or-Treaters are to approach homes with porch lights on only.

We hope to provide parents a reliable source to help them celebrate the Halloween holiday in the most safe, fun way possible. The following are some of Governor DeWine's 'Celebrating Halloween' guidelines:

- Children and those handing out candy should wear masks at all times.
- Always maintain 6-foot of social distancing with those outside your household.
- Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes when you arrive home.
- Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Limit the number of houses you visit.
- Avoid large gatherings of individuals outside your household.
- If your child is at higher at-risk for COVID complications contact your doctor before allowing participation.
- Use creative ways to distribute treats, such as using a candy 'slide'.
- Please visit the complete list of Recommendations for Celebrating Halloween <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/celebrating-halloween>

We are asking all drivers to be extremely cautious when backing into and out of your driveway. Drive slower than the speed limit. Be extra cautious when taking corners and passing through crosswalks.

Not only does Halloween 2020 fall on a Saturday, it also happens to be a full moon AND daylight savings time. In addition to all this mystical magic, trick-or-treating will also occur during a blue moon this year, the second full moon of October!

The stars have clearly aligned so put your scariest Halloween costumes on, decorate your house and conjure up a spell for a fantastically frightening evening.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.



City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day

Columbus Day is a U.S. holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the New World on October 12, 1492. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage.



Macedonia/Northfield Village/Northfield Center/Sagamore Hills Halloween Trick-or-Treat:

Saturday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Nov 1, 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 1, 2020, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 1, 2020, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 1, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning. Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.



ELECTION DAY...YOUR VOTE COUNTS Tuesday, November 3

Important Ballot Issue 20: RENEWAL Levy – NO INCREASE – for current expenses – maintain City services – would Keep Macedonia Strong

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

