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Levy Renewal - Questions/Answers

Question: Does the school district have a levy on the May 2nd election ballot?

Answer: Yes, the Evergreen schools will be asking district voters to decrease and renew a 1.9 mill Permanent Improvement levy for a 5-year period.

Question: Why a decrease?

Answer: This P. I. levy was first passed in 1981 as a 2.4 mill levy. The 2.4 mill levy was renewed by district voters five times over the past 25 years. With the passage of the Ohio School Facility millage in May of 2002, the Board moved .5 mills from this PI levy to a maintenance fund required by OSFC. Therefore the original 2.4 mill P. I. levy has been reduced to 1.9 mills for the May 2 election.

Question: What is the purpose of the Permanent Improvement levy?

Answer: Permanent Improvement funds are earmarked for improving buildings and grounds and purchasing equipment with a five year life. Because these P. I. funds can only be spent on maintenance type expenses, they are vital to the Boards responsibility for maintaining the school districts building and grounds.

Question: What specific items are Permanent Improvement funds used for?

Answer: P. I. funds can be used for repairs to buildings and equipment. This would include painting, gym floor maintenance, repairs to the heating and cooling systems along with any area of upkeep and repairs that become necessary. P. I. funds can be used to purchase school buses, computers, science lab equipment, vocational agriculture equipment, lawn care equipment and any other equipment that becomes necessary to improve the education opportunities for students. P. I. funds can be used in partnership with the different school booster organizations to add improvements to the buildings and grounds and purchase equipment that reflect the interest of the different school booster groups.

Question: What have the P. I. funds been used for in recent years?

Answer: P. I. funds have been used to do a number of energy savings improvements, \$500,000 of P. I. funds were used as a part of the local share for the recent OFSC projects to help remodel the old high school into the present middle school and help build the new elementary school. An additional \$450,000 of P. I. funds was used to add four additional classrooms to the new elementary building. Last summer Board partnered with the athletic boosters by providing \$60,000 of P. I. funds to help the boosters with their \$120,000 football lighting project.

Question: Will renewing this 1.9 mill P. I. levy raise my property taxes?

Answer: No. The millage has been collected since 1981. The renewal of this levy will continue to provide the Board with Permanent Improvement funds at no additional cost to the local property owner.

Question: Why should I vote "Yes" on this issue?

Answer: School district residents have raised their property taxes over the past eight years to build a new high school new bus garage with a vocational agriculture facility, a new elementary school and remodeled the old high school for the present middle school. Passage of this renewal levy of 1.9 mills will allow the Board to have the resources necessary to maintain this investment in school facilities far into the future. A "Yes" vote will not raise taxes but will continue to provide necessary funds for the maintenance of all school facilities.

Please take time on Tuesday, May 2 to go to your local voting location and cast a vote in support of renewing the 1.9 mill Permanent Improvement levy for a five year period.

Thank you,

Kenneth L. Jones, Superintendent

Evergreen Local Schools

EHS Announces Valedictorian & Salutatorian



VALEDICTORIAN

Evergreen High School is honored to name Kayla Liedel as the valedictorian of the class of 2006. She maintains a 4.07 grade point average and is ranked number one in her class scholastically. Kayla plans to obtain her bachelor's degree in zoology while attending either The Ohio State University or Kent State University in the fall.

Kayla is the recipient of the Ohio Academic Scholarship totaling approximately \$88,000 over four years as well as Evergreen's nominee for the Robert Byrd Scholarship. She is a member of Evergreen's marching and performing bands, drama club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Quiz Team and the National Honor Society. Kayla is also a Toledo Zoo ZOOTeen volunteer and helped the EHS Quiz Team take first place at the recent Fulton County Quiz Bowl Tournament. Kayla is also EHS's representative to Channel 11's Best of the Class and Channel 13's Salute to Seniors program.

Kayla is the daughter of Rodney and Peggy Liedel of Swanton, Ohio.

SALUTATORIAN

Kelsey Marvin has been named salutatorian of the senior class. She holds a 4.06 grade point average and is ranked second in the class of 110 students. Kelsey will attend the Raabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University.

Kelsey is the recipient of an Ohio Northern Trustee's Scholarship totaling \$70,000 over four years. At Evergreen, Kelsey is class president, secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the cross-country and track teams, Students Against Destructive Decisions and student council. She is an active member and leader of her church youth group and participates in Fellow Christian Athletes. Kelsey is the recipient of the Citizenship Award and the University of Rochester Social Sciences Award. In addition, she is a Swanton Elks Distinguished Class of 2006 member.

She is the daughter of Tom and Bonnie Marvin of Swanton, Ohio.

Park-O-Rama 2006

It's time once again to get ready for Park-O-Rama; Metamora's annual event to raise money for park improvements. Park-O-Rama will be Saturday, August 12, 2006. Mark your calendars now!

We will be holding our first organizational meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30 in the evening. This meeting will be held in the Metamora Village Office.

Our number one challenge in putting this event together each year is the need for volunteers. Although we readily accept committee members to help plan and organize, it is the shift workers where we struggle most. To fully staff all of the different areas of Park-O-Rama, over 170 volunteers are needed to work one 2-3 hour shift. Seems like a lot, doesn't it? When the committee members are busy trying to fill these slots, it seems like even more! If you would like to join the committee and help plan and organize, or would like to secure your favorite shift time and location, please let us know.

Areas in most need of assistance are: Kid's Games, Concession Stand, Collecting Donations, Raffle Ticket Sales and Clean Up. Other areas that can use help as well include Serving Dinners, Parade, Classic Car Show, Refreshments, Tournament and Bingo.

We're looking forward to our 43rd Annual Park-O-Rama and welcome all who wish to help. It's a great (and fun) way to get involved in the community and meet your neighbors!

If you have any questions regarding Park-O-Rama, please feel free to contact me directly at 419 644-9007 in the evenings.

Cathy Mousing

Tree Replacement in Metamora

The sewer separation project is pretty much under our belt and the streets will soon return to normal. The Village of Metamora will be working on replacing the trees that have been lost due to construction and decay over the past several years.

The Village would like to establish a state-approved tree commission. The sole responsibility of this committee would be to care for the street trees, the park trees and our garden areas throughout the Village.

To establish a tree commission, the State of Ohio requires a minimum of five residents and one council representative. This commission is responsible for holding regular meetings, record keeping of tree maintenance, removal and replacement, and planning for the future of Village trees.

The Village would also be eligible for grant money to help defray the costs of many tree-related projects once this commission is established.

If you are interested in volunteering for this commission, please contact the Village Office at 419 644-2051. A meeting will soon be scheduled.

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