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2026 Voter Guide

Troy and Miami County Ohio

Use this guide to review candidate and levy responses, identify candidates who did not respond, and see the statewide races listed for reference.

The guide covers the five races included in the Chamber's questionnaire, statewide races, and four local levies. Your ballot depends on your voting precinct; consult your official sample ballot for every contest and issue that applies to you.

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Local and district race listings

Candidates in these five races were invited to participate. “No response received” identifies candidates for whom the Chamber did not receive answers. Statewide candidates were not invited; their listings appear in the next section.

Submitted answers are reproduced in full from the materials provided to the Chamber. Statements and opinions belong to the respondents. Formatting has been standardized for readability.

Ohio House District 80

Johnathan Newman | Republican | Responses included

Katie Koehler Wagner | Democratic | Responses included

Ohio Senate District 5

Jeffrey Harris | Democratic | No response received

Phil Plummer | Republican | No response received

US House District 15

Brennan Barrington | Libertarian | Responses included

Don Leonard | Democratic | Responses included

Mike Carey | Republican | No response received

US House District 8

Warren Davidson | Republican | No response received

Vanessa Enoch | Democratic | No response received

Miami County Commissioner

Ted Mercer | Republican | Responses included

Bill Whitten | Democratic | Responses included

The two US House districts serve different precincts in Miami County. Only the district assigned to your residence will appear on your ballot.

Statewide race listings

RESOURCE LISTINGS ONLY • These candidates were not asked to participate in the Chamber questionnaire. No questionnaire responses were requested or collected for these races.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Vote for one joint ticket.

Amy Acton and David Pepper | Democratic

Don Kissick and James L. Mills | Libertarian

Vivek Ramaswamy and Robert A. McColley | Republican

Attorney General

Keith Faber | Republican

John J. Kulewicz | Democratic

Auditor of State

Annette Blackwell | Democratic

Frank LaRose | Republican

Secretary of State

Tom Pruss | Libertarian

Allison Russo | Democratic

Robert Sprague | Republican

Treasurer of State

Jay Edwards | Republican

Seth Walsh | Democratic

Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

Full term commencing January 1, 2027

Daniel R. Hawkins | Republican

Marilyn Zayas | Democratic

Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court

Full term commencing January 2, 2027

Jennifer Brunner | Democratic

Colleen O'Donnell | Republican

US Senator

Unexpired term ending January 3, 2029

Sherrod Brown | Democratic

Jon Husted | Republican

Greg Levy | Other-party candidate

William B. Redpath | Libertarian

Names are listed alphabetically within statewide races. Consult the official ballot for write-in options.

Ohio House District 80 responses

Responses from Johnathan Newman and Katie Koehler Wagner.

What is the most significant challenge facing employers in District 80, and what specific action would you take to address it?

Johnathan Newman

The biggest challenge is a sustainable workforce. I voted for measures making Ohio #1 for doing business, including opportunities for students to learn skilled trades needed by businesses. These deliver career-technical education for students grades 7-8 and Career Pathway Support Networks for high schoolers. This law requires personalized career planning, mentoring, and trade advisement. Students are more than workers, however. Businesses need students with life skills even more. I sponsored legislation requiring schools to teach the “Success Sequence:” graduate high school, get a job, get married before having children. These skills are proven to lead to a successful, productive life.

Katie Koehler Wagner

I believe our biggest challenge is finding and keeping workers. That means addressing the child care, transportation and housing barriers identified in Miami County’s workforce assessment. I would work to expand affordable child care, including evening and overnight options, by bringing employers, providers and the state together to address gaps in care.

I would also support rural transportation and housing people can afford near their jobs. Employers need dependable workers, and workers need dependable support. Helping families stay employed helps our manufacturers, hospitals, farms and small businesses grow.

How would you help local schools, career programs, and employers prepare students for jobs available in this region?

Johnathan Newman

I collaborate frequently with school superintendents, Upper Valley Career Center, Hobart Institute of Welding, Garber Electric, Dayton Development Coalition and other experts in finding innovative solutions. My office is engaged with the Department of Education to develop groundbreaking pathways for students to access career tech education, college credit plus courses, and programs to expedite learning, preparing them for the workforce of tomorrow. Governor DeWine has found our ideas extremely attractive and is giving support. Early access to career planning in trade skills like welding, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, and engineering along with access to apprenticeships opens doors for bright futures.

Katie Koehler Wagner

As a former teacher and a mom of four, I want every student to graduate with a path forward. I would support reliable funding for career and technical education, modern equipment and more paid apprenticeships and work experiences. Upper Valley Career Center and Edison State provide a strong foundation.

I would help small employers navigate participation requirements and bring schools, students and businesses together to connect training with local jobs.

Families also need clear information about college credit and industry credentials. Our young residents deserve opportunities to build a good life here at home.

Ohio House District 80

What changes, if any, would you support to make it easier to start, operate, or expand a business in Ohio?

Johnathan Newman

This requires an all-hands-on-deck approach supporting workforce development, keeping taxes low, and cutting government regulations. I have voted to pass several bills making Ohio the #1 state in the U.S. for business. These include expanding access to Family Leave Insurance (HB 593), implementing non-recourse litigation agreement regulations (HB 105), and implementing a flat tax (HB 96), making Ohio more competitive with surrounding states, simplifying the tax code, and spurring revenue. This makes Ohio's income tax the second lowest in the nation! Coupled with my aim to eliminate the CAT Tax, this will make Ohio even better for new businesses.

Katie Koehler Wagner

Small businesses deserve clear rules, predictable costs and a fair deal. I would support reasonable timelines and a single point of contact for navigating state permits and licenses. Predictable costs also means data centers paying the full cost of the power infrastructure they require, so existing employers and households aren't left subsidizing it.

Tax incentives should disclose what companies receive, what they promise and how those promises are enforced.

Finally, farm families deserve early notice and meaningful input when infrastructure affects their land. Economic development should strengthen existing businesses and communities while creating opportunities for new ones.

How should the state balance property tax concerns with the need to fund schools and essential local services?

Johnathan Newman

I support lowering property taxes but not eliminating them. I voted to pass five bills balancing school funding with property tax relief. HB 186 establishes the Inflation Cap Credit, saving Ohio taxpayers $1.7 billion over the next three years, capping school taxes at inflation. It holds schools harmless for actual losses over this appraisal period compared to current collections by including an appropriation to help schools that are not up for reevaluation this year. I also support school choice, a win-win, giving public schools more dollars per student while educating through private schools spending fewer dollars per student.

Katie Koehler Wagner

Families should be able to stay in their homes, and our kids deserve strong public schools. I support fully funding Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan using current classroom costs. Columbus must pay its fair share so communities aren't left covering funding gaps through property taxes and school levies.

Any proposal to eliminate property taxes must explain how it replaces funding for schools, fire departments, EMS and libraries, and who pays instead. Relief should keep our communities strong.

Ohio House District 80

When a proposed state policy affects Troy and Miami County differently from other parts of Ohio, how would you gather local input before deciding how to vote?

Johnathan Newman

I don't simply decide how to vote but also how to influence my fellow legislators in what is best for District 80 on concerns such as strong data centers restrictions, Flock Camera safeguards, E-bike safety, protections against overly-aggressive annexation, supporting law enforcement, and protecting farmland. I love being out in the community having numerous personal interactions and phone calls with constituents weekly. Many people have my personal number enabling quick collaborating even at late night hours. I frequently converse with school districts, homeschoolers, townships, county commissioners, municipalities, and law enforcement leaders because the best legislative ideas originate from the grassroots.

Katie Koehler Wagner

Before major votes, I would explain proposals in plain language and ask how they would affect Troy, Miami County, and southern Darke County.

I would hold local listening sessions and accept input by phone, email, and surveys so participation doesn't depend on attending a meeting. Accessibility is important to me.

I would hear from residents, local officials, educators, first responders, farmers, and business owners, including people who disagree with me.

Projects like Grid Growth show why input must come early. After voting, I would explain what I heard, how I voted, and why. Everyone deserves an accessible, transparent, accountable representative.

What experience, priorities, or approach to public service sets you apart from the other candidate or candidates in this race?

Johnathan Newman

Twenty-nine years of marriage have given me a love for family and faithfulness. Founding and pastoring a leading church in Troy for 28 years has engrained in me love for serving. My 9x-Great Grandfather's example still lives with me now. Fleeing King Charles' persecution, he came to America, a Pilgrim, in 1636, forging determination to pledge my life to those founding principles that made America the greatest nation in history. This pledge I will keep!

Katie Koehler Wagner

I'm a mom of four and former teacher. I listen, ask questions, and focus on how decisions affect everyday lives. I look for gaps where action is needed and I'm not afraid to speak up.

My priorities are lowering utility and health care costs, strengthening public schools, and supporting working families, farmers, and small businesses.

I'll work with anyone willing to work for District 80, listen to your concerns, and be honest about my decisions.

I'll fight for you, not with you.

US House District 15 responses

Responses from Brennan Barrington and Don Leonard.

Mike Carey — No response received.

What federal action would most help small businesses and manufacturers in this district grow and compete?

Brennan Barrington

The answer is the same everywhere: reducing taxes, regulation, and arbitrary interference with commerce. Tax laws which theoretically favor small business in fact favor large companies with established assets and the ability to exploit credits and loopholes, and favor landowners over entrepreneurs. Regulatory capture means regulations are used by established companies to exclude competition. I believe "interstate commerce" means interstate commerce, and federal regulatory power should thus be drastically curtailed, with civil liability the main substitute mechanism. Capricious tariffs, forcible removal of willing workers, and war in the Middle East are similarly harmful.

Don Leonard

Small businesses are the backbone of the American middle class but face an unfair system where corporate politicians favor Wall Street over Main Street. Supporting SBAs means we must end the reckless tariff policies that have added costs to small businesses. It means protecting and expanding the Affordable Care Act so that no entrepreneur has to choose between growing their business and affording health insurance. And it means ensuring that immigrant and minority entrepreneurs have full access to the capital they need to succeed.

How would you address workforce shortages, including barriers that keep people from entering or staying in the workforce?

Brennan Barrington

Trump's policy of deporting even net taxpayers is sadistic madness which deprives us of highly productive workers. Those willing and able to support themselves without any government assistance should be welcomed into the United States.

Lack of housing, childcare, and ability to consistently reach work also arise from over-regulation. Laws prevent dense housing construction near employers, on-site housing of employees, and easy establishment of new childcare businesses. Our transportation policy should not force people into cars. Though much of this is state law, federal funding gives Congress levers to pull in these areas, and I will vote to pull them.

Don Leonard

Our economy is leaving behind the middle class. To rebuild it, we must take it back from corporate interests, make it work for working people, and rebuild the trust in government starting in our local communities. For those left outside the workforce, we must ensure there is a path where hard work is rewarded. That can mean many things, including providing accessible and affordable healthcare and childcare to allow adults with families to enter the workforce, passing bipartisan immigration reform to fill critical needs, and strengthening flexible small and medium sized businesses against the growing force of large monopolies.

US House District 15

Which federal infrastructure need in the district deserves the most attention, and how would you pursue funding or policy changes to address it?

Brennan Barrington

Infrastructure should be the responsibility of states and local governments, not DC. Slashing federal taxes and mandates would leave Ohioans more money to fund infrastructure which meets local needs and more ability to decide how, instead of having it taken from us and used to fund infrastructure in other states with more influential members of Congress or as a way of buying votes. I simply do not consider this issue properly the responsibility of the federal government.

Don Leonard

As a former professor of City and Regional Planning at The Ohio State University, the safety and sustainability of our community is often overlooked and incredibly important. Rather than give tax abatements to damaging growth industries like new data center construction without forethought into the impacts on our neighbors and environment, we can innovate with upgrades to our public transit systems and build new affordable starter homes to solve the problem of a housing shortage. That is why I would co-sponsor a 21st century GI Bill for housing that would provide good union jobs and public investment in our area.

What is your approach to federal spending and the national debt, and how would it affect communities like those in Miami County?

Brennan Barrington

Spending needs to be dramatically reduced to lessen the serious risk of debt crisis. A third of Medicare spending has no measurable health benefit and is simply a massive transfer from young families to the rich old; a quarter goes to care of people in the last year of their lives, with very poor return in human happiness. The military budget greatly exceeds what is needed to protect Americans in America from foreign attack and should be reduced accordingly. Other programs to cut improperly address local issues (Section 8 housing, for example), often in ways cost-ineffective or actively harmful.

Don Leonard

We are the richest country in the history of the world, but too often that wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few. When an appropriations bill is set to fund wars or corporate tax breaks, there is always funding. But when the American middle class demands affordable healthcare or housing, we are told to tighten our belts. I believe in fiscal responsibility, but I also believe in fairness. I would seek to eliminate the inefficiencies in the private healthcare system and close corporate tax breaks to run a balanced budget that prioritizes the people of Miami County.

US House District 15

How would you make your office accessible to local residents and employers, including people who disagree with you?

Brennan Barrington

Mike Carey is, and Don Leonard would be, required by their respective parties to spend hours every day in a glorified call center begging honest citizens, and shaking down businesses, for campaign cash. I would not. I would be able, and entirely willing, to personally respond to constituent concerns and discuss the issues with them. Those who know me speak to my enthusiasm to consider and debate esoteric policy questions and new points of view. As the House is too small relative to population for this to scale, I would also select my staff for a similar attitude.

Don Leonard

On November 4th, one day after I earn the privilege to be your representative in Washington DC, I will begin the work of creating a constituent services team that lives and works in Central Ohio. In addition, I will be returning every week to my district to see my young daughter grow up. We will use every opportunity to support our local businesses, host town halls and community meetings, and answer calls from every constituent about the challenges they face. As well as highlight the successes. That is our job.

What experience, priorities, or approach to public service sets you apart from the other candidate or candidates in this race?

Brennan Barrington

Carey and Leonard's parties alike give us endless useless war, more debt, more power centralized in DC, and no answers to looming crises. I and my party offer an alternative: the radical idea of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution that government exists solely to protect the individual's liberty. That idea brought about the Industrial Revolution: human history's greatest expansion of prosperity. I aim not merely to restore it, but to apply it to all.

Don Leonard

I was raised by a single mother and was lifted up by government programs like Medicaid that allowed me to live my American dream. My opponent voted for the Big Beautiful Bill that cuts trillions of dollars to Medicaid and will take that hope away from our children. I will do everything to fight for my daughters future, and yours. And because I don’t take a dime of corporate PAC money, I work for you.

Miami County Commissioner responses

Responses from Ted Mercer and Bill Whitten.

What are the county's most pressing financial priorities, and how would you address them without overlooking essential services?

Ted Mercer

Miami County is in a strong financial position, supported by healthy local economy and revenue from sales taxes, property taxes, and fees. Our priority must be to keep county government financially sound while providing essential services residents rely on. As a current Commissioner, that means carefully balancing expenses with available revenue, monitoring the county's financial outlook and making responsible budget decisions. We should protect essential services, plan for future needs and maintain a stable, sustainable budget for the people of Miami County.

Bill Whitten

Without having the information that the current commissioners have it would be hard to pinpoint one priority. But I would examine and get the input of the people working for the county on what their concerns and suggestions to help make our services run more efficiently, without cutting services or employees unless absolutely needed.

How should Miami County support business investment and job growth while respecting the needs of existing residents and communities?

Ted Mercer

It is important for the county to support business investment and new job creation. We must continue to strengthen Miami County's economic vitality while making sure growth does not overburden our existing infrastructure or essential services. That requires on going communication with our municipal governments and townships so we can understand local needs and coordinate responsible development. Miami County has a vibrant economy, and keeping it strong should remain a priority. We must also recognize that agriculture is an important part of the county's economy and heritage. In unincorporated areas, business investment should be directed to properly zoned locations and planned in a way that respects residents, protects farmland and preserves the character of our communities.

Bill Whitten

I believe the main thing is listening to everyone at the table, businesses, residents, and the various communities in our county. Then make responsible decisions that support everyone involved.

Miami County Commissioner

What county infrastructure or facility needs should receive the highest priority over the next four years, and why?

Ted Mercer

Over the next four years, Miami County should give priority to facilities that serve families, safe and appropriate correctional space , and roads and bridges residents depend on every day. First, we need to assess the Child Protective Services and Children Services areas at the Job and Family Services Center on South County Road 25A. Staff need appropriate space for parent-and-child visits. The county will evaluate whether relocating these services or expanding the current facility would best meet that need and budget accordingly. A welcoming, family-focused space would better serve the children and families who rely on these services. We must continue to address the needs of the county jail built in 1972. It does not meet current standards, and renovating the existing facility may not fully resolve space issues along the need for the mental health programs for inmates. The downtown jail serves maximum-security needs, while the incarceration facility on South County Road 25A houses people held for lower-level misdemeanor offenses. The commissioners should continue evaluating practical ways to improve the county's correctional facilities. Finally, we should maintain a strong county road paving program and continue replacing and improving our 340 bridges. These investments support public safety, reliable transportation and the daily needs of residents and businesses.

Bill Whitten

My highest priority would be the infrastructure in our rural areas for farmers and residents; our roads have not kept up with the size of equipment that they use and travel along them. Another priority is the current jail downtown, but we must look at alternative ways updating and upgrading without adding burdens to the taxpayers, they let their voice be heard in the ballot initiative about raising sales tax to pay for it back in May.

How would you work with municipalities, townships, schools, and economic development partners when their priorities compete?

Ted Mercer

County government should serve as a partner and convener, helping municipalities, townships, school districts, and economic development organizations communicate and work through competing priorities. Each entity has its own responsibilities, but decisions can affect the broader county and the communities we share. As a commissioner, I would encourage open communication early in the process, listen to each partner's needs and look for solutions that respect local priorities while supporting the county as a whole. When we bring partners together and coordinate efforts, we can make progress on our priorities while strengthening the communities across Miami County.

Bill Whitten

Basically, sit down at the table with everyone involved and see what we can come up with when we put our heads together, with a solution that helps everyone without overlooking their needs or belittling them.

Miami County Commissioner

What specific measure would you use to show residents that county government is delivering value for their tax dollars?

Ted Mercer

Miami County has maintained the lowest sales tax rate among our neighboring counties while continuing to provide essential services and support public safety. In 2026, property tax reductions and increased homestead reductions provided $ 2.2 million in tax relief. Miami County was only one of three counties in Ohio to do this. In recent years, the county has renovated the Miami County Fairgrounds grandstand and the historic courthouse, worked with the Sheriff to strengthen staffing and increase patrol coverage, expanded water service and fire protection in the Casstown area, and bult the new Commerce Center Building at Barnhart Road and State Route 55 to improve taxpayer services—all without raising taxes.

Bill Whitten

Keep everybody informed of what we are doing with the truth and facts of the situation.

What experience, priorities, or approach to public service sets you apart from the other candidate or candidates in this race?

Ted Mercer

I believe my experience and commitment to practical, collaborative leadership have helped make Miami County stronger. As a lifelong resident and longtime local business owner, I bring a strong understanding of our communities and a business-minded approach to county government. I have served local foundations and committees, including the Robinson Fund, the Upper Valley Medical Center Foundation, and the Troy Foundation Distribution Committee. I also serve on the executive board of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and am a member of the Miami County Farm Bureau. I believe in being at the table, listening and helping find solutions to the issues facing our county. Miami County is a great place because of its people. It remains a wonderful place to raise a family and to do business and I hope to continue serving the community I call home. Being a County Commissioner is a team effort; no one commissioner can do the job alone. I am proud to serve alongside Commissioners Greg Simmons and Wade Westfall. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving the citizens of Miami County.

Bill Whitten

I bring 31½ years of working experience as a union ironworker, supported by two decades of leadership on the local union’s executive board. In that role, I helped guide decisions affecting operations, wages, benefits, and insurance coverage for our members. My experience as a superintendent, project manager, and estimator has further strengthened my ability to lead complex projects, manage budgets, keep profitability, support stable operations, and protect jobs. This record of firsthand leadership in the private sector, fiscal discipline, and accountability is what distinguishes me from Ted.

Concord Township Fire and EMS levy

Renewal • Unincorporated Concord Township • 3.7 mills • Five years

Renewal for fire protection, ambulance and emergency medical services. The levy commences in 2027 and is first due in calendar year 2028.

Submitted levy responses follow.

What fire protection, ambulance, and emergency medical services does the City of Troy provide to unincorporated Concord Township?

All of the fire and emergency medical services for unincorporated Concord Township is provided by the fire department of the City of Troy.

One hundred percent of these critical protective services for our township families and homes come from the Troy Fire Department.

The ballot estimates $70 per $100,000 of county auditor market value. How does that compare with what property owners currently pay?

There will not be any change to what is paid by a property owner. This is a renewal of an existing levy.

As property values have increased the Effective Tax Rate has decreased. This results in the same dollar amount of tax revenue being collected from this levy.

The only increase in revenue from this levy comes from new construction that has occurred in the township since the levy was first passed.

If renewal fails, when would the township lose this revenue, and what options would it have for continuing services?

This levy is critical and must be renewed if the residents of Concord Township will continue to have fire and emergency medical services provided. Without the levy there will be no services as there will be no funds available to pay for these services.

The current five-year levy will be collected through calendar year 2027.

How are the Troy contract costs set, and where can residents review spending and the services received?

Our contract with the City of Troy for fire protection and emergency medical services provided by the Troy Fire Department has always been based on Concord Township paying our proportional share of the operating costs for the city's fire department. The fire department's response rate into Concord Township has generally over the long term held at about 10% of the departments call outs.

The audited financial statements for Concord Township are on file at the township's office. Our financial records are regularly audited by the Auditor of the State of Ohio.

What is one fact or consideration about this levy that you believe voters should understand and that you have not addressed in your answers above?

All of the property taxes received from this levy can only be used to pay the cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of unincorporated Concord Township. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

The township has no other source of funds to pay for these services. Approval for the continuation of this levy is so Important so protection of lives and property in the township can continue.

Troy City Schools levy

Renewal • Troy City School District • 5.8 mills • Five years

Renewal for current expenses. The levy commences in 2026 and is first due in calendar year 2027.

Submitted levy responses follow.

What does this renewal currently pay for, and which expenses would it support over the next five years?

This levy supports our general fund, which helps us cover all manner of expenses including staff salaries and benefits, instructional supplies, busing and fuel costs, energy costs for our facilities, after school programs like band and athletics, etc.

What would approval mean for a home with a county auditor market value of $100,000? Is this an existing tax?

Approval would mean that homeowners would continue to pay the estimated annual cost of $111 per $100,000 of market value that they are currently paying.

If it fails, when would the district lose the revenue, and what changes would it consider first?

The district would lose approximately $1.5 million from business property taxes only and that would begin in January, 2027. As with any school district, over 80% of our costs are in salaries and benefits. Therefore, the most immediate impact would likely be in upcoming negotiations with our staff, making it harder for us to attract and retain high quality employees.

What financial information or performance measures can residents use to assess how the funds are spent?

There are several factors that we would point to including:

- Our property taxes for operations are already as low as they are legally allowed to be.
- On the most recent state report card Troy City Schools received 4.5 out of 5 stars, placing us among the top districts in the state.
- Also from the report card, our district is below the state average in per pupil spending while spending 71.6% on classroom instruction, ranking 17 out of 96 similar districts (with rank one being the most).

What is one fact or consideration about this levy that you believe voters should understand and that you have not addressed in your answers above?

It is important for voters to know if the renewal fails, homeowners will not see a reduction in their taxes because the district is already at the lowest property tax level allowed by state law. Property taxes are calculated differently for businesses when compared to homes and farms. Because of this, the $1.5 million the district would lose from a failure would come entirely from business property taxes.

Miami County Park District levy

Additional levy • Miami County Park District • 1.4 mills • Ten years

Additional levy for park purposes. The levy commences in 2026 and is first due in calendar year 2027. The submitted responses explain the district's plan to stop collecting its existing 1.5-mill levy if this measure passes.

Submitted levy responses follow.

What would the proposed levy fund over ten years? Distinguish ongoing operations from new or expanded work.

The proposed levy would primarily fund the ongoing maintenance and operation of Miami County Park District's existing parks, facilities, programs and services, ensuring they continue to meet the high standards residents have come to expect. Funding would also support necessary capital improvements and future conservation efforts, including limited strategic property acquisition, which becomes increasingly important as development pressures grow in parts of Miami County.

The levy would also provide opportunities to enhance community programming and expand popular events, such as Holiday Lights at Lost Creek Reserve. Ultimately, the goal is to sustain the exceptional parks, programs, and services residents enjoy today while responsibly protecting and enhancing these resources for the future.

If the new 1.4-mill levy passes, when would collection of the existing 1.5-mill levy stop, and what would a homeowner pay under each outcome?

The 1.5 mil levy would cease collection on Dec. 31, 2026. Property owners currently pay $29.96 per $100,000 valuation. The new 1.4 mil levy would cost property owners $49 per $100,000 valuation or approximately an additional $1.59 per month.

What would happen to park operations, maintenance, and programs if the measure fails?

If the levy fails, the Park District would have to make serious decisions on scaling back services and programs since it would be the final year of their funds as the current levy expires in November of 2027.

What public reporting would show how the revenue is spent and whether promised improvements occur?

The Park District communicates with the public three times a year with a newsletter that shows what programs are offered in the upcoming months. The newsletter, in January each year, highlights the accomplishments of the previous year in regard to natural resource management, projects completed and program participation.

What is one fact or consideration about this levy that you believe voters should understand and that you have not addressed in your answers above?

Unlike schools and many other government agencies, the Park District does not receive automatic baseline funding. It relies on voter-approved levies to fund its operations. Because the levy generates a fixed amount of revenue, rising property values do not provide additional funding for the District. As a result, property owners pay the same amount to the Park District in 2026 as they did following the passage of the last levy in 2017.

Tri County mental health levy

Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services

Proposed tax levy renewal • Darke, Miami and Shelby counties

No response received.

The renewal would fund counseling and supportive services for children and adults through alcohol and drug addiction programs and mental health programs.

Rate: Not exceeding 0.6 mill for each $1 of taxable value.

Estimated annual revenue: $2,596,848.

Ballot estimate: $10 for each $100,000 of the county auditor’s market value.

Term: Five years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

These details summarize the official ballot language. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Source notes

Candidate and levy answers are the written submissions provided to the Chamber. Candidate names and race descriptions were checked against official general election sample ballots.

Official ballot sources for statewide candidates and the Tri-County levy:

https://lookup.boe.ohio.gov/vtrapp/Miami/ballotlist.aspx

https://www.boe.ohio.gov/abmt/oh75/20261103/X0030__2_0030_SALEM_E.html

Voter resources

November 3, 2026 general election • All times are local.

Key dates and deadlines

Registration: October 5 was the deadline for this election and has passed.

Absentee ballot requests: Must reach the Board of Elections by October 27 at 8:30 p.m.

Early voting ends: Sunday, November 1 at 5 p.m.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3. Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Vote at your assigned polling place.

Absentee ballot returns: Most voted ballots must reach the Board of Elections by November 3 at 7:30 p.m. Mail early; a postmark alone does not satisfy the receipt deadline. Military and overseas ballots sent by mail must arrive by November 7.

Miami County early in person voting

Miami County Board of Elections, 215 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio 45373. Use the south entrance of the old county courthouse, closest to the fountain.

Dates	Hours
October 6–9, 12–16 and 19–23	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, October 24	8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Monday, October 26	7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27	7:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
October 28–30	7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 31	8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, November 1	1–5 p.m.

Official webpages

Miami County elections, sample ballots and polling locations
https://www.boe.ohio.gov/miami/

Ohio Secretary of State voter information
https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections

Ohio voting calendar
https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voting-schedule

Accepted voter identification
https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voter-ID-requirements

Check your voter registration
https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/

Chamber Voter Resources
https://www.troyohiochamber.com/voter-resources/

Bring valid, unexpired photo identification when voting in person. See the official ID page for accepted forms and exceptions.

Dates and hours checked October 20, 2026 against the Ohio Secretary of State and Miami County Board of Elections. Confirm current instructions with election officials before voting.