

Dear Copley Township Residents,

Copley Township's general election date, Tuesday, Nov. 8, is quickly approaching.

This year's election ballot will allow residents to vote on two important Copley Township issues: Limited Home Rule, Issue 33; and the Safety Facility Levy, Issue 32.

### **Limited Home Rule, Issue 33**

Currently, there are certain decisions that impact our community that are made at a county or state level. If passed, Limited Home Rule would transfer those decisions – such as enforcement of existing property codes or acting on certain types of resolutions – from the county or state to the township, enabling more informed decision-making within Copley Township by community members who are in tune with local needs. It would not give the township the ability to create additional laws or rules, but would simply provide the ability to transfer enforcement of existing laws from Summit County and the State of Ohio to Copley Township.

Voting **FOR** Limited Home Rule on Nov. 8 would:

- Provide more options to furnish drinking water, storm water and sanitary sewer.
- Help protect property values by providing tools for property code enforcement.
- Ensure Copley residents are informed about the actions of the township trustees by requiring all nonemergency resolutions be presented at two meetings instead of one.

More information about Limited Home Rule can be found by visiting

<https://www.copley.oh.us/357/Limited-Home-RuleSafety>.

### **Safety Facility Levy, Issue 32**

The ballot for the upcoming Nov. 8 election will also give residents the opportunity to vote on a levy that would fund the construction of a new Copley Township Safety Facility. This facility would house the safety forces that support the delivery of all police, crime prevention, rescue, EMS and fire prevention services within the township and surrounding areas, as existing locations no longer meet the community's needs, nor do they support best practices for modern safety forces operation.

Voting **FOR** the proposed Safety Facility Levy would:

- Fund the construction of a new, joint police and fire facility.
- Provide a community center with outdoor features and green space through the renovation and repurposing of the area currently occupied by the Copley Township Fire Department.
- Create an access road connecting the new facility location off Sunset Drive to Cleveland-Massillon Road, reducing traffic issues and making the township more walkable.

The total estimated cost for construction and renovation expenses being put to vote is approximately \$20.5 million. This means, if approved, the levy will be in effect for 26 years and require property owners to pay approximately \$73.86 per \$100,000 of appraised property value per year, as part of their property taxes. Additional financial information relating to the levy can be found here: <https://www.copley.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/6812/Safety-Facility-Levy-Fact-Sheet>.

To learn more about the proposed Safety Facility Levy, visit: <https://www.copley.oh.us/425/Safety-Facility-Levy>.

On behalf of your Copley Township Board of Trustees – thank you.

Jim Schulte  
Chairperson

Bruce Koellner  
Trustee

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Vice-Chairperson