

**More Info on  
Proposed Income  
Tax Increase**

On Tuesday, November 2, Brookville voters will be asked to approve an income tax increase to help pay for a new fire station for the community.

The new fire station will enable fire department members to keep pace with the rising number of fire and ambulance calls handled by the department. Over the past 18 years, Brookville Fire Department members have responded to 18,376 ambulance calls and 5,473 fire calls, averaging a 3.4 percent annual increase in run volume.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

September 18- Wolf Creek Run Car Show

October 2- Fire Prevention Parade & Festival

October 23- Kiwanis Blaze of Glory 5K Run

October 30- Beggar's Night

November 2- Polls Open

November 6- Optimist Pumpkin Walk

November 7- Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 25- Thanksgiving, City Office Closed

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## Answers About Brookville's Proposed Income Tax Increase

Now that Brookville City Council Members have placed Issue 10 on the November 2, 2010 ballot, many residents are asking questions about Issue 10. Following are answers to the most common questions that have been raised about Issue 10.

### **What is Issue 10?**

Issue 10 provides for an additional one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) levy on income for twenty-five (25) years beginning on January 1, 2011 and continuing until December 31, 2035 for the purpose of constructing a fire station, related on-site and off-site infrastructure improvements for the new fire station and for other fire department capital improvements.

### **Why is this issue necessary?**

The issue is necessary to construct a new 24,660 square foot fire station that will combine two existing fire stations, one constructed in the early 1950's and the other in the early 1980's. This new fire station will be located on East Upper Lewisburg Salem Road near Albert Road. A new fire station was the recommendation of the Fire Department Strategic Planning Committee in 2004.



**Brookville's Fire Station #1 was built in the 50's.**

The current stations do not have vehicle exhaust systems that are required by OSHA, nor do they have decontamination facilities for personnel or equipment. The air conditioning and heating equipment is located off the equipment bays and distributes exhaust fumes and pathogens throughout the building. The stations are too small (short and narrow) for new vehicles. The current structures do not have multi-hour fire separation, nor rated doors between the apparatus bays and the surrounding office spaces. The current buildings do not have overnight sleeping or shower arrangements for in-house crews.

The City will see savings in operating costs by replacing two older, inefficient stations, with one new efficient, practical and well-designed facility.

### **Who does not pay the tax?**

If you live in Brookville but work in Dayton, Trotwood, Vandalia, Oakwood, Springfield, or West Carrollton, or any other community with an income tax rate of two percent (2%) or more, there would be NO increase in your taxes because your income is already taxed at or equal to what Brookville proposes. Taxpayers will continue to get credit for income taxes paid to other cities.

Individuals with unearned income such as Social Security, pension payments, investment incomes such as CD's, stock, annuities, dividends, checking and savings accounts, unemployment, disability, military pay, capital gains and alimony are not taxed. Dividends from the income of an S corporation are not taxed. Income of persons under 18 is not taxed.

### **Do Senior Citizens get a break?**

Yes, very much so! Since Social Security and pension payments are not taxed, Senior Citizens who do not have other earned income are not subject to the tax. They simply DO NOT PAY IT!

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**Who pays the tax and what is taxed?**

The vast majority paying Brookville's income tax are those who live in other communities. In fact, about 80% of the people who pay Brookville's income tax are individuals who work in Brookville but live elsewhere. That's because you pay income tax to the community in which you work. You should know, too, that only EARNED income is taxed.

If you live in Brookville and work in a community that taxes at a rate LESS than Brookville, such as Englewood, for instance, you would pay 1.75% to Englewood and the additional .25% to Brookville.

**Why is it important for our City?**

The additional income tax rate will generate approximately \$250,000 annually and will pay for the construction of a new fire station, related on-site and off-site infrastructure improvements for the new fire station and other fire department capital improvements.

**Why Now?**

In 2004, a Strategic Vision Committee was formed that provided wide public and professional participation for the direction of the Brookville Fire Department. The recommendations of the Committee were presented to the City Council in late 2004. Those recommendations include a schedule for vehicle replacement and upgrades, increased levels of staffing and the construction of a new central fire station. When implemented, these improvements would be expected to significantly improve the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) classification, lower commercial insurance premiums and provide improved safety services to the City as well as portions of Clay and Perry Townships that the Brookville Fire Department serves. Since 2004, we have purchased three new vehicles for the Brookville Fire Department and staffing levels have increased. In 2008, the City purchased 3.176 acres for future construction of a fire station.

At the current time, we are seeing unprecedented interest rates. Interest rates on 25-year bonds are at or below 5%. Construction of a new fire station will employ many people. Construction bids are projected to come in under the engineer's estimate due to the current economy. Several public construction projects in our region have come in way below their engineer's estimates.

**What are we doing with the two existing fire stations?**

At this point, the buildings will be disposed of by the City and hopefully put to good use by someone.

**I still have questions. Who can I call for more information?**

There are a number of contacts who can answer your questions. You can phone City Manager John Wright, 833-2135, or email him at [wright@brookvilleohio.com](mailto:wright@brookvilleohio.com), Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance Sonja Keaton, 833-2135, or email her at [keaton@brookvilleohio.com](mailto:keaton@brookvilleohio.com), Fire Chief James Nickel at 833-2345, or email him at [James.Nickel@brookvillefire.us](mailto:James.Nickel@brookvillefire.us).

**FIRE STATION  
OPEN HOUSE**

Tours of Brookville's two fire stations – one on Mulberry Street and the other on Albert Road – will welcome visitors on the day of the Brookville Fire Prevention Parade and Festival-Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A variety of firefighting equipment will be on display.

You can also tour by stopping by Fire Station 1 on Mulberry Street on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more details, contact the firehouse at 833-2345.

**FESTIVAL A TIME-HONORED BROOKVILLE TRADITION**

The year was 1947. Harry S. Truman was president of the United States. A gallon of gas cost 15 cents. The average price of a new house was \$6,600. It was also in 1947 that a chap named Walter Morrison invented the Frisbee, the novel *Diary of Anne Frank* was published and Jackie Robinson made his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

That same year, the Brookville Fire Department held its first Fire Prevention Parade & Festival in downtown Brookville. Now, 63 years later, the local event is still going strong. This year's festival will unfold on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Though there may not be any Frisbees flying that day, there will be attractions for people of all ages. The festival will include a community garage sale, chicken dinners cooked by fire department members, station tours and a parade at 2 p.m. with Jim Bucher from Dayton's WDTN-TV (Channel 2) as the master-of-ceremonies. The Brookville High School Marching Band will also be showcasing their talents in the parade.

Festival-planners are inviting area residents to perform on the bandstand at Market and Mulberry Streets that day. To reserve a garage sale spot or have a chance to entertain festival-goers, contact Bob Batz at 833-4280.



## Voter Registration Information

Polls are open on Election Day, November 2, 2010 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The voter registration deadline for the November 2, 2010, General Election, is Monday, October 4, 2010. To qualify to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old on or before the next general election, a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately right before Election Day and be registered to vote at least 30 days before Election Day. Voter registration forms are available at the Brookville City Office, 301 Sycamore Street, Brookville Public Library, 425 Rona Parkway, or online at [http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter\\_information/registration.html](http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter_information/registration.html). Voter registration forms must be received or postmarked 30 days before an election in which you intend to vote. You will be notified by the Montgomery County Board of Elections of the location where you vote, if you do not receive a notice prior to Election Day, call the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 937-225-5656.

If you are registered and move within the state or same county or change your name, you must report the change to the Montgomery County Board of Elections by completing a voter registration form at the Montgomery County Board of Elections or any branch registration agency or by mail as stated above.

Absentee voting allows you to vote at any time up to 35 days before the November 2, 2010 General Election, which begins September 28, 2010. A qualified Ohio voter does not have to state a reason to vote by an absentee ballot, although the ballot must be applied for in writing. If you are properly registered to vote, you must submit your written request to the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Absentee voter applications can also be completed online at [http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter\\_information/absentee\\_voting/application.html](http://www.mcoho.org/boe/voter_information/absentee_voting/application.html).

Absentee voter applications are available at the City Building, or you may also write or go to the Montgomery County Board of Elections and request an absentee ballot. No faxed absentee application requests are permitted by law. Applications by mail for absentee voter ballots must be received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections by noon three days prior to the November 2 election, or by Saturday, October 30, 2010 by 12:00 noon. All voted absentee ballots must be returned by mail, or hand delivered to the Montgomery County Board of Elections office by 7:30 p.m. on November 2, 2010 in order to be counted.

**Exception:** Military (federal) ballots mailed out of the country will be counted if received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections up to 10 days following the election if post marked by November 2, 2010, and ballots mailed from within the United States will be counted if post marked no later than the day before election day, and received within 10 days after the election.

The following is a listing of extended hours for voting at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, (Montgomery County Administration Building, Mezzanine level):

Tuesday, October 12 – Friday, October 15	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 18 – Friday, October 22	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 23	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 24	12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 25 – Friday, October 29	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 30	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 31	12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

### **Brookville Precinct Voting Locations**

Brookville Precinct A: Villas of Brookhaven, 1 Country Lane

Brookville Precinct B: Golden Gate Park, Christena Leiber Center, 545 E. Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road

Brookville Precinct C: Brookville High School, 1 Blue Pride Drive

Brookville Precinct D: Brookville High School, 1 Blue Pride Drive

### **NEW AWARD TO HONOR TRIO DURING PARADE**

Three area residents will be recognized for outstanding service to the community at this year's Fire Prevention Parade & Festival. The new honor – called "The Sally Award" – will be presented to Jessica Cherry, Zach Shafer and Rhonda Landis by Brookville Fire Chief James Nickel.

The award is named for Sally Batz, who died in September, 2009. Batz, a longtime fire department member, was one of the Miami Valley's first female paramedics in the early 1980s. She later was administrative assistant to Fire Chief Nickel. "We wanted a way to honor those who step up in times of emergency and this is it," said Nickel, who will present the awards.

Cherry, a Lewisburg resident, and respiratory therapist at Good Samaritan Hospital, came to the aid of a choking baby at K's Restaurant in Brookville on Feb. 18, 2010. When she realized the baby wasn't breathing, she took the baby in her arms and delivered back blows until the coin was dislodged.

Shafer and Landis, employees at the KOA near Brookville, went to the aid of a woman who wasn't breathing. Shafer inserted an airway, then the two rescuers ventilated the woman and performed CPR to revive her before Brookville medics arrived with the equipment to stabilize the patient.

Council Members

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Did you know Montgomery County residents can **dispose of up to 10 tires per year per residence free of charge** at the Montgomery County North and South Waste Facilities. Tires can be dropped off Monday through Saturday during regular hours of operation. Proof of residency is required. For more information, call 225-4427.

**BrookHaven invites you to attend the following wellness**

**events:**  
"An Update on Breast Cancer Risks, Detection and Treatment"  
10/6 @ 5 p.m.,  
"Seven Steps to a Better You" 10/7 @ 2 p.m.,  
"Eat Your Way Well"  
11/22 @ 2 p.m.  
A community walking group for seniors meets every Tuesday through 10/26 at 9:30 a.m.

Police Warn of Spoofing Scams

That phone call you are getting right now is showing on your caller ID as the IRS. Is it really the IRS calling? What about the call you get next week that is from your credit card company? The voice on the other end says they are your credit card company's representative and they want you to verify your credit card number over the phone.

How do you know it is really them? You don't. New technology allows thieves to spoof your caller id and disguise their voice. You may be thinking "oh, it won't happen here". Not true— recently we experienced a similar incident involving spoofing phone numbers in an attempt to get account info from Brookville National Bank customers. The suspects were tracked back to Spain!

What can you do to protect yourself?

A good general rule is that if someone calls you requesting financial information, DO NOT give it to them. Anytime you receive a call where someone asks you to verify account information, hang up and call that business directly. The spoofing does not work the other way around. The criminals cannot be on the other end when you call the business directly. Tell them that someone called you representing their company and they should be able to verify if that is true and if there truly is a problem with your account.

If you do verify that this is a scam, please notify the authorities immediately to ensure the word gets out that there is something fishy going on. This will help to protect your neighbors too. Most likely when you hang up they are already dialing the next number to try someone else.

City crews will soon resume our annual curbside leaf pickup. Leaves are picked up daily, beginning at one end of the city and working completely through all of the streets before starting the route over again.

Please follow these guidelines to ensure your leaves are picked up:

- Use your blower to get them to the streets, but consolidate them as close to the curb as possible.
- Allow 6" from gutters to allow rain to flow to catch basins.
- Make sure leaves are not under, between or around parked vehicles.
- Please do not mix yard waste with the leaves. Grass, sticks, brush or spent flowers will clog the vacuum.
- Don't blow leaves out into street for them to become your neighbor's problem.
- Rake leaves at your convenience, but be patient. One crew can usually make the route in a week or less, and at times two crews may be used.



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Beggar's Night is set for Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6-7:30 p.m. Brookville Police ask parents to instruct their children to stop only at homes that are well lit and to never enter a stranger's home.