

The Darby Dispatch

Darby Township Trustees

Unionville Center, Ohio

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Make Your Voice Heard...Vote on November 3rd



The Darby Township Trustees encourage all registered township residents to come out and vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. All three Darby precincts vote at the township hall, 508 Fourth Street in Unionville Center. Voting hours that day will be from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM. The following issues and candidates will be on the ballot in Darby Township (not all of the issues listed will be on every ballot, depending upon the location of each voter's residence):

- Elect two Darby Township Trustees;
- Elect one member of Central Ohio Educational Service Center;
- Elect three members of Fairbanks Local School District Board of Education;
- State Issue 1- To authorize the state to issue bonds to provide compensation to veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts;
- State Issue 2- To create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board to establish and implement standards of care for livestock and poultry. **The Darby Township Trustees have unanimously endorsed Issue 2**, believing that a board of Ohioans will keep control of agriculture where it belongs, here in Ohio.
- State Issue 3- To amend the constitution to allow for one casino each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo, and distribute to all Ohio counties a tax on the casinos;
- Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities- Proposed 2.4-mill, 6-year tax levy renewal;
- Union County- Proposed additional tax levy (0.5 mills for 5 years) for operation of alcohol and drug addiction programs and facilities and mental health programs and facilities;
- Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District- A 10-mill replacement levy for 5 years, for funding operations of fire protection and EMS. See page 2 for more details;
- Elect two members of the Jonathan Alder Local School District Board of Education;
- Jonathan Alder Local School District- Elect one member of the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center;
- Unionville Center- Elect one member of Village Council;
- Marysville City- Elect City Director of Law;
- Marysville City- Elect three members of City Council at-large;
- Marysville City- Proposed municipal income tax increase from 1% to 1.5% for safety services;
- Marysville City- Proposed charter amendment to better define "resolution" and require only one reading of resolutions that do not include expenditures;
- Marysville City- Proposed charter amendment to remove vague requirements for Director of Finance;
- Marysville City- Proposed charter amendment to remove 2-term limits for Planning Commission members;
- Marysville City- Proposed charter amendment to change the requirement that the Board of Control act in accordance with the City of Marysville ordinances, as opposed to the "general law", when conducting procedures related to contracts.

The information above was taken from sample ballots provided by the Union County Board of Elections.



For more information on the election issues, or to view sample ballots, visit the Union County Board of Elections website:

www.electionsonthe.net/oh/union/.

Your Vote Counts!

Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District Replacement Levy on the Ballot

On November 3rd, some Darby Township residents will be voting on a 10-mill replacement levy for operations of the Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District (PVJFD). Darby Township is a member and supporter of the district.

The 10-mill levy would replace the current 10-mill operating levy in effect in Darby Township. According to the group *Citizens Supporting Pleasant Valley Fire District*, the levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$49 per year or 13.4 cents per day more than they have been paying.

The new levy would ensure that the PVJFD can maintain full staffing, as this levy income is used to pay salaries and wages, insurance and other operating expenses. The District has been able to leverage these tax dollars in recent years to obtain grants and donations, such as a grant for \$174,000 for new air packs, face pieces, compressor and cascade system; and donations

for a Jaws of Life tool and Automated External Defibrillator. The District has also collected fees from insurance companies and Medicare for EMS transports and treatment, which paid for a new Medic truck and cardiac monitor. In addition, EMS grants totaling \$25,500 have been received in the past five years.

The Darby Township Trustees recognize that the PVJFD is working hard to keep costs under control, obtain extra funding through grants and other channels, and continue to provide the service level and response time we all count on. The Trustees encourage you to vote **YES** for the Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District replacement levy.



Darby Meadows Receives Drainage "Makeover"



The residents of Darby Boulevard should breathe a little easier when the next heavy rains arrive, thanks to recent drainage improvements undertaken by the Darby Township Trustees. Stormwater drainage in the Darby Meadows subdivision has been a problem ever since the development was new. The main storm sewer was undersized and much of the surface drainage had inadequate slope to allow the stormwater to escape quickly in heavy rain events.

The Trustees contracted with the Union County Engineer's Office to perform the drainage upgrades. After two meetings with the Engineer's office, the Trustees and Darby Meadows residents, the work began in early September. Much larger storm sewer pipes were installed and surface drains were re-designed and re-graded. The construction work, totaling hundreds of feet in length, is now completed. The final grading will be performed in the spring of 2010, after all of the soil has settled.

Have You Seen It?

On May 15, 2009, the Charles W. Fairbanks Historical Marker was dedicated on "the Green" in Unionville Center. Local, county and state officials were on hand, along with the Fairbanks High School Band and many local residents. The marker recognizes Darby Township as the birthplace and childhood home of Charles W. Fairbanks, United States Vice-President from 1905-1909 in the Theodore Roosevelt administration. The marker is located at the corner of Main and Cross streets in Unionville Center.



A Burning Issue



When leaves, brush and other yard wastes pile up in the fall, it's tempting to put a match to those piles and start burning. The Darby Township Trustees want to remind residents that most open burning of such materials is prohibited in the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.1503.18 and 3734.03). It is also illegal to burn other materials such as agricultural, industrial and commercial wastes. The Union County Sheriff's Department will investigate complaints of open burning and refer them to the local fire department, if needed, to be

extinguished. A first violation will result in a warning, and a second violation will result in a citation and fine. Please be considerate of your neighbors and resist that burning desire!

Twp. Tidbits

- The Sheriff's Department warns against leaving bicycles unattended at the township playground. Bike thefts are on the increase in the area.
- The Township Hall can be rented for special events. Contact Mary Dick at 614-771-9161.
- Darby Township zoning documents can be downloaded from the internet at www.lucplanning.com.
- UC Signs in Unionville Center is creating new signs for all three township cemeteries, to be installed this winter.
- Are you interested in serving as an alternate on a Darby Township zoning board? Contact one of the trustees listed on the back page.

Recycling Reminder

Don't forget that on the second Monday of each month from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm a truck sponsored by Union Recyclers and the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District is waiting for you at the Darby Township Hall. No hazardous materials, appliances, motor oil, tires (or other items not listed above) can be accepted during the monthly Darby Township recycling days. You are invited to drop off the following recyclables at that time:

- Corrugated cardboard and paperboard
- Clear, green and brown glass jars and bottles
- Newspapers, magazines, phone books, mail and office paper
- #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs
- Steel food cans
- Aluminum cans

For more recycling information, call Union Recyclers at 937-642-7283 or log on to their website:



www.ncowaste.org/NCOWaste/Union_Recycle.html.

The Union County Sheriff's Office offers a Senior Watch program for Darby Township. The Public Safety Officer can routinely stop to check on elderly or disabled residents. For more information or to register, call Deputy Kim Zacharias at 937-645-4100, extension 4471.

Wondering whom to contact with a question in Darby Township?

Darby Township Trustees:

Doug Alderman 614-873-4572, Chairman.

Newsletter, playground, Rt. 33 Corridor Committee, regional planning commission representative, Pleasantview subdivision

Dennis Blumenschein 937-642-6174

Roads, County Engineer's Office liaison, Soil and Water liaison, Autumn Ridge subdivision

Roger Davenport 614-873-4729

Pleasant Valley Fire District chairman, cemetery maintenance, township hall, Memorial Day coordinator, Taylor Fields subdivision

Fiscal Officer:

Mary Dick 614-771-9161

Township hall rental, all financial matters, records, scheduling, cemetery lots/deeds

Zoning Inspector

Jim Butler 614-873-4103

All zoning questions, building permits, zoning permits, pond permits, conditional uses and variances