

Tax Reform: What Will it Fund?

The tax reform proposal that is on the May 7 ballot is needed to sustain the City's current level of services. In addition, the revenue generated by the reform will be used to fund community projects and investments that are outlined in the [Five Year Capital Needs Assessment](#). City departments have been highlighting major parts of the five year plan at City Council meetings, a summary of which will be included in the next few e-newsletters.

This week we're going to highlight the street maintenance component of the Five Year Capital Needs Assessment.

Five Year Capital Improvement Plan | Street Maintenance

The City of Gahanna has 134 center line miles of roads and all of these roads need regular maintenance to keep them in a condition that is safe for travel. Gahanna experienced a boom in residential development over the past 50 years; the annual costs of streets maintenance will increase just as the number of miles of streets has increased. Funding for street maintenance is a major component of the City's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The City is often asked, "When will my street be paved?" Ultimately, the answer to this question is reliant upon program funding. If funding for future programs can be guaranteed, the City of Gahanna could effectively project out the next five years of paving work and give a much clearer picture of when a particular street will be paved.

"When we apply a dollar amount to our annual maintenance needs, we find that, over the next five years alone we will need approximately \$2 million each year to properly maintain our streets," said Public Service Director Dottie Franey.

To watch a short video about Gahanna's street maintenance needs, [please click here](#).

City Expects \$1 Million in Savings From Sale of Bonds

The City of Gahanna has refinanced bonds that were issued in 2005 to fund various capital improvements. The total cash savings throughout the life of the bonds will be \$1.06 million. From 2014 to 2030, the City will see an average annual cash savings of \$60,000.

To read more about the savings from these bonds, [please click here](#).

2013 Gateway THIS Sunday!



The Gateway Summer 2013 Program Guide for the City of Gahanna comes out Sunday, April 14, 2013.

Look for it hanging from your mailbox in The Bag, at local businesses, Gahanna City Hall and all Gahanna Parks & Recreation locations.

Registration begins on April 14 through [Webtrac](#) and in person at City Hall on April 15. Contact the Parks & Recreation office, 342-4250, for more information or to set up an online account.

See a preview of the 2013 Summer Gateway [online here!](#)

Letter From The Mayor

In this summer's Gateway you will find a letter from the Mayor explaining the Tax Reform Proposal, Issue 4, in more detail.

This letter explains that if residents approve the change in our tax structure, the City will be able to sustain its current level of service for the Police Department and Service Department, including snow plowing and street repair.

"Ninety-eight percent of our residents rate Gahanna's quality of life as 'good, very good or excellent' and it is my job to maintain that quality of life," said Mayor Becky Stinchcomb.

The letter goes on to explain that Issue 4 will increase the credit given to residents for income taxes paid to another municipality from 83.3 percent to 100 percent, and increase the Gahanna local income tax from 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent.

The letter in its entirety can be found online, [here](#). If you have any question, or would like someone from the City to visit your organization or neighborhood meeting, please contact the Mayor's Office at 342-4045 or email the mayor at mayor@gahanna.gov.

LAST CALL: Chili Bowl Season Kickoff

Join us for the annual Chili Bowl Season Kick off at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, April 13. We'll be watching the Masters and eating a variety of chili from local businesses. We invite you to play 9-holes to kick off your 2013 golf season.



Now is the perfect time to check out the course, leagues, events and purchase yearly memberships! Buy or renew your golf membership at the Chili Bowl and enter to win a 20 cart pass. Tee times are available from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 342-4270 to schedule a tee time.

Earth Day in the Park



Celebrate Earth Day with Gahanna Parks & Recreation! Volunteer your time to clean up the park and experience what Parks & Recreation has to offer through adventure activities like fishing, archery and more!

Meet at Woodside Green, 231 Camrose Ct. Saturday, April 20. The clean-up is 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the outdoor adventure activities are from 12 - 3 p.m. All ages are welcome! This is a great opportunity for teens to earn volunteer hours!

It's Going to Get Hot

Smart Cooling, an energy savings plan from AEP Ohio, offers eligible customers in the gridSMART Demonstration Project the chance to earn bill credits during summer months just by allowing your thermostat to be adjusted a few degrees during high demand periods for electricity.



Once enrolled, you'll receive a FREE programmable thermostat professionally installed at no charge. You can also earn additional credits if you have an electric water heater, pool pump and/or hot tub. Enroll online at SaveMoneyandEnergy.com or call 1-888-237-5522 by June 1.

Stay Connected

You can follow the City of Gahanna, Parks & Recreation, Creekside events and the Herb Education Center online. For a complete list of social media, visit our guide [online here](#).