

VILLAGE HALL

Business Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM 4:00 PM

CLOSED

October 12, 2026 – Columbus Day

November 11, 2026 – Veteran's Day

November 26-27, 2026 - Thanksgiving

Stop at Village Hall to pick up Zoning forms, file a Police Report, fill out a House Check and ask questions regarding Village activities.

**You may also obtain the forms online at
www.villageofbostonheights.com**



Important Dates

UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETINGS AT TIME OF PRINT – SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST

9/22/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg
9/23/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. Park Board Meeting
10/7/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. PC/BZA Meeting
10/13/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Meeting
10/27/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg
10/28/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. Park Board Meeting
11/4/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. PC/BZA Meeting
11/10/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Mtg
11/24/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg
11/25/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. Park Board Meeting
12/2/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. PC/BZA Meeting
12/8/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Meeting
12/15/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg

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FALL NEWSLETTER



2026

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www.villageofbostonheights.com

NEWS AND EVENTS



Mark Your Calendar

SEE WEBSITE - FOR MORE INFORMATION

COME JOIN THE FUN

2026 ANNUAL VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS FALL FESTIVAL

AMERICA 250TH ANNIVERSARY
1776 ★ 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
★ **12:00 PM – 4:00 PM** ★
★ **AT MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK** ★

HAYRIDES **BOUNCE HOUSE** **TOUCH-A-TRUCK** **SCAVENGER HUNT** **LOG SAWING CONTEST**

PATRIOTIC THEME DESSERT CONTEST
Judged on Creativity ★ Originality ★ Taste

★ TIME CAPSULE ★
BOSTON HEIGHTS 2026 TIME CAPSULE
A MESSAGE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS!

RAFFLE BASKETS
— to benefit FAIRVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

50/50 RAFFLE
to benefit PARK BOARD

★ FOOD SERVED ★
HOTDOGS • CHIPS • SODA

Bring your family and friends for a day of fun, community, and celebration!
★★ WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! ★★

1ST ANNUAL VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS TRUNK OR TREAT

AT MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2026
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER!

DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND HAVE SOME FUN!

NO AGE LIMIT!

DECORATE YOUR TRUNK!

ONLY WRAPPED CANDY

NO FEE! IT'S FREE!

NO AGE LIMIT!

DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO OCTOBER 30TH WITH THE VILLAGE

CALL TO REGISTER: (330) 650-4111
TAMMY OR NATALIE

RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER!

★ BRING YOUR FAMILY, WEAR YOUR COSTUMES AND LET'S HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME! ★
FUN ★ COMMUNITY ★ TREATS ★ MEMORIES

REMINDER: TRADITIONAL BOSTON HEIGHTS TRICK OR TREAT WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6:00 PM-8:00 PM



SENIOR CONNECTIONS

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE SENIOR EVENTS, INFORMATION AND MONTHLY LUNCH MENU

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!
2026 ANNUAL Fall CRAFT SHOW

SHOP LOCAL! SUPPORT LOCAL! LOVE LOCAL!

SPONSORED BY THE FAIRVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Something for Everyone!
Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled day of shopping, smiles and fall spirit!

HOMEMADE SOUPS FOR SALE!

Fall IN LOVE WITH HANDMADE!

SNACKS & TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

MADE WITH LOVE

BOSTON HEIGHTS FIRE STATION
15 E. BOSTON MILLS RD, BOSTON HEIGHTS

SHOP • ENJOY • SUPPORT • MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
♡ We can't wait to see you there! ♡



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**COUNCILMEMBER
RICH LYON'S - The
Lyon-Hearted
Lowdown:)**



It Takes a Village!

***Our Honor Roll
continues to grow!***

Earlier this year we initiated a project to honor residents and former residents of the Village of Boston Heights who served (or are currently serving) our country in the military, both living and deceased. Sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, yourselves, and many more have given of themselves in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard and Reserves.

To date we have identified more than **200** of our residents from many sources, including military records, cemetery markers, submissions by our residents, and more. ***We know there are more who should be added to our honor roll and need everyone's help to make a final push!***

***PLEASE**, if you served or are currently serving – we want you included.
***If** you had a family member who served – we want them included.
***If** you have a family member currently serving – those residents (current or former) deserve to be included.

Submissions should include Name, Branch of Service, Dates of Service, Conflict Service if applicable. Service pictures may also be included if available.

EXAMPLE: John Doe – US Army, WWII (Europe), 1942-1945

Design plans for outdoor tribute boards are being finalized, so ***please don't delay making your submissions*** and should be emailed to rlyon@bostonheightsvillage.com.

And I must add a special note for the suggestions, work, and guidance provided by Village Council members, Tammy Collins (Village Hall Office Administrator), Terry Brannan, members of our Park Board Commission, and Karen Becker of Becker Signs. Their help has been invaluable!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety First

As students return to school this fall, the Boston Heights Police Department would like to remind drivers to use extra caution on the roadways. Drivers are reminded to stop for school buses when the red lights are flashing, and the stop arm is extended. Never attempt to pass a stopped school bus when children may be entering or exiting.

As part of our back-to-school safety efforts, our officers also make an effort to follow school buses throughout the Village when available. This helps us monitor traffic around bus stops and encourage safe driving during pickup and drop-off times.

Parents are encouraged to remind children to wait for the bus in a safe location, stay out of the roadway, and always look both ways before crossing the street.

A little extra patience and attention can go a long way toward keeping our students safe. The Police Department wishes all of our students, families, teachers, and school staff a very safe and successful school year!



MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK

Park Advisory Board News

Save the Dates

On **October 3rd** from **Noon to 4:00 P.M.** the Park Board will hold the Boston Heights Annual Fall Festival. (See attached flyer for details). This year the Festival will be in conjunction with the 250th Celebration of our country. The Festival will include many of the past events plus some new fun opportunities.

NEW THIS YEAR, October 31st from **3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** the Park Board will hold a Trunk or Treat Halloween event (See enclosed flyer). Participants will pass out treats from their decorated car trunks to costumed children.

Rain Garden

Watch for a new addition to Matthew-Thomas Park this fall. Brian Riedel, Road Department Foreman, reached out to the Park Advisory Board about a funding opportunity, offered by the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners coordinator, for a Rain Garden to be installed by the end of October at no cost to the Village. The site chosen near the Pavilion has poor drainage making it difficult to mow. The garden will provide

natural beautification and more pollinator opportunities to the park once plants mature.

Less Mowing

Mowing has stopped in an area on the south side of the pond to create a wildlife habitat that supports birds, bees and butterflies

Fall Gardening Tips

September: Plant new trees and shrubs easily so they have time to develop good roots. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted until mid-November and leave the last rose blooms of summer plants to encourage dormancy.

October: Protect tender plants and annuals from light frost by covering them. Wait until spring to fertilize evergreens and continue to mow lawn as needed. After first frost, lift dahlias, gladiolus, cannas, and begonias as they start to yellow.

November: Rake fallen leaves and compost or shred with lawn mower and place around landscaped plants. Plant hardy, spring-flowering bulbs outside until the ground freezes. Water landscape plants deeply before freezes, especially evergreens then drain and store garden hose.



VISUALIZE OUR VILLAGE

with Sasha C. Miller

Boston Heights is part of the
National Heritage Area



How do we celebrate and preserve
this unique identity?



The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area designated by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped America and our nation grow. Annually, more than 2.5 million Americans find their way to the iconic 101-mile Towpath Trail running through the heart of the Canalway.



REACH OUT WITH INPUT

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**From the Desk of
Council President,
Dave Maccarone**

dmaccarone@bostonheightsvillage.com

Safety Center update: On June 16 we hosted a public meeting to show the latest drawings and to address any questions and concerns regarding the new Safety Center. As I have done in the past, I will have the drawings on display at the Fall Festival. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend the June meeting, Police Chief McArdle and I will be there to gladly go over the details.



Let's not forget, our most valuable assets are the dedicated men and women that serve and protect our village.

Boston Heights Business Spotlight: This quarter I would like to recognize a company that has made a significant impact on the clothing industry. U.S. Wings manufactures authentic leather coats and jackets.

"Established in 1986 – culled from man's wild, pioneer yearnings. Crafted from supple, earthy leather. Classic and real as the people who wear them. This is the story of U.S. Wings authentic aviator flight jackets, and the people who bring them to you. U.S. Wings is a name you can trust."



If you thought U.S. Wings jackets came from some New York fashion designer's drawing, think again. U.S. Wings is the only official licensee for Flying Tigers-brand apparel and other government-issue aviator jackets. The company and its product are wearable symbols of free-flying American pride. A retired U.S. Army man, Sgt. David Hack (CEO of U.S. Wings) has partnered with his wife Lani Hack (President of U.S. Wings) since 1986. Forerunners in marketing, the couple tossed aside mail order marketing and took to the web early. They were one of the first brave web marketers in the country. What inspired them? Call it a great marriage between military bravado and confidence in a classic, authentic product.

U.S. Wings has supplied various styles of jackets, khakis, custom flight jackets and other types of apparel & accessories for many TV shows and big screen movies including "24", Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Behind Enemy Lines, Dogs of War, Space Cowboys, The Tuskegee Airmen, The 6th Day, Kerosene Cowboys, Amelia's Journey, Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow, and The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. In addition to their online sales, US Wings had a retail store located right here in Boston Heights.

Address: 561 E Hines Hill Road Boston Heights, Ohio 44236

Phone: 1-800-650-0659 / 330-655-5050,

Web Site: www.uswings.com,

Email: info@uswings.com,

Retail Store Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm EST Saturday: 10am - 3pm (Oct-Jan)
Sunday: Closed

Check out their website for more information, and please support the businesses that call Boston Heights home.

Dave
Chairman Economic Development
and Public Safety Committees



PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

Leaf collection begins Oct 19th

Place leaves in the tree lawn area - parallel to the street on the street edge or behind the curb. Please avoid placing leaves in the street, ditches, and gutters, or near obstacles that will be in the way of the trucks such as parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, and streetlights.



The Public Works Dept's new 2026 F-600 has multiple beds that easily swap via the Swaploader system mounted on the truck. This truck will be used as a salt truck, brush chip truck, and a dump truck. This truck will help crews safely adapt to the project at hand.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN
KEEP OUR WORKERS SAFE**

VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF MIKE PACKARD

Phone: (330) 657-2292

Ohio Outdoor Fire Laws: What You Need to Know

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Regarding Kindled Fires

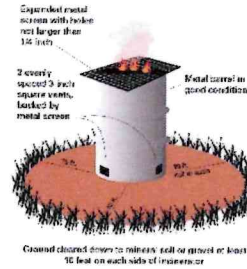
O.R.C. 1503.18 is under the authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry.

This law prohibits outdoor open burning statewide in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October, and November between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel.

During spring, wildfire danger is high before plants have turned green, and in fall, fire danger is high due to abundant dry leaves and dead grass. Warm, windy weather in both seasons also contribute to elevated fire risk. Always be sure to use a proper burn barrel when burning outdoors during legal hours.

Call your fire department for info about local burning regulations.
Call ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 with questions.



Ohio Administrative Code 3745.19 Regarding Outdoor Burning



O.A.C. 3745.19 is enforced by the Ohio EPA. EPA notification is required for many types of open burns in Ohio.

Call 614-644-2270 with questions or visit: www.epa.ohio.gov/openburning for complete rules and to find your local EPA office or air pollution control agency.

EPA Basics for Homeowners

Materials NEVER to be burned at any time or any place in Ohio:

- Food Waste
- Dead Animals
- Materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt, or made from petroleum

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- Fires must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building
- No burning when air pollution alert, warning, or emergency is in effect
- Fire/smoke cannot obscure visibility on roadway, railways, or airfields
- No waste generated off the premises may be burned
- No burning within village or city limits or restricted areas

Seasonal Burn Bans

- **Restricted Months:** March, April, May, October, and November.
- **Daytime Ban:** Open burning is illegal from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM in unincorporated areas.
- **Allowed Hours:** Burning is permitted only from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM during these months.
- **Scope:** Applies to yard waste, trash, and debris—even inside burn barrels

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

🌻 Discover Fairview Cemetery - A Place of Care, Community, and History 🌻

For those who may not know, Boston Heights is home to Fairview Cemetery, located next to Village Hall. Plots are available to Village residents, and the grounds are lovingly maintained not only by our Public Works Department, but also by a dedicated association of volunteers who go above and beyond with beautification and improvements.

If you have questions or need further information, contact us here at Village Hall and we will put you in contact with someone from the Fairview Cemetery Association.

****Be sure to stop by and visit with members of the Fairview Cemetery Association at the Fall Festival to purchase tickets for a chance to win one of the donated raffle baskets! Proceeds will benefit the Fairview Cemetery Association.**

A LETTER FROM MAYOR ANTAL

Residents,

Fall is always a special time in Boston Heights, and this year we have a full calendar of events that gives everyone a good reason to get out of the house and spend time with neighbors.

We will begin with the **Boston Heights Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** This year's festival will help celebrate America's 250th anniversary and will feature hayrides, a log-sawing contest, baking contests, raffles, games for children and plenty of great food. Local businesses and vendors will join us with activities and free giveaways. Children will also have the chance to climb aboard and explore fire trucks, police cars and other Village vehicles and equipment. For many youngsters, and more than a few adults, that may be the highlight of the afternoon.

On Halloween, we will hold our **First annual Boston Heights Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Matthews-Thomas Park.** If you have never attended a Trunk or Treat, participating vehicles park together with their trunks decorated in

fun Halloween themes. Children dress in costume and walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy and admiring the decorations. Think of it as a cheerful Halloween neighborhood made from decorated cars and trucks, all gathered in one convenient place.

Please Note: Trunk or Treat is an additional Village event and does **NOT** replace traditional neighborhood Trick-or-Treating. Regular trick-or-treat hours will be held that evening from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The children get two rounds of Halloween fun, while parents may want to buy an extra bag of candy, and hide the one they plan to keep.

The **Annual Fall Craft Show** will follow on **Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Boston Heights Fire Station.** Village residents and other local artisans will offer handmade crafts, unique gifts, homemade baked goods and snacks. It is a wonderful opportunity to support local makers and get an early start on holiday shopping.

Finally, the Village will host another **Free Community Shred Day on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Village Hall.** Residents may bring documents containing personal or confidential information for secure shredding. It may not offer hayrides or

homemade pie, but getting rid of a few boxes of old paperwork has a certain satisfaction of its own.

These events are part of what makes Boston Heights such a welcoming community. They also provide a good reminder that a strong Village does not stand still. We are enjoying what Boston Heights is today while also preparing responsibly for what it can become tomorrow.

One encouraging sign of that progress is the planned redevelopment of the former **Norwood Inn property.** Work on this large and long-awaited project is moving forward, and residents should begin seeing visible signs of the property's transformation by early summer 2027. After years of discussion, it will be exciting to watch this important part of our Village begin a new chapter.

Growth brings new investment, new opportunities and renewed energy. It also places greater demands on our police, fire, EMS, roads and other essential Village services. Those services must be prepared to keep pace with the community they serve.

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That brings us to the three Village tax questions residents will consider on

Tuesday, November 3, 2026:

- **Issue 39** is the proposed 0.25% municipal income-tax increase for safety services.
- **Issue 40** is the renewal of the existing 2.75-mill property-tax levy for streets, roads and bridges.
- **Issue 41** is the renewal of the existing 0.75-mill property-tax levy for fire operations.

Election Day voting will take place at **Village Hall, 45 E. Boston Mills Road, Boston Heights, OH 44236**. Polls will be open from **6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

It is important to understand that these are **not three new tax increases**. Issues 40 and 41 would continue two existing property tax levies that residents already pay. Issue 39 is the only proposal requesting additional revenue.

Revenue from Issue 39 would help finance the planned Safety Center, which would provide a modern home for our Police Department, Village administrative offices and a public meeting hall. It would also create a dedicated source of funding for other public-safety needs authorized by the ordinance, including police, fire and EMS

personnel, equipment, facilities and operations.

Our Police Department currently works from space that is more than 100 years old and originally served as garages for the Village's first Fire Department. Our officers have made good use of what they have, but the building was never designed to function as a modern police station.

The anticipated Safety Center cost is approximately **\$10 million**. The current funding plan includes **\$2 million in grants and \$4 million from existing Village cash reserves**. The remaining approximately **\$5 million would be financed**, with revenue from the proposed income-tax increase providing a dedicated source for those payments. In other words, the Village is putting outside funding and its own money on the table before asking taxpayers to fund the remaining portion.

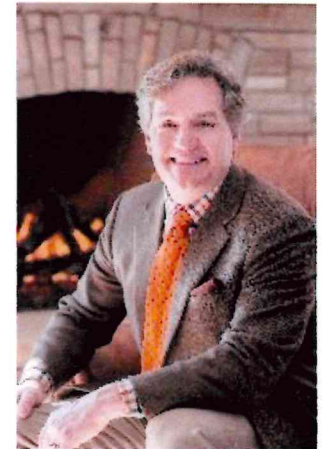
More detailed information about Issues 39, 40 and 41 is included in this newsletter. I encourage every resident to read it carefully, understand what each question does and make an informed decision on Election Day. There is much to look forward to in Boston Heights, from fall festivals and children in Halloween costumes to new

investment and long-needed improvements in our public-safety facilities. I am enthusiastic about where our Village is headed and grateful to the residents, employees, volunteers and local businesses helping us move forward.

I hope to see you around the Village this fall.

Warm regards,

Ron Antal
Mayor, Village of
Boston Heights



SEE ENCLOSURE FOR MORE INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT

Three Village Tax Questions

What They Mean For The Village Of Boston Heights - In Plain English

This November, Boston Heights voters will see three Village tax questions on the ballot. Seeing the word "Tax" three times can understandably make anyone wonder what is going on. The good news is that the explanation is simpler than the ballot may first appear.

THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT: This is **NOT** a request for three new tax increases. Only the proposed 0.25% municipal income-tax measure asks for new revenue. The road and fire questions would continue two existing property-tax levies that residents already pay.

The Three Questions at a Glance

Ballot Question	New or existing?	Purpose	Estimated Effect
Issue 39 0.25% Income Tax	Proposed increase	Safety Services Fund	Depends on taxable income and workplace credit
Issue 40 2.75-Mill Road Levy	Existing levy renewal	Streets, roads and bridges	\$61/year per \$100,000 of market value
Issue 41 0.75-Mill Fire Levy	Existing levy renewal	Fire and EMS operations	\$17/year per \$100,000 of market value

The estimated \$61 road-levy cost and \$17 fire-levy cost - \$78 combined per \$100,000 of market value - are not new charges being added to current property-tax bills. They describe the estimated cost of levies residents already pay and are being asked to continue.

Why Are All Three On The Ballot Together?

Sometimes the calendar bunches things together. The two property-tax levies were approved for limited periods and are reaching the end of their current terms. Voter approval is required for them to continue, and their renewal dates happen to fall in the same election as the proposed income-tax increase. It is a busy-looking ballot, but not three newly created taxes.

1. Issue 39: Proposed 0.25% Municipal Income-Tax Increase

The proposal would increase the Village income-tax rate from 2.00% to 2.25% beginning January 1, 2027. Revenue attributable to the added 0.25% would be deposited into the Safety Services Fund.

The request grew out of a specific, long-standing need. Our Police Department operates in space more than 100 years old that originally served as garages for the Village's first Fire Department. Our officers have made good use of what they have, but the space was never designed to be a modern police station. The proposed Safety Center would also provide Village administrative offices and a public meeting hall.

The anticipated project cost is approximately \$10 million. The funding plan calls for \$2 million in grants and \$4 million from existing Village cash reserves. That would cover more than half the project. The remaining, approximately \$5 million, would be financed, with the added income-tax revenue providing a dedicated source for those payments. The ordinance also permits the fund to support other police, fire and EMS needs.

Who Would Be Affected?

The tax generally applies to earned income and business profits, including wages, salaries, bonuses, commissions, self-employment income, rental profits, taxable pass-through income and gambling winnings. The proposal changes the rate; it does not create new categories of taxable income.

Income generally **NOT** subject to the Village tax include Social Security, pensions, IRA and annuity distributions, interest, dividends, capital gains, workers' compensation and military pay. A retiree whose income consists only of those sources generally would not pay more because of the proposal.

What About Residents Who Pay Tax Where They Work?

The ordinance would also increase Boston Heights' credit for qualifying municipal income tax paid elsewhere from 2.00% to 2.25%. If a resident already pays 2.25% or more where he or she works, the resident generally would owe no additional Boston Heights tax on those wages. If the workplace rate is lower, the resident generally would pay Boston Heights the difference. See below for examples.

Workplace	Workplace Rate	Generally Due to Boston Heights on \$50,000
Medina	1.25%	\$500
Chagrin Falls	1.85%	\$200
Hudson	2.00%	\$125
Kent	2.25%	\$0
Macedonia	2.50%	\$0

These examples assume \$50,000 of qualifying taxable wages and eligibility for the full credit. Individual circumstances may differ.

2. Issue 40: Renewal Of The Existing Road Levy

The existing 2.75-mill property-tax levy supports construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of Village streets, roads and bridges. The County Fiscal Officer estimates that the renewal would collect approximately \$237,772 annually and cost \$61 per year for each \$100,000 of market value.

Approval would continue the existing levy for five years, with collections during 2028 through 2032. It would not add another road levy on top of the one residents currently pay.

3. Issue 41: Renewal Of The Existing Fire Levy

The existing 0.75-mill property-tax levy supports fire and EMS operations, including personnel, ambulance equipment, paramedic services and related expenses. The County Fiscal Officer estimates that the renewal would collect approximately \$64,847 annually and cost \$17 per year for each \$100,000 of market value.

Approval would continue the existing levy for three years, with collections during 2028 through 2030. It would not add another fire levy on top of the one residents currently pay.

Why Both A Fire Renewal And A Safety-Services Income Tax?

The fire levy maintains an existing source of operating revenue for fire and EMS services. The proposed income-tax increase is a separate request for new revenue, with its immediate role in the Village plan being to help finance the remaining cost of the Safety Center. Although the income-tax ordinance also permits other safety-service uses, renewing the fire levy does not provide the new financing planned for the facility.

Three Separate Decisions

Boston Heights is a small community, and residents have every right to ask where their money goes and why it is needed. Each question will be voted on separately. Residents are deciding whether to approve one proposed income-tax increase, whether to continue the existing road levy and whether to continue the existing fire levy.

IN SHORT: One proposal looks to the Village's future safety needs, while two renewals continue familiar funding for roads, fire and EMS. It is one proposed increase and two decisions about keeping existing levies in place.