

REMEMBER ISSUE 3 ON MAY 3RD



FROM MAYOR DENNY CENTERS...

...A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Franklin Residents— May I have a moment of your time?

An important decision is about to be upon us. Our **hometown** is facing an **economic crisis** and we are about to be forced to make **devastating cuts** to personnel that will **impact every aspect of the service** you have come to expect from your local government. Please make an informed decision on May 3rd.

The first question that I am sure you want to know is what will this issue do for you. This brief table should help you understand the very broad impact that Issue 3 will have as we fight to continue to serve you. Since funding levels have not been increased since 1975— we are confident that you agree we have been good stewards of your money. A small 1/2% increase will mean the difference in many ways.

What Will Issue 3 Do For Me?

Restore

- Police Officers
- Park & Recreation Funding
- Lost State Funding
- 9 Seasonal Public Workers
- Swimming Pool Funding
- Winter Snow Plowing & Salting
- Special Events

Maintain

- Dedicated Staff
- Quality Services
- Streets
- Parks
- Mechanical Fleet
- Infrastructure

COMMUNITY PRIDE

I encourage you to ask questions. It is **important** that **you understand this issue** so that **you feel confident** that you **can trust** your local officials. This is a small town. You likely know or are related to family and friends who serve their neighbors. Did you know we only have 76 full time staff members right now? Thanks to almost 60 citizen volunteers we are able to do more with much less than communities of similar size to ours. In other words, you get a great value in **Franklin** by **people** who **care about you**.

We couldn't do everything that we do without these dedicated individuals, and they need your help now. Maybe they volunteer for the fire department like I did almost 20 years ago. Possibly your child has worked with Terry Smith when we were able to fund the school resource officer. Perhaps your summers are spent at the wonderful community parks or pool with family and friends. All of these are in jeopardy due to the **severe financial restrictions we are forced to face, right now**.

EMERGENCY SERVICES - YOUR LIFELINE TO SAFETY

We Hope You Never Need Our Emergency Service Providers.

But Aren't You Glad They Are There... Or Are They?

It may not surprise you, but crime rates increase along with drug use when times are tough... and I know times are certainly tough.

Your police department is **currently short police officers** – this means officers are not patrolling the streets and cannot fight the unfortunate realities and challenges facing our community. I, for one, do not want to lose this fight. We need every officer we have and this issue will allow us to restore these cut positions.



...PUT POLICE OFFICERS BACK ON THE STREETS PROTECTING YOU AND FILL THE VACANT POSITIONS AT THE PD

The reduced force has taken Police Officers out of our schools and off the Warren County Drug Task Force. Both positions have significantly increased the challenges facing our community. It is our goal to return these positions so that you are proud to call Franklin home, and you can feel safe and secure.



If your loved one is in need, it is the people who serve in the Police and Fire Departments who will respond, at any hour of the day and on any day of the week to serve you like you are part of the family; because you are. Franklin is blessed to have dedicated public servants who work for you. We do not want to make any further reductions in these safety forces, but that undesirable outcome may be forced upon us if additional funding doesn't become available. Time is of the essence, and people make the difference.

The time is now – we must come together to secure the funding necessary to operate your local governmental services. We have worked diligently to assure every possible cost-saving measure has been explored and implemented. You have already seen the impact of reduced services resulting from terminated programs such as special events ending traditional holiday parades, FallFest and the Pumpkin Roll; reduced snow plowing and salting; and our current inability to fund replacement programs for Capital Improvements such as police cruisers, fire trucks and more.

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THE TRUTH IS, OUR STREETS ARE CRUMBLING. THIS IS NOT SAFE.

You trust us to worry about these things – after all, we understand that you need to travel our streets to and from work and to visit family and friends. Look around. I am sure you haven't noticed. But the fact is we were forced to abandon our annual street paving program in the year 2000. Only limited repairs have been made to our residential streets in the past 11 years. The costs are mounting as this problem worsens with each passing season.

We simply cannot continue to serve you without addressing the infrastructure needs of our City.

Without additional funding we will be forced to make even more cuts. Repairs and maintenance to roads and bridges are necessary so we can continue to attract new business and jobs for our region. But so are the people who work for you. This is an important partnership that is healthy and vital to the foundation of our community.



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This is about Community Pride.

We have dedicated our lives to serve you. I, along with my fellow Council Members, unanimously support this issue because we understand the truth and real needs facing our community. I encourage each of you to learn about this issue for yourselves and come to your own conclusion. In closing, I wish to point out some important factors in our decision to place this option before you.



Seniors

This decision has not been made lightly. In fact, you were the primary focus in our decision on this matter. The fact is, **if you are retired and living on a fixed income** (pension or social security) this issue **WILL NOT COST YOU MONEY.** That is because this issue only impacts working individuals— most of whom actually don't live within the City Limits, but who work here. Most importantly you should understand this **IS NOT A PROPERTY TAX.**

If you want more information, please go to our website at www.franklinohio.org to learn more, including a chart to help you understand what this may cost you on a weekly basis. We are certain that you will agree the small cost will impact our community in much greater ways for generations to come.

Safety, Security & Restoration is our focus. Nothing more... and nothing less.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Issue 3 Will NOT Impact

- Unemployment
- Social Security
- Pensions
- Workers Compensation
- Military Pay
- Insurance Proceeds
- Interest & Dividends

• Well Over 70% of Franklin Residents



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Your Council

- Denny Centers - Mayor
- Bob Knipper - Vice-Mayor
- Michael Aldridge
- Carl Bray
- Todd Hall
- Jason Faulkner
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