



**I BIKE, I WALK,  
I VOTE!**

**Election 2016**

**Bicyclists Guide to Voting  
in Clark, Greene, Miami &  
Montgomery Counties**

#### **VOTER INFORMATION**

**November 8, 2016 General Election polls are open from 6:30AM until 7:30PM.**

How Bicyclists Guide to Voting is compiled: The Bike Miami Valley Regional Advocacy Committee has published the 2nd Voters Guide to provide a forum for candidates to discuss issues of walking, bicycling, and street or trail use. Bicycling is a legal form of transportation in Ohio and has the same rules and rights to the roads. This Guide also highlights information that can help an everyday recreational bicyclists, a dedicated multi-modal user or a daily cycling commuter get insight to candidates' political viewpoints, opinions, and personal experiences with bicycling/ walking. Letters with six questions were sent to candidates in races within the Miami Valley area (counties that are represented in Bike Miami Valley's regional membership base). Candidate responses have been printed to fit formatting. If a candidate did not respond, 'No reply' indicates the candidate either did not respond or did not meet the stated deadline. Asterisks (\*) notes the incumbent candidate only in the first question, underneath how many candidates a voter can select at the polls. Bike Miami Valley does not endorse or support views of any candidate or political party. Nor does Bike Miami Valley assume responsibility for the content of any candidate's reply.



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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** **6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate Candidates**

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Albert Griggs, JR.** – I see bicycling as a gas saver, an action with great health benefits, an activity that keeps pollution down, and a way to really see and enjoy the beautiful Miami Valley country side.

**Peggy Lehner\*** – No reply

**ANSWER 2:**

**Griggs, JR.** – As an Ohio State Senator, I would develop and push legislation that would be designed to ensure the right information is available to keep motorists, bike riders, walkers, and public transit riders aware of each other at all times. This would include clearly marked bike lanes, visible pedestrian crosswalk signs, and visible stop signs at every intersection. I would also work to ensure funding is available to maintain our streets, roads, and bike trails.

**Lehner** – No reply

**ANSWER 3:**

**Griggs, JR.** – Yes, I feel comfortable bicycling in my community and district. The things I mentioned in my answer to question number two is appropriate here as well.

**Lehner** – No reply

**ANSWER 4:**

**Griggs, JR.** – Encourage more organized bicycling events that generate revenue. Encourage businesses like bike shops and food vendors to set up businesses on or near bike trails. Finally, ensure the events and businesses are well advertised statewide.

**Lehner** – No reply

**ANSWER 5:**

**Griggs, JR.** – Ensure there is a viable plan with funding that ensures our bike trails never fall into disrepair and closed. Also continually promote biking, walking, and running as building blocks for a healthy and active lifestyle.

**Lehner** – No reply

**ANSWER 6:**

**Griggs, JR.** – They should vote for me, because I will fight to keep an enhance Miami Valley's biking and walking trails. I am a member of the Dayton Cycling Club and ride on the bike trails frequently. I know what these trails mean and they will always be a priority with me.

**Lehner** – No reply

### **39<sup>th</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**Fred Strahorn\*** – No reply

### **40<sup>th</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Michael Henne\*** – No reply

**David L. Richards** – No reply

### **41<sup>st</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Jim Butler\*** – No reply

**Jimmy Calhoun** – No reply

### **42<sup>nd</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Niraj Antani\*** – No reply

**Patrick Merris** – No reply

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Jeff Rezabek\*** – No reply

**David Sparks** – I view bicycling as an important asset to our community, and plan to make it even more important. As we battle to fight the tide of global climate change, we must include a much larger cycling element in our transportation infrastructure.

**ANSWER 2:**

**Jeff Rezabek** – No reply

**David Sparks** – I will fight for legislation that makes sure that safe cycling lanes are included in the design of our streets, using best practices from countries whose cycling infrastructure is safer and more advanced than ours.

**ANSWER 3:**

**Jeff Rezabek** – No reply

**David Sparks** – No, I do not feel safe bicycling on many of the streets of my community, because there is often not ample room for cyclists. I support adoption of a new model of urban design for protected cycling that puts parked cars in-between active cars and cyclists.

**ANSWER 4:**

**Jeff Rezabek** – No reply

**David Sparks** – I would work to help communities and local organizations set up businesses and events incorporating the network of cycling trails that we have in the Miami Valley.

**ANSWER 5:**

**Jeff Rezabek** – No reply

**David Sparks** – As an elected official I will set the example, as I have in my campaign, by cycling around different areas of my district to talk to residents about issues. During my campaign, cycling has been an integral part of my canvassing efforts.

**ANSWER 6:**

**Jeff Rezabek** – No reply

**David Sparks** – People who care about cycling and walking issues should vote for me because I will be the most proactive candidate working to change my district and state into a more cycling friendly place by fighting for safe cycling inclusion in our transportation infrastructure. I am a life long cyclist who will promote this healthy and environmentally friendly form of transportation to its fullest.

**Montgomery County Commission Candidates**

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Judy Dodge\*** – The extensive network of bicycling and walking trails is another great asset that makes our community a

more vibrant place to work, live and play. As I travel from one jurisdiction to another within the county, I'm pleased to see the increase of bike route signage for residents.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**ANSWER 2:**

**Judy Dodge** – I serve on the Board of the MVRPC and will continue to use my position on the Board to advance bike safety for all users.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**ANSWER 3:**

**Judy Dodge** – As jurisdictions in Montgomery County repave their roadways, I would support the addition of more Complete Streets.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**ANSWER 4:**

**Judy Dodge** – The 330 miles of bike paths in our region continue to be an asset to attract companies that might see the Miami Valley as viable place to locate their business. Our large network of bicycling and walking trails is yet another economic development tool in our tool belt.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**ANSWER 5:**

**Judy Dodge** – I am very supportive of the Link Dayton Bike Share program. Montgomery County sponsors a station at the county's Administration Building and one at the Job Center. The availability of a bike to use during the day, to get to and from meetings or to take to lunch, is a great benefit to the health of our employees, as well as members of the community who take advantage of the Link Bike program.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**ANSWER 6:**

**Judy Dodge** – I believe I am able to work on behalf of Montgomery County citizens to improve health and safety by promoting good policies for the Miami Valley's bicycling and walking trails.

**Bob Matthews** – No reply

**Montgomery County Commission Candidates**

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Gary Leitzell** – When I was mayor of Dayton between 2010-2014 I supported all

efforts to grow the bike paths because it is just one means to attract fresh talent to the area.

**Deborah Lieberman\*** – I think it is one of our core quality of life assets in Montgomery County and the Dayton Region. It forms the backbone of our regional, outdoor recreation. Most importantly, it connects many of those venues and opportunities so that a wide variety of people can enjoy biking to many different activities.

**Lillie M. Wright (write-in)** – Bicycling is a successful route to health, pleasure and fun. It also provides transportation for those who choose not to drive a car, use a bus, or have no other means of transportation.

**ANSWER 2:**

**Gary Leitzell** – Sometimes small things mean big change. The county commissioners cannot pass ordinance to apply to local municipalities BUT they can influence those municipalities to adopt county wide ordinances that apply to all jurisdictions and create a uniform message. If Bike Miami Valley felt that laws need changed to protect the safety of citizens I would invite them to present a draft of such ordinance at one of the monthly Mayors and Managers meetings where they could invite all jurisdictions to adopt the ordinance. An ordinance proposed from a group will have greater acceptance than one drafted by an elected official.

**Deborah Lieberman** – County Commissioners do not build roads, sidewalks or bike trails. I believe in and advocate for 'shared streets' because I believe in investing in people and that means all people. I believe that personal travel, commerce and recreation can co-exist. Local jurisdictions and the Montgomery County Engineer are committed to creating safe travel environments that support multiple types of travel.

**Lillie M. Wright** – When these kinds of issues come up, I will contact organizations like yours for information and direction on how to keep our streets safe for all, and take that info with me into county commission meetings so we will all be well-informed. I will also bring any ideas of my own or my colleagues to organizations like Bike Miami Valley so that we can work together to find the most excellent way to serve our community and region.

**ANSWER 3:**

**Gary Leitzell** – I live in Dayton and I have ridden a bicycle on the streets but some roads are more compromising than others. The speed of traffic being the greatest problem. When I was mayor of Dayton I remember telling someone that in order to make the City bike friendly overnight we should lower the speed limit citywide to 25 mph. Then form committees to evaluate where to raise it. Especially if a bike path was available near a main thoroughfare. It would be done in a matter of two or three months. This would be much faster than deciding where to lower the speed to accommodate cyclists which will take decades.

**Deborah Lieberman** – Yes, I do. Aside from my home area in Clayton, I also ride in the Downtown Dayton area and utilize Bike Link. Downtown Dayton is particularly well suited bicycles with well-marked bike lanes. I commend Dayton’s leadership for taking the important step and leading by example for the broader community.

**Lillie M. Wright** – No. I prefer designated biking paths that are just for bikes. I have had a collision with a biker who hit my car and ended up in the hospital. The provision for a "biking lane" on roads would be helpful, but many of our roads are too narrow. Countries like the Netherlands have legislation for such lanes and strict laws governing both bikers and motorists if they fail to comply with the law. If we could replicate such laws and compliance, that would be good.

**ANSWER 4:**

**Gary Leitzell** – We need to promote tourism more aggressively if we wish to fill the 32,000 vacant homes, the thousands of unfilled jobs and stop the projected loss by the state of 36,000 residents in the next 15 years. The region’s trail system is one asset that we can use to promote the Dayton region to residents globally to attract them to visit us here. Increasing Montgomery County’s and the Dayton Convention Center and Visitors Bureau Facebook page likes by 300% to be on par with what I was able to convince the City of Dayton to do during my 4 years as mayor would help to increase our global presence and little to no promotional cost to attract visitors to use our bike paths.

**Deborah Lieberman** – Quality of life for our residents is extremely important to me. Having these trails and other outdoor recreational resources is part of my overall

vision for the community. Marketing these resources to tourists is the number one way to increase the economic impact. We have over 1 million visitors annually to the Air Force Museum. The convention and visitors bureau works hard to market our recreation assets to visitors but we must do better and we must find ways to better track these results to target our marketing in the most efficient manner possible.

**Lillie M. Wright** – The communities where the bikers stopping can make a specific effort to offer food, drink, and shopping to bikers in their area, including safe storage for their bikes. Another way would be to charge a nominal fee of \$1, for example, to use the paths. In Germany, the Volksmarch is a way for small communities to raise money by hosting a walking/running path with stations for resting, eating and drinking. These cities charge a small fee (\$5-\$10) for each person, and at the end of the walk, as they return to the beginning where a "fest" continues, walkers are awarded with a medal or plate to commemorate their effort. This could easily be applied to biking trails. Or have a Triathlon of walking/running, biking and canoeing...all of which are available here in the Miami Valley.

**ANSWER 5:**

**Gary Leitzell** – Simply put, sometimes one will have to lead by example and promote the fact to a wide audience.

**Deborah Lieberman** – I support the Public Health Department’s “Get Up Montgomery County” and the “321 Almost None” initiatives that focus on healthy nutrition and physical activity. At Montgomery County, our health insurance plan is incentivized by participation in healthy activities such as 5K walks, bike rides and increasing physical activity. Under my leadership, Montgomery County was recently named a Dayton Business Journal Healthiest Employers for 2016. I will continue to promote these programs.

**Lillie M. Wright** – To present education that an active lifestyle will enhance their lives. Maintaining and extending our bike paths would give more people the opportunity to use them and improve their health.

**ANSWER 6:**

**Gary Leitzell** – I focus on results. Not rhetoric or recognition. There are many

ways to move forward but only one way to stand still.

**Deborah Lieberman** – I am a bicyclist and enjoy biking and walking as both recreation and exercise. I am a strong advocate and steward of our environmental assets. I believe that recreation is key to advancing our county and region’s quality of life. Quality of life is essential to moving the community forward, continuing my success bringing new jobs and new opportunities to the community.

**Lillie M. Wright** – Because they will recognize that I am presenting ideas that will be beneficial to them.

**Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Mat Heck, JR.\*** – No reply

**Montgomery County Sheriff Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**Phil Plummer\*** – No reply

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**Paul W. Gruner\*** – No reply

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**GREENE COUNTY**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Robert D. Hackett\*** – Bicycling is a great asset to the region, not only is it great exercise and great value in building a healthy lifestyle, it also plays a role in attracting new companies and jobs to the region.

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**ANSWER 2:**

**Robert D. Hackett** – Our law enforcement community does an excellent job in my district making the bike paths safe. The only users we ban from the bike paths in my area is horses. Also, in all my three counties (Clark, Greene & Madison) the County Engineer assists in the maintenance of the bike paths.

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**ANSWER 3:**

**Robert D. Hackett** – Absolutely, when I was County Commissioner in Madison County, I played a major role in bringing the Rails to Trails project to Madison County. I bike both on the bike paths and I also bike at Lake Choctaw where I live.

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**ANSWER 4:**

**Robert D. Hackett** – In my district we already have used the bike paths as an asset in bringing new companies to Ohio. It is a part of our portfolio we show when we are attracting companies to Ohio.

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**ANSWER 5:**

**Robert D. Hackett** – Finally the health insurance companies are beginning to give premium reductions to those employees who follow a healthy life style. Many of the large corporations who are self-insured are incentivising healthy life styles. I would support legislation that require the public health plans to begin such a program.

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**ANSWER 6:**

**Robert D. Hackett** – Look at my record, I have strongly supported the installation and use of the bike paths. They are a great asset to my district (Clark, Greene & Madison) Greene County is recognized by most as the premier bike path area in Ohio!

**Matthew Kirk** – No reply

**73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ANSWER 1:**

**Brian K. Housh** – In my role as Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Midwest Policy Manager, with our office located in Yellow Springs, Ohio, I am intimately familiar with the importance of Miami Valley's paved trail network to our regional economy, public health and environmental sustainability. Our incredible trail system is a major reason for my settling in Greene County, and I fully appreciate the collaborative efforts that have led to our great success in facilitating and promoting active transportation in our region. Communities in the 73rd District, for which I am a candidate for Ohio House of Representatives, and across the state are thriving because of trails; there is no denying the positive economic benefits associated with bicycling, via both residents and visitors. Notably, having the Nation's Largest Trail Network is a major region that the 2017 International Trail Summit will be held in Dayton, just one of many examples of the positive economic impact from our investments in bicycling-pedestrian infrastructure. Smart Economic Development is one of my priorities as an elected official, and I am confident that

investing in all infrastructure is key to improving quality of life for all Ohioans. Tourism, urban redevelopment, community improvement, increased property values, health care savings and good jobs highlight why bicycling is a critical asset for our region.

**Rick Perales\*** – A community is composed of many assets – schools, housing, entertainment, churches, etc. During the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), we saw close-up how these assets are valued. Thousands of families were making relocation decisions based, in large part, on these assets. The bike trails in the Miami Valley were viewed as a major attraction to the community/region. We are fortunate to have the ability to bicycle in a safe and secure manner in the Miami Valley. Together, we need to ensure this asset is correctly funded and maintained.

**ANSWER 2:**

**Brian K. Housh** – As Council Vice President for the Village of Yellow Springs, I have taken the lead on bringing a Complete Streets policy to our community. We are currently reviewing the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's award winning approach to Complete Streets to determine how to best apply this concept so that citizen safety and mobility is maximized. I strongly believe that our entire region will benefit from such policies that recognize the rights and interests of all citizens who utilize our transportation systems. My involvement in several coalitions that are exploring strategies to improve safety, including the Ohio Department of Transportation/Ohio Department of Health Active Transportation Team, has helped me to understand the best practices for different communities. I support such initiatives as the '3-foot rule', 'sharrows' and improved designs for crosswalks, recognizing that through education and coordination among all stakeholders, we can reduce injuries and fatalities while providing a variety of transportation choices that fit the needs of all Ohioans. A robust transportation network that values all users greatly enhances our communities.

**Rick Perales** – Although the general public sees our streets and roads as a continuous functioning system, our streets and roads are, in fact, segmented components owned, operated and maintained by various entities – cities,

villages, townships, counties, the state and federal transportation system. It is key to understand who owns, operates, maintains, repairs and improves which segments of our transportation system. It is also important to understand how all these entities interact with each other. Throughout my years at UD, WPAFB and as a government official I have been involved in streets and road planning and programming. I also served on the Miami Valley Regional Planning executive Committee for a number of years coordinating transportation projects. If elected, I will maintain those relationships and ensure we continue to work together for a unified and safe operating transit system.

### **ANSWER 3:**

**Brian K. Housh** – I am an experienced bicyclist and personally feel comfortable on most streets in my district. However, there are many roads that are not conducive to cycling and create hazards for motorists and non-motorists. Education has a major impact on safety, and I support being more active in informing community members to avoid accidents. As mentioned in prior questions, I believe that Complete Streets policies and other safety initiatives are also critical to increase comfort levels. Additionally, protected bike lanes, clear signage and traffic calming tactics in problematic areas should be implemented to increase citizens' comfort levels with employing active transportation, i.e. biking and walking.

**Rick Perales** – I do feel comfortable riding a bike in my community, however I feel most comfortable and relaxed when riding on the bike trail. In order to make riding a bicycle anywhere in the state safer and more comfortable, I have co-sponsored legislation in this General Assembly, HB154 – Motor vehicles-safe passing distance-bicycles/malfunction traffic lights bill, which passed out of the House this past Jun16.

### **ANSWER 4:**

**Brian K. Housh** – Continued investment in our regional trail network is important to further economic growth in the 73rd District and the region. Current initiatives such as a national Trail Towns program to support municipalities in their efforts to increase economic activity associated with trails will help to capitalize on these benefits, and our state government is in an

ideal position to encourage and facilitate these strategies. Regional collaborations must also be advocated, and our state agencies should be equipped with tools and resources to promote our trails and their amenities to citizens and visitors.

Investment in bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure is a low cost approach that produces high returns.

**Rick Perales** – Our Convention and Visitors are already doing an outstanding job at marketing and leveraging our tremendous trails. Legislators need to maintain a tax climate that supports these activities, ensure that we don't create regulations that stifle opportunities, support legislation like HB154; and support local governments with appropriate capital improvements that enhance our bike trails.

### **ANSWER 5:**

**Brian K. Housh** – Elected officials should fully support active transportation not only to improve the health of Ohioans but also to generate economic and environmental benefits. To effectively represent the interests and needs of community members, state policies must be established to encourage trail development. The Clean Ohio Trail Fund, a bipartisan initiative, is a crucial step in the right direction, and more can be done to create a conducive atmosphere for bicycle, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure. Increased funding and other incentives are a major aspect of this effort, which should be led by our state legislators.

**Rick Perales** – First and foremost, we need maintain the physical components of our bicycling/trails programs so they will be available for future generations. We need to also ensure traffic regulations continue to be supportive and compatible with bicycle/jogging/walking. And finally, we need to partner with schools, youth centers, churches, etc., to promote overall healthy and active lifestyle for all generations.

### **ANSWER 6:**

**Brian K. Housh** – I have the experience, expertise and savvy to promote active transportation activity and bike-ped infrastructure in our state. My work with Rails-to- Trails Conservancy and my regional collaborations with a variety of organizations and coalitions in the Miami Valley position me well to advocate for

trails and to ensure that the transportation needs of all Ohioans are addressed. I look forward to executing infrastructure improvements that matter to our community members, and I appreciate your vote to support Housh to House.

**Rick Perales** – I've been a long-time advocate for bicycling and walking since incorporating safe bicycle movement in the UD Campus Master Plan more than a decade ago. I was also involved in programs to provide safe, functional bicycles (and helmets) to inner city youth with the UD School of Engineering. As the Mayor of Beavercreek, and then a Greene County Commissioner – I realized the jewel we had in our trails, and put the appropriate resources in them. The trails not only promote recreation and a healthy life style, they also provided a draw for relocations, as well as help to connect various and sometime divergent communities together. At the State level, I will continue to work with ODOT and our communities to keep our trails the best in the country!

### **74th Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Bill Dean\*** – No reply

**Barb Niemeyer** – No reply

### **Greene County Commission Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Bob Glaser\*** – No reply

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Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Tom Koogler\*** – No reply

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Vote for 1

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**Stephen Haller\*** – No reply

### **Greene County Sheriff Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**Robert Geyer\*** – No reply

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**10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**Robert D. Hackett\***  
**Matthew Kirk**

**79<sup>th</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**Kyle Koehler\*** – No reply  
**Alex Wendt** – No reply

**Clark County Commission Candidates**

Vote for 1

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**ANSWER 1:**

**Roger Tackett\*** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – One of my favorite ways to spend a beautiful day is riding my bicycle in Clark County. It's a great way to unwind, get some exercise and enjoy our beautiful scenery and wildlife here. I also enjoy spending time cycling with my kids on the bike trails.

**ANSWER 2:**

**Roger Tackett** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – Public safety is a priority for county funding. When we consider budgeting, we should keep in mind that this includes pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders and motorists. I often bicycle on county and township roads and occasionally a short distance on the State Highway on which I live. I can relate to fears and concerns of our cyclists and will keep that in mind as I make decisions that affect public safety for our citizens.

**ANSWER 3:**

**Roger Tackett** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – I do feel safe, but I am a cautious cyclist. With the increase in distracted driving, a cyclist or pedestrian can't be too careful. I'm not sure there is anything the county could do to improve this other than discuss it as a public safety concern and support efforts to educate motorists and bicyclists.

**ANSWER 4:**

**Roger Tackett** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – Quality of life is a major factor when a business decides whether or not to locate jobs here. We need to attract private capital to invest in and capitalize on assets like our trails and

parks, heritage, beautification and the arts to attract and keep working families in our county.

**ANSWER 5:**

**Roger Tackett** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – First and foremost, I think being a positive role model with an active lifestyle is important. I make time even as a working mother to exercise and get outdoors. I want my children to embrace that as well. Studies show that workforce health is a major factor in business success. We have to tie together these complex issues to attract and keep jobs, which in turn give people opportunity, raise their income level, and allow more leisure time to enjoy recreation and wellness activities.

**ANSWER 6:**

**Roger Tackett** – No reply

**Melanie Flax Wilt** – I think I'm the best choice for voters because I understand how to use my passion and experience to solve problems in all aspects of the community.

**Clark County Commission Candidates**

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**ANSWER 1:**

**David Herier\*** – Bicycling is an asset in terms of the health and well-being of the community. Biking is an activity that can be enjoyed by children, adults and even seniors. Biking has also become a community asset in the sense that all of the local trails provide for tourist revenue. It is one of the growing areas of sports tourism that can bring in dollars to our community and still be used regularly by our own community members.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – I am very supportive of bicycling and have biked myself my entire life. Some of my fondest memories are of riding with my kids into town to get ice cream. I think it is a great form of exercise and recreation for family and friends.

**ANSWER 2:**

**David Herier** – I believe that continuing that type of improvement is necessary. The Derr Road project specifically includes a biking lane. The recent addition near S Yellow Springs makes that stretch of the current bike path much improved in terms of safety as it is off the street. Other

proposed projects also include proposals for paths and/or separated bike lanes. On roads where there are no designated lanes education remains important. We should all encourage continual education and public campaigns to stress the importance of motorists taking care to share the road safely with pedestrians and bicycles.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – I think first and foremost I would work with TCC (Transportation Coordinating Committee) (Which I am currently on the board with and have been for the past 5 years) to ensure the safety of our bicyclist on the bike paths and streets. We need to remember that we all share the road.

**ANSWER 3:**

**David Herier** – There are streets where more distractions normally occur and higher speeds are prevalent. Also there are areas with limited visibility due to hills and curves. In these areas there is always the potential for more danger. Again education for motorists is the first line of action, however better signage should also always be looked at. In addition, more streets with dedicated lanes provides for safer biking.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – I do, however, I would like to have dedicated lanes for bicyclist and wider roads in addition to bike paths.

**ANSWER 4:**

**David Herier** – I think that currently it is stressed in our local tourist magazines. I would hope to continue that in the future. Attempts should be made to have more tie-ins with other tourist attractions in the area.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – By keeping the trails in good order and continue to invest in improving our local trails. This will allow our community to bring new visitors into the area and help stimulate the local economy.

**ANSWER 5:**

**David Herier** – Continuing to encourage the funding of parks, bike paths and recreational activities is one way to help future generations become and stay more active.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – Invest in community outreach and education for our youth to instill in them an active and healthy lifestyle.

**ANSWER 6:**

**David Herier** – have and will continue to be an advocate for parks and recreation and activities that improve the community. I believe in this community as a whole and this active, eco-tourism aspect of our community should be celebrated and encouraged.

**Lowell McGlothlin** – Because I believe in living a healthy lifestyle and encourage outdoor activities for all ages. I have worked on improving our local community and helped bring a local bike path in our community through TCC, grants and other available programs.

**Clark County Prosecuting Attorney Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Andy Wilson\*** – No reply

**Clark County Sheriff Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ANSWER 1:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly\*** – I am a Bike rider myself, and have been most of my life. I love to ride the many bikeways of Clark County and the surrounding counties. I have been a participant in the Great Buckeye Challenge, and have done the Run, Bike, Run. Biking brings visitors to Clark County and shows what a great community we have. It is a relaxing and enjoyable activity that the entire family can enjoy together. Our Bike ways in South Charleston, New Carlisle and Springfield bring people to discover new places of destination. The Bike ways of Clark County are an asset and one that I personally use as often as possible.

**ANSWER 2:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly** – I am currently the Elected Sheriff of Clark County, and I will continue to lobby, voice my concerns and advocate for better bike and pedestrian routes. I believe today that our engineers have failed us. The new construction of shopping and housing do not include sidewalks or bikeways. I will continue to advocate for both. As the Sheriff I have Deputies assigned to Bike patrol, this is part of my plan of community policing. I personally carry a bike rack in my vehicle so that I am ready to get on my bike when I have the opportunity. As the current elected Sheriff

of Clark County I meet with members of the local group of bike riders and if they have concerns I try to address them immediately. I also have targeted patrols checking bike parking lots and rest areas, if people feel safe and secure they will use our bikeways in Clark County. I will continue this after I win the 2016 election.

**ANSWER 3:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly** – Many of the streets in Springfield/Clark County are not safe for riding bikes. I will continue to voice my concerns and lobby for bike and pedestrian ways for new construction. I will also educate drivers of their responsibility to give bike riders and pedestrians their full share of the roadways.

**ANSWER 4:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly** – I will personally ride my bike and demonstrate how safe they are, and how much fun they are. I will continue to show that biking is a great form of exercise, and a part of my personal stress release program. As the Sheriff I will continue to have a strong presence of marked patrol cars and uniformed deputies to ensure that the users feel safe and secure. I plan to increase my deputies on bike patrol in more neighborhoods in Clark County. All of my efforts will have a positive impact on biking in Clark county and the Miami Valley.

**ANSWER 5:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly** – I will set an example of fitness and exercise. I currently exercise 365 days a year if possible. I ride my bike many days before work to Urbana, have coffee and return home and get ready for work. I use the bikeways on other days to walk or jog, as a form of exercise. I will use my elected position to demonstrate that our bikeways are safe places for family exercise. I will continue to lead our community in supporting and taking ownership of our bikeways.

**ANSWER 6:**

**Deborah K. Burchett** – No reply  
**Gene Kelly** – People who know me should know that I support the bikeways for riding, walking and jogging. As the elected Sheriff of Clark County I have been a leader in keeping our bikeways safe, clean and an asset to our communities. I



have used inmates to clean the bikeways and will continue to do whatever I can to improve the bikeways of Clark County for use by more citizens. The Miami Valley Bike riders should vote for me and know that they have an advocate, a voice and a friend of those that use our bikeways. I ask the members of Bike Miami Valley to vote for Gene A. Kelly, Sheriff of Clark County, Ohio.

**Clark County Engineer Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Johnathan A. Burr\*** – No reply

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**QUESTION 1: How do you view bicycling as an asset of our community/region?**

**QUESTION 2: If you are elected, what will you do to ensure that streets and roads in your community or district are safe and accommodating so they serve ALL users – including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit riders as well as motorists?**

**QUESTION 3: Do you feel comfortable bicycling on streets in your community or district? If not, why not? What specific actions would you support to improve your comfort level for riding a bicycle streets?**

**QUESTION 4: Our region has the Nation's Largest Paved Trail Network bringing a strong annual economic impact of approximately \$14 million to the region with over 1 million trail visits (source: Miami Valley Trail User Survey Report 2009, MVRPC). How do you plan to capitalize on the Miami Valley Trails as an economic driver for your community or district?**

**QUESTION 5: The Surgeon General has posted a call to action to get more Americans active and moving. What can you do as an elected official to ensure future generations have opportunities for a healthy and active lifestyle?**

**QUESTION 6: In conclusion, why do you think people who care about bicycling and walking issues should vote for you?**

**MIAMI COUNTY**

**80<sup>th</sup> Ohio House Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Stephen A. Huffman\*** – No reply

**Miami County Commission Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Gregory Simmons** – No reply

**Miami County Commission Candidates**

Vote for 1

**Jack Evans** – No reply

**Miami County Prosecuting Attorney Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Anthony E. Kendell\*** – No reply

**Miami County Sheriff Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**ANSWER 1:**

**David T. Duchak\*** – I view bicycling as very vital to our region not only to improve one's health by getting out and moving but also economically as it also helps promote the region for those individuals and businesses that may be looking to relocate here. The many bike trails and bike friendly communities not only in Miami County but throughout the Miami Valley definitely appeal to people and are an asset we should be proud of.

**Joseph Mahan** – I view it as a means of transportation and exercise. I ride when I can for exercise and pleasure, and use the bike trails in Miami and Montgomery Counties.

**ANSWER 2:**

**David T. Duchak** – Being chief deputy for the Miami County Sheriff's Office we will continue what we have been doing which is the following. Continued traffic enforcement and patrols on all Miami County roadways to include patrols by bicycle deputies on the county bike trails. Continued education efforts in our schools

by our school resource officers, continued participation in the county park district's annual week long bike camp, and continuance of bicycle helmet giveaways.

**Joseph Mahan** – Enforce the laws.

**ANSWER 3:**

**David T. Duchak** – I do feel comfortable riding a bike within city limits on city streets and some rural roadways. I would not feel safe riding a bike on state routes and major county roadways due to the large volume of traffic on those roadways.

**Joseph Mahan** – Not in the community due to the traffic congestion and parking issues. The bike trails are a safer route. I like the idea of designated bike lanes on streets and roadways where they can be incorporated.

**ANSWER 4:**

**David T. Duchak** – Running for the office of Sheriff I would continue to make sure the bike trails going through Miami County remain safe and well patrolled which they currently are. Sheriff's deputies patrol the trails on bicycles throughout the bike riding season. The trails are extremely safe and I would continue to ensure they remain that way.

**Joseph Mahan** – The only thing the Sheriff's Office can do is to increase our visibility on those trails, making people feel safer when using them.

**ANSWER 5:**

**David T. Duchak** – I would continue doing what we have already been doing at the Sheriff's Office. Promote bicycle riding through bike camps, safety education through not only our school resource officers but at different county events to include the county fair where we give away one boy's and one girl's bike every evening and of course ensuring that our roadways and trails remain safe for people to use.

**Joseph Mahan** – Lead by example; do some programming with kids (and adults) utilizing the bike trails.

**ANSWER 6:**

**David T. Duchak** – Being chief deputy at the Miami County Sheriff's Office I already have a proven track record of promoting bike safety through not only what I have previously mentioned but also as the individual who spearheaded a committee to get Miami County's bike trails digitally marked and mapped two years ago. Miami County's trails are marked physically and

by G.P.S. every quarter mile so users of the trails have an idea of where they are should they need assistance. The G.P.S. coordinates were then created into a digital map layer for the Miami County 911 Communication Center database. Thus, dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, and medics can easily pull up the map in their vehicles to respond to assistance calls on the trails faster. The map layer also has ingress and egress locations marked so all first responders know the quickest way to get to those who need help.

**Joseph Mahan** – Because I feel I am the best candidate. I am qualified, experienced, educated, and I have right at 40 years in law enforcement, mostly in a leadership role. I am running as Independent candidate so ALL voters in Miami County have the opportunity to select their next Sheriff. Check out my website: [www.ElectMahanSheriff.com](http://www.ElectMahanSheriff.com); or my facebook page: Elect Mahan Sheriff.

**Miami County Engineer Candidates**

Vote for 1

\*Indicates incumbent

**Paul P. Huelskamp\*** – No reply

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**WHERE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT**

Cast your ballot at the polling place designated to serve the precinct in which you live. If you don't know where you're assigned to vote, call your local county board of elections or visit their website:

Montgomery County: 937-225-5656,  
<http://www.mcboe.org>

Greene County: 937-562-6170,  
<http://www.co.greene.oh.us/boe>

Clark County: 937-521-2120,  
<http://electionsonthe.net/oh/clark/>

Miami County: 937-440-3900  
<http://electionsonthe.net/oh/miami/>

**ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE**

You are qualified to vote if you meet these requirements:

You are a citizen of the United States.

You will be at least 18 years old on or before Nov. 8.

You will have been a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.

You have register to vote at least 30 days before the election.

**EARLY VOTING HOURS**

You can cast your ballot at your county board of elections:

8am-6pm – Monday, Oct. 24 through Friday, Oct. 28

8am-4pm – Saturday, Oct. 29

1pm-5pm – Sunday, Oct. 30

8am-7pm – Monday, Oct. 31 through Friday, Nov. 4.

8am-4pm – Saturday, Nov. 5

1pm-5pm – Sunday, Nov. 6

8am-2pm – Monday, Nov. 7

**VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS**

All voters must present identification for in-person voting, but photo ID is not required. The following forms of identification may be used, as long as they show the name and address matching your voter registration:

1. A current driver's license of Ohio (may show a prior address)

2. A current and valid photo ID card issued by that State of Ohio or the U.S. government
3. A military ID
4. An original or copy of a current utility bill
5. An original or copy of a current bank statement
6. An original or copy of a current paycheck
7. And original or copy of a current government check
8. An original or copy of a current other government document

**VOTER INFORMATION**

**November 8**

**General Election**

**Polls are open from**

**6:30am-7:30pm**

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