



No Property Tax Increase in FY 2022/2023 Budget

City Manager Joe Fivas presented the FY 2022/2023 Budget to City Council on Monday, June 13th. City Manager Fivas said, "This year, even with standing rising costs, our local growth dictates that we press forward and continue to invest in our local infrastructure, parks, and public safety services. Therefore, even with the headwinds, I believe we must look above the horizon and make strategic transformational investments in our community over the next year."

The budget includes only the essential items required for the city to move forward and to make significant progress on the city's goals for the coming budget year. It is a fiscally conservative general operating budget, serving a lot of necessary aspects of the city such as, investments in public safety, significant current and future investment in transportation infrastructure, investment in economic development, and some strategically targeted investments in quality of life.

The City/County combined property tax rate is \$3.15. The mean or average of City/County combined tax rate for similar communities with a municipal school system is \$4.47. In 2008, the City of Cleveland's City/County combined tax rate was \$3.67. "Both the City and County deserve credit for having streamlined and efficient municipal service delivery for our residents," said Fivas.



The FY 2022/2023 budget does not include a property tax increase. It was adopted by City Council at the council meeting held on Monday, June 13th. You can find the budget document in full on the city's website at: <http://www.clevelandtn.gov/168/Budget>.

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AIRPORT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

The "Airport Manager of the Year" Award was presented by TDOT Aeronautics Division to Mark Fidler, Manager of the Cleveland Regional Jetport (KRZR). This award recognizes the Airport Manager in the State of Tennessee that contributed the most to the development, safety, customer service, airport promotion and/or airport operations for the previous calendar year. In 2013, TDOT Aeronautics awarded Cleveland Regional Jetport the distinction of "Airport of the Year".



Mark has created an environment of excellent service and hospitality. "Congratulations Mark on this recognition, you deserve it and you have made the City of Cleveland proud! This is a monumental award for Mark, for KRZR, and for the City of Cleveland. Congratulations, Mr. Fidler, we appreciate your service," said Mayor Kevin Brooks.



BLYTHE-TO-BLYTHE WALKWAY OPEN

Earlier this year, the Mayor & City Council celebrated the groundbreaking of the Blythe-to-Blythe walkway connectivity project. We are pleased to announce the completion of 1.95 miles of new walkways in the Blythe Oldfield community. The walkway extends from 9th Street to 12th Street and Chippewa Ave., Connecting at 18th Street, then connecting 20th Street thru the city's detention pond. This project also connects Avery Johnson Park, Blythe-Bower Elementary School, Blythe Oldfield Park and the Family Resource Center.

Funding of this project was from \$124,000 CDBG grant funds and \$450,000 from Diabetes grant funds from the Tennessee Department of Health. This project would have not been feasible if it were not for several key community partners and organizations who assisted in the transformation.

The Lyndhurst Foundation provided funding for the master-plan as well as the survey and design. The city partnered with the City School System, Blythe Oldfield Neighborhood Association, and several non-profits. This connector will be enjoyed by the community for years to come, said, Mayor Kevin Brooks.

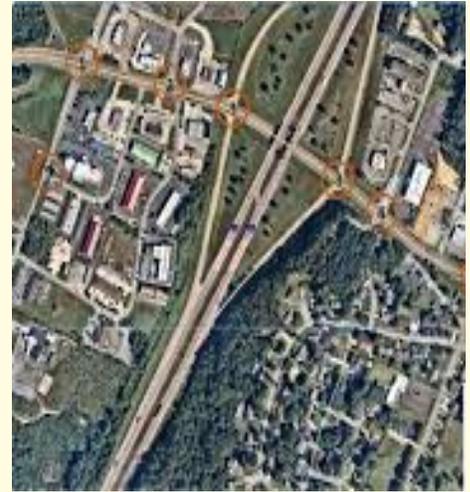


MOUSE CREEK/PAUL HUFF RE-DESIGNED

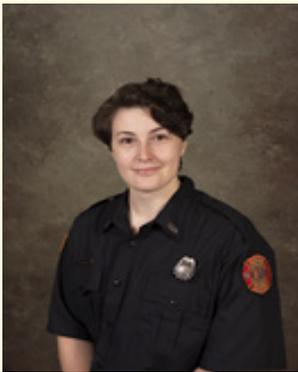
The Mouse Creek at Paul Huff intersection is being re-designed. The almost one million dollar state funded project will be underway soon. Mouse Creek/Paul Huff is the city's busiest corridor. Approximately 28,000 motorists travel this corridor per day. In coming months, expect delays and temporary inconveniences during construction.

Once completed, motorists will see big improvements. The intersection will be widened and additional lanes will be added. We anticipate the redesign will improve traffic flow, conditions will be safer and double the capacity.

A new traffic light system with four mast arms is expected to be installed by Cleveland Utilities this fall. "It will be a difficult time as we transition from old lights to new lights", said City Manager Joe Fivas. We ask motorists to be patient and cautious when maneuvering around heavy equipment and construction workers and be mindful of signage and changes to driving patterns.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Lorne Conn is in our employee spotlight - She is the first female Firefighter in Cleveland Fire Department's history. Lorne has been with the Fire Department, since January 2020. She is part of Fire Battalion 3 and is stationed at Station 2.

Lorne's training background includes the following: Hazmat Awareness; Hazmat Operations; Hazmat Technical De-con; Hazmat Mass De-con; Firefighter 1; Firefighter 2; and Emergency Medical Responder training certificates. "She is a hard worker and is an asset to the Fire Department and we look forward to what her future holds", said Chief Bobby Gaylor.



We would also like to introduce one of our newest firefighters, Jordan Graig (pictured left). She is the Fire Department's second female Firefighter. Jordan just graduated from the academy and has started shift work. "Congratulations, Jordan on successfully completing the academy and on your graduation. Welcome aboard", said Chief Bobby Gaylor.

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Job Opportunities:

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Work session is held at 1 p.m.

Voting session is held at 3 p.m.

in the City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building at 190 Church Street.

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