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Police Department to Host Open House
 Bond levy information to be presented to community

A citizen’s committee is recommending the 40-year-old Genoa Township police headquarters be replaced. Voters are being asked to approve a property tax bond levy on the November 6th ballot that would be used for the construction of a new police station at a cost of up to \$7 million dollars. The levy would have an estimated annual cost of about \$28 per \$100,000 of property value.

In an effort to inform voters and answer questions about the project, police will host a series of open houses at their current headquarters located at 7049 Big Walnut Road. Each open house will provide the opportunity to review new building renderings, ask questions, and take a tour of the current facility. Children are welcome to attend.

- Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- Saturday, October 27, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Four decades ago, walls were added to a park picnic shelter to create the Genoa Township police station. Still in use today, the resulting facility does not accommodate the specialized needs of a modern-day Police Department nor does it meet today’s standards for building design. Staff, equipment, and records have grown alongside the community the department serves and no longer effectively fit within the existing space.

A 2016 Facility Assessment cited a variety of deficiencies in the facility including:

- i. Male and female officers take turns sharing a single locker room
- ii. Roof and plumbing leaks have led to mold and pest infestations
- iii. No insulation
- iv. No fire suppression system
- v. Security deficiencies
- vi. Emissions from adjacent Fire Station garage permeate the Police Station as do odors from inadequate evidence storage
- vii. No showers are available for decontaminating when officers come in contact with hazardous or unknown substances
- viii. ADA accessibility standards are not being met
- ix. Not built to “essential facilities” Ohio Building Code standards. Essential facilities are buildings that are intended to remain operational in the event of extreme environmental loading from flood, wind, snow, and earthquakes.

More information including facility photos, millage estimates is available online at www.GenoaTwp.com/BondIssue.

