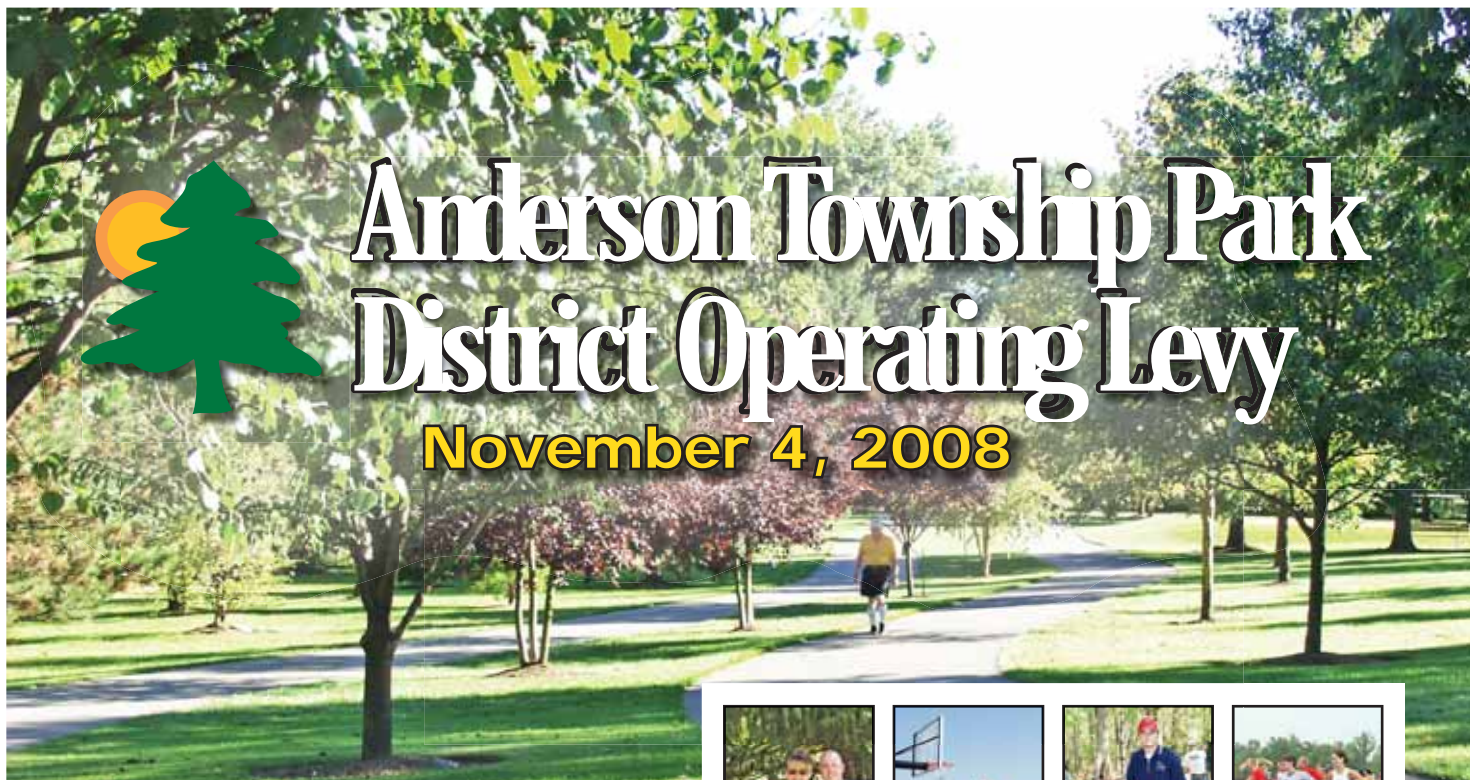




# Anderson Township Park District Operating Levy

November 4, 2008



## Quick Levy Facts:

- ➔ Park Levies expire. The November 4, 2008 1.9 mill Operating Levy will replace the Anderson Township Park District's existing 1.9 mill Operating Levy, due to expire in 2010. If this Levy is approved, the 2000 Park Operating Levy will be rescinded.
- ➔ This 1.9 mill Levy will allow the Park District to continue to operate and maintain your parks for the next ten years.
- ➔ The Park District's Operating Levy has remained at the 1.9 mill level since 1992.
- ➔ This Levy will cost the \$100,000 homeowner \$56.19 per year.

## Upcoming Park District Operating Levy

The Anderson Township Park District furnishes a product that has been a significant part of the community for 32 years. The Park District has been operating continuously on 1.9 mill, voter-approved Levies for the past 16 years. The Board of Park Commissioners is committed to providing recreational opportunities for Anderson residents, while living within its financial means. This 1.9 mill Operating Levy will allow the Park District to continue to operate and maintain your parks for the next ten years.

**Residents use the parks in their daily lives and consider them an important part of the quality of life in Anderson Township.** Parks enhance property values and make Anderson Township a great place to live, work and play.

**On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Anderson Township Park District's 1.9 mill Operating Levy will be on the ballot and the Anderson Township voters will determine the future of their park system.** If passed, this Operating Levy will replace the existing 1.9 mill Levy that was approved by Township voters in November of 2000. Since 2000, there have been no additional voted tax revenues for the Park District.

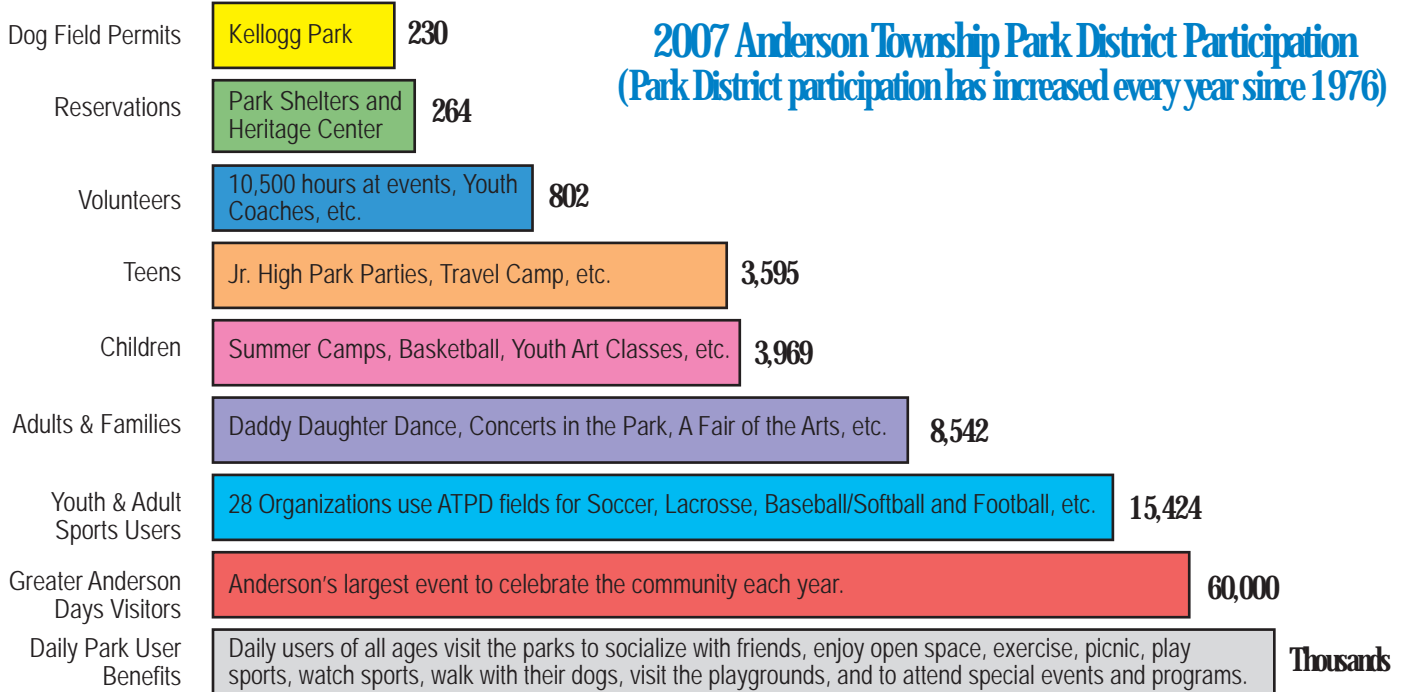
**This 1.9 mill Levy will allow the Anderson Township Park District to continue to operate and maintain the existing parks for the next ten years.** Although two years remain on the existing Operating Levy, the Park District Board of Park Commissioners decided to place this Levy on the ballot now to ensure the Park District remains in business. Under Ohio law, the ballot language must state this is an additional tax even though it will actually replace the existing Levy. Only in the last year of the Levy will Ohio law allow it to be called a "replacement Levy" on the ballot. The ballot language will state in the last paragraph "If this Levy is approved the taxes from the 2000 Levy will not be collected in 2009." Therefore, the 2000 Park Operating Levy will be rescinded. We need your help to communicate this important message to Anderson voters.

# What Your Support Helps to Provide



The Anderson Township Park District exists to provide quality parks, facilities and programs for the 43,500 Anderson residents.

## 2007 Anderson Township Park District Participation (Park District participation has increased every year since 1976)



## What are the Day-to-Day Operating Expenses?

Professional staff operate the parks year-round:

- 1 Maintain the facilities: 7 shelters; 5 playgrounds; 1 dog field; 4.5 miles of hike/bike trails; 3 miles of nature trails; 50 athletic field areas serving soccer, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey and football; 3 tennis courts, 4 basketball courts, 4 sand volleyball courts, 15 ball diamonds; Beech Acres Park RecPlex, 1 gym, 4 classrooms, and 1 covered patio.
- 2 Maintain 469 acres of parkland owned and managed by the Park District.
- 3 Maintain the infrastructure: 24 acres of asphalt (parking lots); restrooms; irrigation systems; building maintenance; equipment necessary to maintain the infrastructure.
- 4 Continue to offer a wide variety of year-round recreational activities for all ages.
- 5 Develop and plan new recreational spaces and amenities.
- 6 Provide administrative services, volunteer opportunities, publications and security.

Sound fiscal choices have enabled past Park District Operating Levies to provide capital projects. Some of the capital projects being considered for this next Levy cycle are:

- 1 Continue development of W. M. Johnson Hills Park.
- 2 Implement a renovation schedule for all playgrounds throughout the park system.
- 3 Clear Creek Park ~ enhance parking lots.

If you have any questions or if you need any Park District information, please call Ken Kushner, the Anderson Township Park District Executive Director, at (513) 474-0003 x0 or visit us online at [www.AndersonParks.com](http://www.AndersonParks.com)

