

## Additional and renewal levies on the ballot for Clifton

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CLIFTON — The village of Clifton will have a renewal and an additional current operating expense levy on the Nov. 4 ballot. Both levies provide funds for the village's general expenses.

"The village has a very tight budget," said Village Clerk Treasurer Sue Chasnov. "We'd be in a grave state if neither one of them passed."

Issue 6 is an additional 2 mill levy that will go into effect for the 2015 tax year. Chasnov said the levy will generate an additional \$5,000 each year for its five-year term. The levy will cost a homeowner approximately \$70 more per year for each \$100,000 of appraised home value.

With the funds generated by the additional levy, Chasnov said the village could address deteriorating infrastructure, such as roads, and afford to repair old buildings, in addition to covering general expense costs.

But if the additional levy does not pass, the village's projects will have to be halted.

"We just will not be able to continue to work on some of the projects we've started, like roads and such, so they will continue deteriorating," Chasnov said.

Issue 7 is a renewal of a 6.5 mill levy. Chasnov said the levy has been in place for about 20 years, but rather than continuing to post the levy on the ballot for renewal, this year the levy will be renewed indefinitely.

The owner of a \$100,000 home pays \$99.82 per year under this levy. The levy provides \$7,000 each year to cover the cost of the village's general expenses.

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