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Local Senior Levy Campaign Launches Website

The Committee to Save Senior Services has announced the launch of its website www.saveseniorservices.org. The website is designed to educate voters and promote passage of the Senior Services levy on the ballot August 5 in Delaware County.

“The Senior Services levy is on the ballot at an odd time this year, said Bob Horrocks, director of the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County. We want to do everything possible to raise public awareness about this important community issue”, he said.

The website contains a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and a Levy Facts section which is designed to provide information about the levy of interest to voters. Voters can also find a link to the Delaware County Board of Elections and can download an application for an absentee ballot. Horrocks noted that the campaign will be encouraging people to vote absentee in the hope that voters will not forget about the August 5 date. “In Ohio any registered voter can now vote absentee. The process is quick and easy and doesn’t require driving to the polls”, he said.

The website also contains a section with updates about levy campaign activities, and a mechanism for those who want to get involved with the campaign to do so. Those interested can get involved by requesting a yard sign, volunteering to help deliver yard signs, sending postcards to friends as well as a number of other opportunities to help. “The important thing is that people vote, said Horrocks. We want everyone to be aware of when this is on the ballot and why the services supported by the levy are so important throughout Delaware County.”, he said.

In Delaware County the senior services levy supports a variety of in-home and community services such as meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, adult day care, homemaking services, chore services, home repair, insurance counseling and more. By state law, senior service levies can last no longer than five years. The current senior services levy was approved by voters in 2003 and will expire at the end of this year. The levy request is for 0.9 mills and will cost property owners an additional \$9.95 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation.