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# Residents pass both Anderson levies

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It was record turnout for some precincts in Anderson Township on election day.

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In Anderson "SS" precinct, poll worker Abe Merdinger said his voting location, Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church on Newtown Road, was always full during the morning rush.

By 9 a.m., 162 of 886 total voters came out to cast their ballots, he said.

At 1 p.m., 45 percent of the precinct, including 160 with absentee ballots, had voted.

Merdinger said at 4 p.m., with just over three hours to go, precinct "SS" pulled in 72 percent of its eligible electorate.

### Public safety levy

Anderson Township residents voted to pass the 2.7-mill public safety levy and Trustee Russ Jackson said it was a pleasant surprise.

"I felt that if the economy in fact was the issue, both here in Anderson and in the county, I had big reservations that we had any hope," he said, adding that he credits the levy campaign for making it a non-political issue.

Voters passed the levy 57.43 percent to 42.57 percent, according to the unofficial results from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

The levy is expected to bring in close to \$3 million annually and be effective for five years.

Funds generated by the levy will be used for salaries, fuel costs, basic repairs and maintenance for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Department.

### Anderson Parks levy

Voters passed the Anderson Township Park District levy Nov. 4.

Executive Director Ken Kushner said he was happy the 1.9-mill levy passed because it will allow the park district to maintain the parks for the next 10 years.

"It's nice to know Anderson residents have valued what the parks do," he said.

According to the unofficial results from the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 55.26 percent of residents

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voted for the levy and 44.74 percent voted against it.

In addition to maintaining facilities and infrastructure, other projects being considered for the next levy cycle are the continued development of Johnson Hills Park on Little Dry Run Road, renovating the playgrounds in the park system and enhancing the parking lots at Clear Creek Park on Batavia Road.

**Sunday Sales**

The local option passed allowing Clough Pike Marathon and Drive-Thru to serve beer, wine and mixed beverages on Sundays.

The local option passed 480 (67 percent) to 238 (33 percent). There was 80 percent voter turnout in this precinct.

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