

City has 229/US 36 connector route concept

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MOUNT VERNON — City officials have developed a concept for a new roadway connecting Ohio 229 with US 36.

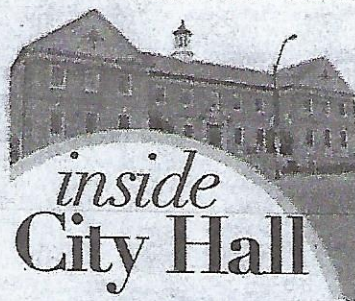
Mount Vernon Mayor Dick Mavis presented a conceptual rendering of the road, which extends Upper Gilchrist to Eastern Star Road via a new stretch of roadway beginning at the Upper Gilchrist/New Gambier Road intersection. The design incorporates a roundabout where the new roadway would connect with Eastern Star, and an overpass of New Gambier. The road will cross an area that is currently undeveloped fields. The city has met with the current property owner, Mavis said.

A second roundabout is incorporated in the design at the intersection of Ohio 229 and Eastern Star Road.

The design is part of discussions involving traffic on Edgewood Road that go back to 2002. City Engineer said the concept will be presented to council, and the next step will be getting estimates and traffic reports.

Streets

The city is getting equipment ready for leaf collection season, and Streets Superin-



tendent Tom Hinkle said residents should be reminded that leaves need to be left on the tree lawn and not raked into the street. The leaves litter the street and can clog stormwater catch basins.

Hinkle said he does not yet have a date for when leaf collection will begin. However, the drop-off area at Ariel-Foundation Park will be open Monday. The area is located just off 400 Harcourt Road and is for loose leaves only; bags and containers cannot be left at the site.

Anyone with questions should call 740-393-9501.

Hinkle further reported shoulder repairs to Park Road are complete. Ditch repairs on Park are also near completion, and the street department is waiting on a coconut fiber matting to hold seeds and soil in place. The ditch had eroded to the edge of the road.

The city further carried out a few repairs to drive-

ways following complaints from New Gambier Road residents. The road was resurfaced with chip and seal recently, and some homeowners said the approaches to their driveways were impacted. Hinkle said after investigating the complaints, some repairs were warranted.

Parks and Buildings and Grounds

Parks Superintendent Dave Carpenter announced two more dates for Goose hunts at Ariel-Foundation Park. The hunts will be held Nov. 15 and 22, with an application deadline of Nov. 6.

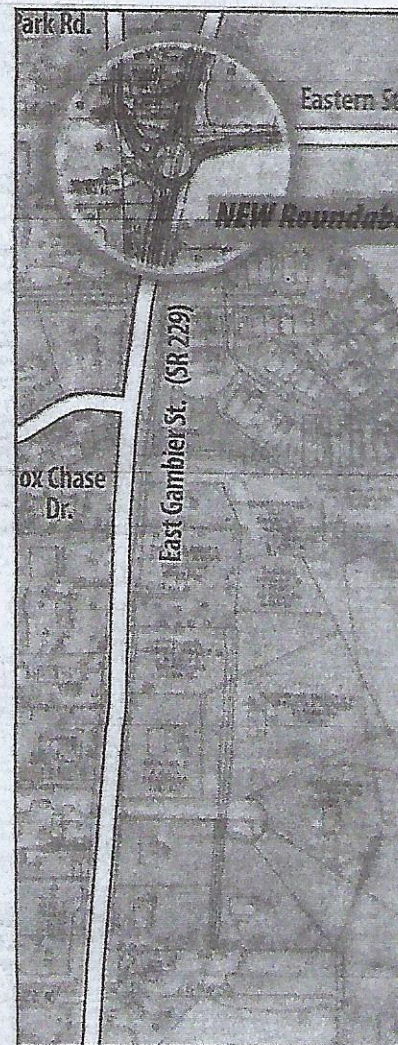
Hunters will be randomly drawn for the two hunt dates. All applicants will be required to attend an orientation meeting Nov. 7.

The hunt is the second, following two in September. Carpenter said 225 geese were counted at the park Tuesday.

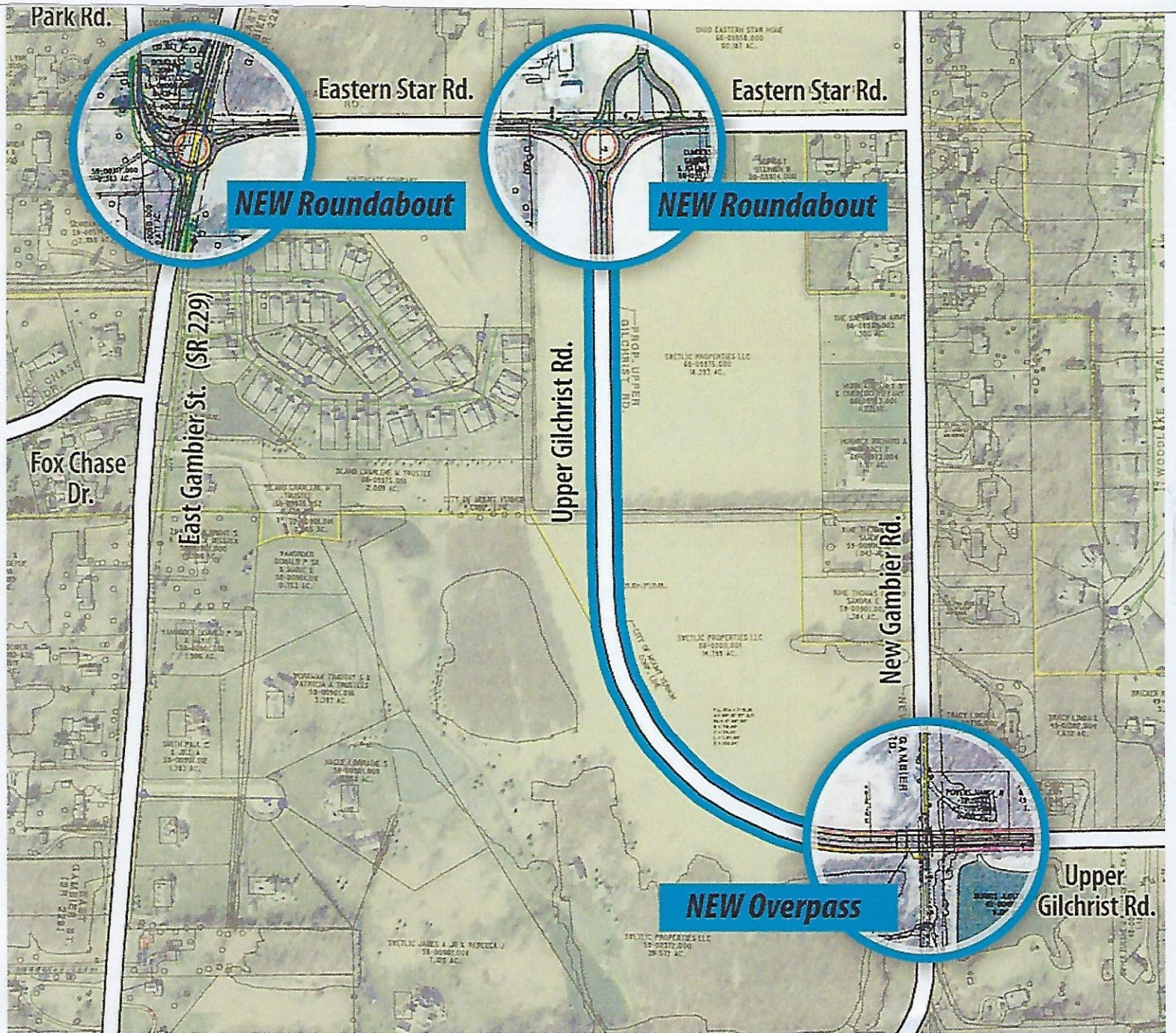
Carpenter further reported a foul ball Sunday during tournament softball play hit a main electric line to the concession stand behind diamond three at Memorial Park. The line shorted out and its coating caught fire, but quickly burned out. The line has been replaced.

A ground wire at the base

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A proposed route to connect Eastern Star Road, cut across pass above New Gambier Road



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A proposed route to connect US 36 and Ohio 229 would start at a roundabout on Eastern Star Road, cut across fields and connect to Upper Gilchrist Road via an overpass above New Gambier Road.

