



Village Council Approves Participation in Energy Efficiency Program

During its October 12th meeting the Versailles Village Council approved the enactment of legislation to again implement a comprehensive energy efficiency program for its electrical customers. Working in partnership with American Municipal Power (AMP) and the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), the Village of Versailles will assist in renewing the Efficiency Smart program to provide energy-efficiency and cost savings to local electric utility customers and encourage both business and residential customers to adopt cost-effective energy efficiency services that provide reliable and verifiable cost savings.

The Village was previously a member of the Efficiency Smart program from 2011 through 2013, but discontinued in 2014 due to cost and reduced opportunities for electrical customers to benefit from the program. The new program has been revamped to offer additional options to municipalities allowing them to pick and choose preferences as opposed to the previous one size fits all approach. The program has an annual cost to the municipality of \$89,810 but provides performance based service that guarantees a .05% reduction in municipal electrical consumption which would create a savings to more than offset the annual expense of the program. Should the .05% reduction not be met the Village will receive a rebate based on the shortfall of the guaranteed reduction. The new program will begin January 1, 2017 and will continue through December 31, 2019.

The Efficiency Smart program currently serves 28 communities throughout Ohio. The program provides rebates for energy-efficient products such as appliances, lighting, motors, pumps, etc. with the ultimate goal of reducing the need for generation of electricity; overall energy usage; and working towards a cleaner and safer energy future.

Founded in 1971, AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider to 135 municipal electric systems in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia. Versailles is among the 84 AMP-Ohio member communities across Ohio. The organization operates a number of electric generation assets to include coal, hydroelectric, wind, natural gas, and diesel units and is currently developing new generation assets on behalf of its members. In addition the organization provides a variety of related services to its members, including safety programs, technical services, financial programs, legislative, regulatory, and legal representation as well as community outreach programs. For more information visit the AMP website at www.amppartners.org

Sidewalks, Driveway Approaches, Curb, or Gutter Permits

The Village of Versailles will require anyone making repairs to or pouring of new sidewalks, driveway approaches, curb, or gutter in public right-of-way to complete a permit application prior to performing any such work.

The purpose of these permits is to allow for monitoring of the quality of work that is being completed when repairs and improvements are made in addition to keeping a written record of such work. There is no fee for the permit. Currently, the Village has specifications regarding concrete thickness, width, and composition of the concrete used for these repairs and/or improvements.

The permit application will need to be completed by the property owner or contractor and submitted to the Village Administration Office. Work may begin once the application form is returned by the Village Inspector to

the applicant. Once the forms are inspected and signed off on by the Village Inspector, the application becomes your permit.

A final inspection will be performed by the Village Inspector after the pour to inspect the finished product. Once the final inspection is signed off on, the permit will be closed and filed at the Village Administrative Office. Failure to file for a permit or schedule the appropriate inspections may result in any concrete work performed being removed and reconstructed at the owner and/or contractor's expense.

Regularly Scheduled Yard Waste Collection to End for Season

The Village of Versailles will have its last regularly scheduled yard waste collection for the season on Friday, November 4th. After this date, residents may take their yard waste to the compost dumping site at the Water & Wastewater Plants located at 300 Grand Avenue. The compost dumping site is for the disposal of Village residents' yard waste and leaves only. The dumping of trash or refuse of any kind, including plastic trash bags, at this location is strictly prohibited.

Regular Leaf Collection

Regular leaf collection is scheduled to end at the end of November. Collection will continue on a limited as needed basis in December. Leaf collection routes until the end of November are as follows:

Mondays: All streets south of the Board of Education Building

Tuesdays: All streets west of South Center Street

Wednesdays: All streets east of South Center Street

Thursdays: All streets north of the railroad tracks.

Please do not mix sticks, weeds, or garden foliage in with your leaves. Leaves need to be placed in the street along the curb for pick up. Please do not put leaves in plastic bags. Also, residents are asked to refrain from parking on the street on your scheduled collection day.

2016-2017 HEAP Applications Available

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Assistance (OCA). It is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. If you are eligible for assistance, the amount of your one-time HEAP benefit will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income, and the primary fuel you use to heat your home. In most cases, the one-time benefit will be a credit applied to your energy bill by your utility company (or fuel vendor).

To download a HEAP application visit <https://development.ohio.gov/files/is/2016-17%20HEAP%20Application%20Single%20Page.pdf> or stop by the Utility Office to pick up a copy of the application.

For additional questions about the HEAP program call 1-800-282-0880 during regular business hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Thanksgiving Office Holiday Hours

The Village Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.

All residential refuse collection will be provided on Tuesday, November 22nd and all residential recyclable collection will be provided on Wednesday, November 23rd. Commercial cardboard collection will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd.

