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# Ansonia Announcements

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## Electric Aggregation Program Update

The Village of Ansonia is pleased to announce we have taken the next steps in implementing the electric aggregation program that voters approved at last November's election. The City has awarded Dynegy a contract to be the retail electric supplier for the Village of Ansonia electric aggregation program. Dynegy was the lowest bidding supplier, providing a fixed electric supply rate of \$0.0529/kWh for a 36 month term beginning in April 2017 and ending in April 2020. The winning aggregation rate is 20% lower than the utility's electric supply price to compare. Eligible residents and small business should have received an Opt-Out letter from Dynegy in late March. Residents and small businesses receiving the opt-out notices who wanted to take advantage of the aggregation rate do not need to do anything with that letter. At the end of the 21 day opt-out period, Dynegy automatically enrolled those eligible residents and small businesses who do not opt-out of the program on to the City's aggregation rate. DP&L will send these residents and small businesses a confirmation of this switch in electric suppliers to Dynegy in the next few days.

Residents and small businesses who would otherwise be eligible for the electric aggregation program, but are currently in an electric supply contract or are month-to-month with their current electric supplier will NOT receive the Dynegy opt-out letters. It is recommended by the Village of Ansonia Consultant, AGE that residents call their current supplier to confirm their current contract's expiration date and check with their supplier to see if early termination fees will apply. If termination fees do not apply, residents can contact Dynegy at 888-682-2170 and request to be enrolled in to the Village of Ansonia aggregation program right away. If your current contract expires at a future point and termination fees will apply, AGE recommends that you wait to contact Dynegy at the above phone number about enrolling in to the Village of Ansonia aggregation approximately 30 days before the current contract's expiration. This will result in a seamless switchover from your current supplier to the Village of Ansonia aggregation program through Dynegy. It is also advised that you call and cancel with your current supplier at this time. For answers to FAQ please visit one of the following:

[www.AffordableElectricRates.com](http://www.AffordableElectricRates.com) or <https://www.dynegy.com/electric-supplier/municipal-aggregation/faq> w.

## Natural Gas Aggregation Program Update

Constellation will be the retail Natural Gas supplier for the Village. The rate for the 24 month contract will be \$0.423/CCF and will start in May 2017. Eligible residents who use natural gas should of received a opt-out letter from Constellation. Constellation has set up a direct line for the Ansonia residents needing to opt-out or opt-in to the natural gas aggregation program. That number for Ansonia is 844-268-4895.



## Mayor's Corner

*A few notes from the desk of the Mayor*

Well, after a few starts and stops spring has finally arrived. I would like to welcome Casey's General Store as our latest business to open. Hopefully we can share more announcements like this in the near future.

The Village Council is trying to help home owners to procure lower utility payments. Everyone should have received a card in the mail explaining what you need to do if you want to participate in the program. If you have any questions, please see Tom Welbaum at the city office.

I would like to thank the Ansonia Community Pride organization for their continued help in making Ansonia a better community. If you want to help them out you can follow them on Facebook, or call the city building for contact information. Their latest project is the Military Veterans' banners that are to be placed on downtown lamp poles.

One area that the Village will be taking more of an interest in is excessive trash and abandoned cars. There are village ordinances for both and if you're not sure what they encompass, contact the Ansonia PD or the Village Administrator. Pride in our community starts at home.

As you noticed the Village had its first utility rate increase in the past five years starting in January. The reason for this increase is due to the ever increasing cost of maintaining, upgrading our water & sewer lines as well as chemicals cost associated with water & sewer.

The Ansonia Fire Department would like to thank the community for making there Chicken BBQ a success again this year.

Rick Lee, Mayor

### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th Fireworks Fundraiser Quarter Auction will be held April 22 at the Ansonia American Legion 118 Mackinaw St. Doors open 6pm Auction starts at 7pm. Paddles are \$2ea or 3 for \$5. Food stand available, Hot food, soft drinks, water, beer. PUBLIC WELCOME. All proceeds go to support Ansonia Parks Committee.

The Ansonia Community Garage sales will be June 8th - 10th from 9am to 5pm. There is a \$3.00 registration fee if you would like to have your sale listed on the map. All registrations need to be in by May 31st you can list 3 items only. Your registration can be dropped in the water dept. drop box in an ENVELOPE marked community garage sales or can be mailed to Betty Burnfield PO Box 758 Ansonia, Ohio 45303. All maps will be at most area business by June 7th.

**PET OWNERS** – A reminder to clean up after your animals. We are still receiving complaints from downtown businesses and several residents that animal droppings are a problem. This really makes our downtown area look bad if clean-up doesn't happen. Please carry a plastic bag and remove any mess your pets have created. Animals are to be on a leash or confined to your property. Thanks for your help

All Village Council meetings are open to the public. Council meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers, 100 West Canal Street.

## Ansonia Fire Department

With Spring on its way a few quick points to bring up: First of all motorcycles are out watch out for them while driving. Second when enjoying the weather there are a lot of folks that have campfires going on, here are some of the rules when having a fire outside according to the Ohio Fire Code.

### (G) SECTION 307 OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES, AND PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIRE-PLACES GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FROM THE OHIO FIRE CODE

(1) **307.1 General.** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this paragraph.

(a) **307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.** Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

(2) **307.2 Permit required.** A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with rule 1301:7-7-01 of the Administrative code prior to kindling a fire for recognized horticultural or range or wild-life management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

(a) **307.2.1 Authorization.** Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

(3) **307.3 Extinguishment authority.** The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible or the fire department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

(4) **307.4 Location.** The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

**Exceptions:** 1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure. 2) The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

(a) **307.4.1 Bonfires.** Bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

(b) **307.4.2 Recreational Fires.** Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 2 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

(c) **307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces.** Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

**Exception:** Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings.

(5) **307.5 Attendance.** Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of a portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with paragraph (F)(906) of rule 1301:7-7-09 of the Administrative Code with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

Any questions concerning outdoor burning, please call Ansonia's Fire Chief Bill Clark at 937-459-1607.

Thank you,  
William H. Clark, jr  
Ansonia Fire Chief

# Ansonia Community Pride

## **Flower Planting**

Ansonia Community Pride will once again be planting flowers in the planters that line the streets of Main St. We are in search of volunteers to help water the pots. We have broken up the duties by block and day to water. You would only be in charge of 4 pots, one day a week.

## **Property Improvement Project**

Ansonia Community Pride is interested in helping residents of Ansonia whose homes are in need of clean-up and/or minor repairs. First priority are those who are unable to complete the project due to physical limitations. Please complete the enclosed application and the committee will review the requested projects.

If you or your service group are willing to volunteer to help with a project, please contact Erica Wentworth at [ansoniacp@gmail.com](mailto:ansoniacp@gmail.com) or 937.417.7961

## **Limb and Brush Collection**

The Village of Ansonia tree and brush collection will begin on the third (3rd) Monday of April and will continue thru the third (3rd) Monday of November. In the event that tree and brush collection cannot be done on the third Monday, they will be picked up on the first day possible after said Monday. Once an area has been collected, the crew will not return until the next scheduled date.

**The Village will no longer accept Limbs and Brush from whole trees being cut down by self or a tree service. This will be the property owner's responsibility to dispose of.**

Brush and limb collection will be at the curb. No Brush or limbs will be picked up in the alleys.

Brush and limbs are not to be placed at the curb any earlier than two days before and no later than 8:00 am of the scheduled day of collection.

All limbs should be stacked in piles with all the ends even. Please stack parallel with the street.

Small piles must be boxed, bundled or in trash cans to help facilitate pickup.

Please avoid parking vehicles and/or other obstacles in front of the brush piles.

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### **2016 Income Tax**

A reminder to residents that 2016 Village Income Taxes were due April 17th, 2017. You have a grace period until April 30th, 2017 without incurring a penalty.

New this year along with your signed Income Tax Return Form a copy of page 1 of your Federal Income Tax form must be turned in as well.

Forms are available at the following locations: Village Office, Post Office, or printed off of the Village’s website. Generic forms are accepted.

### **Utility Office Hours**

The utility/tax administration office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3pm and open the first to the fifteenth day of the first month of each quarter (January, April, July, October).

Monday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

***Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays***

**For after hour payments, there is a payment drop slot in the front door of the Ansonia Municipal Building at 202 North Main St.**

Telephone: 937.337.5005