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Electric and Natural Gas Aggregation Programs Extended Beyond Current Contract Terms

The Village of Ansonia has finalized agreements to extend the electric and natural gas aggregation programs beyond the end of the current term for each program. Together, with Affordable Gas & Electric (AGE), the Village's aggregation consultant, long term electric and natural gas supply rates have been secured for future rate certainty for all eligible residents and small business DP&L and Vectren utility customers.

In November of 2016, voters in the Village of Ansonia passed ballot measures for the Village to pool together eligible customers and shop for bulk electric and natural gas supply rates on behalf of eligible residents and small businesses through an opt-out aggregation program. Currently, Dynegy serves the Village's electric aggregation program at a fixed rate of \$0.0529/kWh that is secured through April of 2020. On the natural gas side, Constellation is the current contracted supplier at a fixed rate of \$0.423/Ccf that expires on April 30, 2019.

Through recent negotiations handled by AGE for the Village of Ansonia and several other neighboring communities throughout the Miami Valley, both programs have secured rates below the current prices for the extended terms. Dynegy again won the contract for the electric aggregation program with a rate of \$0.0488/kWh that is set to begin at the end of the current contract's term in April 2020. The new rate is a fixed price for a term ending in December 2021. Volunteer Energy won the contract during this bidding period for the Village's natural gas aggregation program. Beginning on May 1, 2019 Volunteer Energy will be supplying participating residents with a fixed rate of \$0.371/Ccf for a 24 month term.

All current participants, and any newly eligible customers, of the aggregation programs will be sent new opt-out notices from the respective suppliers approximately 45 days prior to the start of the new aggregation rates for each program. Anyone receiving the opt-out letters will not have to do anything in order to take advantage of the new rates. Your accounts will automatically be enrolled as long as you do not opt-out. As always, opting-out of the aggregation programs comes with no penalty to residents and small businesses and can be done at any time throughout the program.

If you have any questions about the newly secured rates, your eligibility status, whether you are currently enrolled in the aggregation programs or wish to sign up for the Village's electric or natural gas aggregation programs we would ask that you contact Jordan Haarmann of AGE at 618-203-8328. He will be able to provide guidance to assist you in any manner.

Sanitary Sewer Update

Please help us to keep our sewer rates as low as possible!

The Ohio EPA has been in contact with the Village regarding violations with our sanitary sewer discharge permit. Due to the excess storm water that enters our sanitary sewer system, it is very difficult for us to comply with our EPA permit limits. Therefore, we are being required to make significant modifications to our system. These modifications include Village wide upgrades to the sanitary sewer collection system and possibly major upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant. These improvements will be expensive and we are asking each business/resident to help us minimize the cost as much as possible!

We are needing to remove as much storm water as possible from the sanitary sewer system. Each additional gallon of storm water that enters our sanitary sewer collection system costs money to treat and has a negative affect on our ability to comply with our EPA permit.

The following are the major areas of concern that each business/resident should inspect and modify accordingly:

- All downspouts should be connected to the storm sewer system or ran onto the ground.**
- All sump pumps should be connected to the storm sewer system.**
- All foundation tiles should be connected to the storm sewer system.**
- All yard drains should be connected to the storm sewer system.**
- Each sanitary sewer lateral should include a clean-out with a sealed cap.**

The Village already has ordinances that list these requirements and will eventually inspect each business/residence to verify compliance. However, the earlier these concerns are addressed, the less it will cost the Village to operate our sanitary system.

Please help us to keep our sewer rates as low as possible!

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Village Administrator, Tom Welbaum, at 337-6781.

Ansonia Community Garage Sales

The Ansonia Community Garage Sales will be June 6, 7, & 8th from 9am to 5pm. To have you garage sale listed on the map a \$3.00 fee is required. Your \$3.00 registration fee can be mailed to Betty Burnfield, PO Box 758, Ansonia, Oh 45303. This can also be dropped off at the Village drop box. Envelope should be marked "Community Garage Sale". The deadline for registration fee is May 24, 2019 and maps will be available at most area business by June 5, 2019. You may list 3 items only. If you would like a map emailed to you please attach your email address. Any questions contact Betty at 937-337-4883 or text 937-423-5573.

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.

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.

News from the Ansonia Fire Department

Chief Paul McCleskey was sworn in on February 5, 2019. Chief McCleskey brings fourteen years experience to this position and he is looking forward to seeing the department grow. In the first six weeks of his leadership, many changes have taken place. New gear, masks, gloves and hoods have been ordered for all members. The new tanker 253 has been outfitted with new tires, cabinets and decals. 253 will soon go in service and will serve the citizens of Ansonia as well as outlying areas.

Spring is in the air! This means that severe weather can happen quickly. Ohio is notorious for severe weather including tornadoes. Please take severe weather watches and warnings seriously. Please remember to use caution when doing spring clean up. AVFD wants to remind you that there are restrictions to burning yard waste. Brush/bon fires are required to be comprised of natural materials only, must be a minimum of 15 feet from a structure, must have a way to extinguish fires and may not be more than 3 feet x 3 feet and 2 feet high. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the fire department or Chief McCleskey.

The AVFD will be having their annual chicken dinner on Sunday, April 14th at the fire department from 11:30 am until sold out. The dinner will be drive thru or dine in. Each dinner will consist of ½ chicken, chips, apple sauce and a roll with butter for \$7.00. Drinks will be available for purchase at the dinner.

News from the Ansonia Police Department

Your Ansonia Police Department is proud to acknowledge that we have procured two 2012 Chevrolet Caprice PPV's. They came from another department in northeast Ohio and were originally K-9 cars.

We are removing the K-9 cages and installing patrol vehicle partitions and rear seats. The vehicles are all black in color and will have orange reflective lettering, in honor of the Ansonia Schools' colors.

Our special thanks go to the Ansonia American Legion, the Ansonia American Legion Auxiliary and the Whistle Stop for their generous donations that will enable us to properly outfit the new cruisers and update some very old cruiser equipment.

We plan to have the new cars on the road and patrolling by the middle of April. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Chief Frank Shapiro

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

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2018 Income Tax

A reminder to residents that 2018 Village Income Taxes are due April 15th, 2019. You have a grace period until April 30th, 2019 without incurring a penalty.

Remember along with your signed Village Income Tax Return Form a copy of pages 1 & 2 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

NOTICE

As of January 1, 2019 there was a small increase in the Utility Rates. This increase is due to the Village needing to meet guidelines of eligibility to receive any grant money for Water/Sewer project in the near future. If you have any questions please call the Village Administrator at 937-337-6781 or stop in the office during normal office hours.