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Village Updates Electric Rates

Versailles Electric customers will notice different fees and rates for their electric service on their utility bills due February 10th. Changes to the monthly customer charge, energy charge (\$/kWH), and kW demand (for those customers with demand rates) have been made per Village Ordinance No. 23-65 that was passed by Village Council on December 13th, 2023. These updated rates were included in a 2023 Electric Business Plan that was prepared for the Village by Sawvel & Associates, Inc., the Village's rate and electrical engineering consultant. The business plan updated power supply plan costs and capital forecasts, in addition to preparing a cost-of-service analysis that reviewed and assessed adequacy of the Village's rate structure that resulted in a recommendation for a new rate plan. Village electric rates have not changed since 2017, with the exception of a power cost rider (PCR) that went into effect on utility bills due November 10, 2022. The PCR was a \$0.02/kWH charge that was included on each customer account across all rate classes due to increases in power supply costs. The PCR will be set back to \$0.00/kWH on the utility bills due February 10th. The new rate structure takes into account changes in power supply costs, both current and forecasted, as well as increased material costs for infrastructure components such as utility poles, transformers, and wire used for repairs, replacements, and capital improvement projects. With the new rate structure in place the Village is still able to provide competitive rates compared to other area electric utilities all while offering local, reliable electric service for all customers. If there are any questions regarding the new electric rate structure, customers may contact the Village Administrator, Kyle Francis at (937) 526-3294 x202 or kylefrancis@versaillesoh.com.

Village Administrative & Utility Office Hours Change

The hours of operation for the Village of Versailles Administrative and Utility Offices at 177 N. Center St. will be changing effective February 12, 2024. The new hours for operation will be **7:30AM to 4:00PM**, **Monday through Friday**. This change is taking place to better serve our utility customers and residents.

We also wish to remind all customers and residents of these important phone numbers:

- -Village Administrative and Utility Office: (937) 526-3294
- -Versailles Police Dept. Office: (937) 526-3712, for Emergencies Call 9-1-1
- -Electric Dept. 24/7 Emergency/Outage Number: (937) 459-2584
- -Street Dept. 24/7 Emergency Number: (937) 423-0652

Income Tax Returns to be Filed with St. Marys Tax Department

As a reminder, the Village of Versailles contracted with the City of St Mary's for income tax administration. Please direct any questions to (419) 300-3198 or email: tax@cityofstmarys.net. St Mary's Tax Department office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mail returns to: City of St Mary's Department of Taxation, 106 E Spring St., St Mary's, OH 45885. Checks should still be made out to Versailles. To electronically submit your tax return: www.cityofstmarys.net and look under the Departments -Tax Tab.

Village Council Organized Committees and Representatives for 2024

During their January 10th meeting, Versailles Village Council began by announcing committees and representatives for 2024. President of Council being Mayor Todd Dammeyer. Council Member, Kent Paulus, was elected as the Village Council President Pro-Tempore for the new year. 2024 Versailles Village Council Committees are as follows:

<u>Finance & Audit</u>: Kent Paulus, Cory Griesdorn, and Erin Shaffer <u>Street & Safety</u>: Ralph Gigandet, Lance Steinbrunner, Karla Dieringer <u>Personnel & Policies</u>: Cory Griesdorn, Kent Paulus, Erin Shaffer <u>Facilities:</u> Ralph Gigandet, Lance Steinbrunner, Karla Dieringer

Park Board: Cory Griesdorn (Ralph Gignadet-Alternate)

<u>Planning Commission</u>: Kent Paulus (Cory Griesdorn-Alternate)

<u>Tree Commission</u>: Erin Shaffer (Karla Dieringer-Alternate)

<u>Cemetary Board</u>: Ralph Gigandet (Lance Steinbrunner)

Town Hall Property Board: Cory Griesdorn & Ralph Gigandet

Village Council Approves Updates to Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Following a public hearing prior to the November 21, 2023 meeting, Versailles Village Council, during its regular meeting, approved revisions and updates to the Village's Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan. The Capital Improvements Plan continues to be a planning resource used by Village Officials in completing infrastructure improvements throughout the community. The updated plan approved by Council provides for a planning period of 2024 through 2028.

With continued strategic planning, coupled with the cooperation, patience, and support of Versailles citizens, the Village will be presented the opportunity of experiencing the benefits provided by the completion of capital improvement and street maintenance projects. Copies of the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan may be obtained by contacting or stopping by the Village Offices, or can be accessed at the Village's website www.versaillesoh.com under the Forms/Other Info section.

Village Right-of-Way Tree Trimming

Trees will be marked in the coming weeks with yellow ribbon in the northern portion of the Village from the railroad tracks to Village corporation limits that are in need of trimming as part of the 2024 Street Right-of-Way (ROW) Tree Trimming Project. This annual project is at no cost to residents or property owners as the Village contracts with a tree trimming contractor to perform all of trimming work located in street right-of-way. Trees are typically uplifted and shaped to ensure proper growth and adequate clearance for pedestrians and motor vehicles. The yellow ribbons placed around trees in the select areas are to assist property owners and the tree trimming contractor to help identify which trees are in need of trimming. We ask that the ribbons be left on the trees until the trimming project is complete as the selected tree trimming contractor will remove the ribbons once trimming is complete of each tree. If anyone has any questions regarding this work, please contact Utilities Superintendent, Darrin Mumaw, at (937) 526-3294 x226.

Village of Versailles Calendar of Events

Did you know that the Village of Versailles website has a Calendar of Events? The calendar currently lists meetings held by Village Council and other Village boards and committees. This calendar is also open to all not-for profit organizations. If your organization would like an event posted on the Village's Calendar of Events please email the information to leximoorman@versaillesoh.com or call Lexi at 937-526-3294 ext. 206.