



Village of Versailles Welcomes Village Administrator Mike Busse

The Village of Versailles recently welcomed Michael Busse as the new Versailles Village Administrator. Mr. Busse graduated from Ft. Loramie High School and attended Edison State College. Mr. Busse was a former Volunteer Firefighter, Chief of Police, and water and wastewater operator. He currently holds Ohio EPA Class II treatment licenses for both water and wastewater. Mr. Busse was the former Village Administrator in Covington, Ohio and comes to the Village with vast experience in village operations and administration. Mr. Busse began his duties with the Village of Versailles on September 8, 2020. He is excited to be a part of the Village of Versailles management team and plans to work hard to keep the Village a great place to live, work, and play.

2020-2021 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://www.development.ohio.gov/files/is/2020-2021-HEAP-App-BW.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.

Voluntary Water Reduction Request by Village of Versailles

With the prolonged dry summer conditions that the area has experienced this summer the Village has seen an increase in water usage for lawn watering and other water use activities. With this additional water usage, the Village's water supply wells have been running longer and harder for an extended period time and the aquifer that supplies the Village ground water has dropped. With the continued forecast of dry and warm weather for the foreseeable future, we are asking water customers for a voluntary reduction in any possible water consumption until we receive rain to help supplement the water supply well fields. While this is not yet an emergency situation, your cooperation to reduce water consumption with the Village of Versailles is very much appreciated and is to the benefit of all.

Trick-or-Treat Date Set

The Village of Versailles' Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution during this event.

Efficiency Smart Rebates

Heating and cooling make up the largest portion of the average household's energy bill. Efficiency Smart offers rebates on products that can help you save on these costs, including a \$750 rebate on cold climate air source heat pumps and a \$100 rebate on air source heat pumps. Visit www.energysmart.org/versailles-ohio and select "Home Energy Rebates" or call 877-889-3777 for more information on available rebates.

Darke County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Solid Waste District is proud to again sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Darke County residents on Saturday, October 3, 2019. The event is scheduled to run from 8:00 a.m. to Noon (Last Names A-M 8am—10am, Last Names N-Z 10am—Noon). This event will allow residents to dispose the following items:

- Paint (Oil and Latex)*
- Pool Chemicals
- Gasoline/Kerosene
- Household Cleaners
- Antifreeze
- Varnishes/Stains
- Mercury
- Turpentine
- Fertilizers/Pesticides
- 20# Propane Tanks Only
- Prescription Medications

*Limit 15 cans, no matter the size. No 55 gallon drums

**Due to large volumes of paint, there will be a \$2 per paint can charge (full or empty). There will also be a \$1 charge for 1-5 aerosol cans, no matter the contents.

If you have something not listed call the Solid Waste office at 937-547-0827. Enter the fairgrounds at the entrance closest to Lefeld's on Sweitzer Street.

Village Leaf Collection Schedule Announced

Regular leaf collection is scheduled to begin Monday, October 12th and last through November. Leaves will be picked up as needed in December. Leaf collection routes 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.

Fall Clean-up Day

As a reminder, on Tuesday, October 13th, the Village of Versailles will conduct the final Clean-up Day of the year. This will be the last clean-up day until next spring for discarding medium to larger items that will not fit within the Village refuse container. Please sit items out at your normal pick up location for pick up on the morning of October 13th. We hope to be able to pick up all items on October 13th, however, if we cannot finish all pickups that day we will pick them up the following day(s) until we are finished.

If you have questions regarding the Fall Clean-up Day please contact the Village Administrative Offices at 937-526-3294.

Village Natural Gas Aggregation Program

Most recently, AEP Energy won the Village's natural gas aggregation contract. Beginning with the October 2020 bill, AEP will be the current contracted supplier to the Village at a fixed rate of \$0.344/Ccf. This rate is secured through the September, 2022 billing cycle.

If you have any questions about the newly secured rates, your eligible status, whether you are currently enrolled in the aggregation program or wish to sign up for the Village's natural gas aggregation program we would ask that you contact AEP Customer Care at 1-877-726-0214 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A customer care representative will be able to provide guidance to assist you in any manner. You may also contact the Versailles Village Office at 937-526-3294 for assistance. For answers to FAQ please visit the following websites: www.AffordableElectricRates.com or <https://versaillesoh.com/utilities/gas-aggregation>.

