



Village Talks

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Summer 2018 Issue

Worthington Electric Aggregation Issue on November Ballot

Worthington voters will decide whether to give the City authority to pool the community's buying power with the goal of lowering household electric bills and increasing renewable (green) energy usage. Worthington City Council voted at its June 18, 2018 meeting to place an electric aggregation issue on the November 6, 2018 ballot. If approved, the City could negotiate a bulk price on behalf of its residents and small businesses for purchasing electricity.

There would be no levy or tax on any resident, business, or the City itself. Other communities currently use aggregation programs to reduce electric rates and purchase renewable-generated electricity. City Council will also require that there be a no-cost opt-out option for any resident or business. Consumers who already have their own contract with a separate electric supplier would not be immediately eligible.

With voter approval, the city will seek competitive bids on behalf of residents and small businesses. City Council will assess the bids, and choose the most advantageous - based on cost savings and green energy content - before the program is implemented.

Under the program, residents would experience no change in their electric service. AEP would continue to carry, service, and bill for the electricity service. The only change would be in the generation source of the electricity which would be identified on the AEP bill. Subject to approval by the Secretary of State, Worthington voters will see the following language on their ballots this November:

"Shall the City of Worthington, County of Franklin, Ohio have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the City and enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electric, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt-out?"



If approved by the voters, the City will work with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to certify the City of Worthington as a governmental aggregator and negotiate the most favorable contract for its residents based on cost and amount of green energy. City Council will formally accept or deny proposals prior to implementing the aggregation program. For more information, visit worthington.org/electric or call the Worthington Finance Department at 614-786-7353.

City Notes

Fan Donations Collected at Fire Department

Heat can be life threatening... especially to the elderly population. Help your neighbors in need keep cool this summer by donating a new fan for distribution to people in need this summer. In partnership with Lifecare Alliance, the Worthington Division of Fire is a collection point for fan donations. Fans are collected in the main entrance lobby at the Worthington Division of Fire, 6500 N. High Street. Please call 614-885-7640 for more information.

Violent Intruder Training – Tuesday, July 24th

Join the Worthington Community Relations Commission and the Worthington Division of Police for citizen focused active shooter training at 6:30 p.m. on July 24 at the Griswold Center. Learn tactics to stay safe during violent intruder situations no matter where they might occur. The 90 minute training will help citizens to plan and be prepared in the event of an active shooter situation. This free training is for adults only (age 18 and above). Those interested are asked to RSVP by July 18 to Lori Trego, CRC staff liaison at LTrego@ci.worthington.oh.us or 614-854-7171.

Street Improvements

Coming this Summer



Dozens of streets throughout Worthington's neighborhoods will be repaired and refreshed this summer. The City's Street Improvement Program is getting underway in July, with repairs and improvements taking place through mid-September. In the coming months you will see many streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters under construction. Some will receive face lifts or spot repairs and patches, while others will be replaced entirely. Depending on the condition of the road, a variety of techniques are used to extend the life of much of the City's asphalt. See the list of streets scheduled for improvement in 2018 below. Find detailed plans for each street and descriptions of treatment methods online at worthington.org/streets.

Streets Scheduled for Improvements in 2018

Andover St	Greenwich St	New England Ave
Bowerman Ct	Hartford St	Nova Ct
Bowerman St	Hickory Grove Ct	Olentangy Blvd
Cambridge Ct	Highgate Ave	Park Blvd
Caren Ave	Hutchinson St	Rieber St
Clearview Ave E	Joslyn Pl	Rock Woods Pl
Collins Dr	Kenbrook Dr	Samada Ave
Comm. Center Dr.	Lakeview Plaza	Selby Blvd
Crandall Dr	Longfellow Ave	Short St
Dublin-Gran. Rd	Loveman Ave	South St E & W
Eastview Dr	Masefield St	Stafford Ave E
Evening St	Maxton Pl	Stenten St
Foster Ave	Medick Way	Terra Ct
Garden Dr	Morning St	Tucker Dr
Granby St	Municipal	Village Green Dr
Greenglade Ave	Building Lot	

2018 Citizens Academy

Forming Now

Registration is underway for the 2018 City of Worthington Citizens Academy. The Citizens Academy is a seven-week program designed to help Worthington residents learn more about their city government and become more connected to their community. Citizens academies are an excellent way to educate residents, build positive relationships and increase communication between government officials and citizens, as well as inspire future municipal leaders and volunteers.

The 2018 Citizens Academy takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9pm beginning September 5th - excluding the week of Yom Kippur on September 19th. The final session including graduation is October 24th.

Academy members will:

- Meet City Council members, department heads and staff.
- Learn how decisions are made, how city funds are allocated and how departments operate.
- Enjoy comprehensive overviews of departments, programs and services.
- Discover the current status and future plans for development and programming in Worthington.
- Expand their knowledge and become more informed on current issues and proposed projects within the City.
- Participate in lively discussions, role-playing and other fun interactive activities.
- Tour city facilities.
- Become informed, involved citizens

The complete schedule and application are available online at worthington.org/academy.

Email citizensacademy@ci.worthington.oh.us or call 614-436-3100 for more information.



Planning for Future

Bike and Pedestrian Connections

What would you like to see for the future of bike and pedestrian connections in Worthington? The City is in the process of developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to guide the creation of bicycle and pedestrian routes, linking activity centers within the City, as well as to the regional network.

The City is working with the consulting team of Blue Zones LLC and Planning NEXT to engage the community in the development of this plan. Preliminary meetings with key stakeholders have already taken place and the team will be conducting public participation meetings, walk audit events and gather community feedback in August.

Learn about updates and opportunities to engage in this process by visiting us online at worthington.org. Click on the “eNews Sign Up” icon on the bottom of your screen and select “Bike & Pedestrian Master Planning.” Enter your contact information to receive notifications. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 614-436-2743.



Have you been wondering about all those vibrant green bikes you've been seeing around town? This is LimeBike, a new bike sharing option available to Worthington residents and visitors. LimeBike is a dock-less system, with about 50 bicycles placed in high-demand areas around town that riders can access and rent through a smartphone app.



The process to rent one is simple:

- Download the app at limebike.com or in the app store.
- Set up an account by entering your credit card information.
- Use the app to locate a nearby bike.
- Unlock the bike by using the app to scan the bike's plate number.
- Enjoy your ride!
- When you're done, leave the bike in a bike rack or safe area that is not blocking pedestrian paths, crosswalks, driveways or loading zones.
- Lock the bike's back wheel to end your trip.

Rides cost \$1 for 30 minutes, or .50 cents for students with a valid .edu email address. Bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. After you complete your ride, the bike will then be available to others. When you need your next ride, just use the app to locate another one. All questions or concerns should be directed to LimeBike by calling 888.LIME.345 or texting 888.546.3345. Issues can also be reported through the LimeBike app.



Contact Us

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City Manager's office, City Clerk, Economic
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PARKS & RECREATION

(614) 436-2743 – 345 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.
Community Center, recreation programs,
park maintenance, street tree program

GRISWOLD CENTER

(614) 842-6320 – 777 High St.
Recreation Programs for 55 and older

SERVICE & ENGINEERING

(614) 431-2425 – 380 Highland Ave.
Trash collection, recycling, yard waste, sewers,
maintenance, Capital Improvement Projects

PLANNING & BUILDING

(614) 431-2424 – 374 Highland Ave.
Land use planning, zoning and building
regulation

LAW DEPARTMENT

(614) 431-2424 – 374 Highland Ave.

DIVISION OF POLICE

(614) 885-4463–6555 Worthington Galena Rd.

DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS

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The City of Worthington is pleased to announce the release of our new WorthingtonOH mobile app. This digital tool will provide you with a better connection to the local resources, news, and information you want and need when on-the-go and out in our community. Use the WorthingtonOH mobile app to enjoy convenient access to events, official news, job opportunities and meeting agendas, as well as submit service requests and contact staff and City officials.

To download the app on an Apple® device:

1. Search for “CivicMobile” in the iTunes® App Store.
Make sure to choose “CivicMobile,” not “CivicMobile Preview” or “CivicMobile Demo.”
2. Once the CivicMobile app is downloaded, you may search Worthington, OH or use the “Find My Location” feature to find the WorthingtonOH app.

To download on an Android device:

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Upcoming Events

Worthington Farmers Market
Saturdays 8am to 1pm - Downtown

Concerts on the Green
Sundays through August 12th - Village Green

Trifit Triathlon - July 22

A Taste Of Worthington - July 27

National Night Out - August 7

Summer in the 614 Festival - August 11

Precycle Day - August 11

Comm. Center Pool Closed Aug 20-Sept 3

Comm. Center Building Closed Aug 27-Sept 3

Worthington Market Day Festival - Sept 15

Details at worthington.org