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Star Spangled Celebration July 3

7 - 10 p.m.

Vandalia Sports Complex

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area for the kids!
(Open 6-9 pm)



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Musical Entertainment by
The Blue Leafs!



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2023 Citywide Policy Goals

Approved December 5, 2022

Live



Small City Big Opportunity: Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services. Enhance social and economic investment by promoting the City's high-quality services, well-performing schools, available workforce, escalating quality-of-life, and growing sense of place. Incentivize developments that improve life in Vandalia.



Safe and Secure: Ensure that Vandalia remains a safe and secure community by investing in both traditional public safety operations and creative outreach efforts to meet the evolving needs of our residents and visitors.



Enhance Infrastructure: Protect public assets and infrastructure by making calculated and deliberate investments in roadways, utilities, park spaces.

Work



Fiscal Sustainability: Leverage the operating position of the City to seize strategic opportunities for improving quality of life, while maintaining sustainable fiscal practices.



Trust and Confidence: Promote an open approach to government through coordinated, transparent, and evidence-based engagement practices. Empower residents, business owners and community stakeholders to partner in City programs.



Sharpen the Saw: Commit to process improvements by purposefully refining practices and leveraging technology to improve internal and external customer service.

Play



Vibrant: Be a vibrant community that uses its amenities and growth mindset to create a warm and welcoming environment in which to live, work, and play.

THE BLUE LETTER



333 James E. Bohanan Drive • Vandalia, OH 45377 • (937) 898-5891

June 30, 2023

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

I hope that you have a great weekend preparing to celebrate the birthday of our beautiful nation!

God Bless America.

Here is the (almost) shortest Blue Letter ever...

Congrats and Welcome Recreation Coordinator Joshua Berry and Parks Maintenance Technician Drew Burghardt! Messrs. Berry and Burghardt started on Monday, June 26th.

Mr. Berry recently performed similar fitness coordinating duties at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He served in the United States Marine Corps and is a graduate of Ohio State University. Mr. Berry is backfilling the role that was vacated by Mrs. Lavy. He has a great disposition and is excited to bring creative programming opportunities to our team.

Mr. Burghardt joins us from a local security contractor. He previously worked for ConAgra and as a landscaper. He is filling one of the two positions that were created to amplify parks maintenance efforts in response to the Parks & Recreation Master Planning process. Mr. Burghardt is graduate of Troy High School.

Star Spangled Celebration – Monday, July 3: The City of Vandalia and Butler Township will present the Star-Spangled Celebration on Monday, July 3, at the Vandalia Sports Complex. This year's event, which runs from 6-10 pm, will feature a new attraction - a patriotic play area for children. Music will be provided by The Blue Leafs, a local band specializing in music from the 70's, 80's and 90's. [See video \(LINK\).](#)





Monday, June 26, 2023 - Focus Vandalia - Star-Spangled Celebration

Electric Aggregation: MVCC will host three community open houses to discuss electric aggregation. I plan to represent the City of Vandalia at the first meeting in Clayton. The City has added information at www.vandaliaohio.org/aggregation. Residents are encouraged to contact Energy Harbor (the supplier) directly at 1-866-636-3749.



ELECTRIC AGGREGATION OPEN HOUSES

3 OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE MVCC ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

JULY 13	JULY 17	JULY 18
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
MEADOWBROOK AT CLAYTON CLUBHOUSE 6001 SALEM AVENUE CLAYTON	CHARLES I. LATHREM SENIOR CENTER 2900 GLENGARRY DRIVE KETTERING	SINCLAIR CENTERVILLE CAMPUS 5800 CLYO ROAD CENTERVILLE

**OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES
IN ALL 14 PARTICIPATING CITIES**















Opt-out letters (sample enclosed) will start to go out to residents and small businesses on 6/30. A second mailer is scheduled for 7/3. The Miami Valley Communications Council assembly voted to implement an



aggregation plan that will lock in a supply rate of 0.06570 / kwh for a 28-month period through December 2025. This will likely begin to affect the September or October bill for residents. This rate is 4.77% cheaper than the rate that was negotiated by Butler Township, 31.92% cheaper than Dayton's negotiated rate, and 39.17% cheaper than the AES rate of .10800 / kwh. The City will continue to provide information on social media.

I will be out of the office until Wednesday. I will be in town and stopping into the office to sign documents with some limited access to email.

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Let freedom ring.

Very Respectfully,

Dan Wendt
City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members
All City Employees



Now there's a new and easier way to connect with the City of Vandalia!



Introducing My Vandalia, the fast, easy and free way to connect with the City for just about anything!



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Request a "vacation house check."

Report property maintenance issues in an instant.

Report a pothole in seconds! Snap a photo and the app lets us know exactly where to send the crew!

Ask a question or submit a general comment.

It's your direct access line to the City!

Download the My Vandalia app today!



June 30, 2023

Miami Valley Communications Council Community Electric Aggregation Notification



Dear Resident or Small Business,

Welcome to your community's electric aggregation program. Members of your community voted in favor of government aggregation, a program authorizing your local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. To further increase the buying power, your community joined with 13 other area communities as part of the **Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC)** which selected Energy Harbor to be your electric service provider.

How You Benefit

By participating in the aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed Price	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None
Small Business	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None

Same Reliable Service

You will continue to receive a single, easy-to-read bill from your local electric utility with your Energy Harbor charges included. If your residential account is on a budget billing plan with your electric utility, and meet Energy Harbor's minimum eligibility requirements, you will continue to receive that service (see FAQs)¹. There is no cost for enrollment, you will not be charged a switching fee, and **you do not need to do anything to participate**.

Opt Out Information

You may choose to leave the program at any time, without penalty, and will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete one of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

- **MAIL:** Return the enclosed **Opt Out Reply Form**
- **PHONE:** Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt-out over the phone
- **WEB:** Enter your 10-digit **Opt Out Code** online at energyharbor.com/opt-out

Opt Out Deadline

July 21, 2023

Enrollment Information

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-45 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. **To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you don't need to take any action when this letter arrives.**

100% Green Opt In Information

If you are interested in supporting renewable energy, you can also select electric generation backed by **100% renewable energy certificates (RECs)** at a price of **6.97 cents per kWh**. To enroll in the green offer, please call 1-866-636-3749.

Please refer to the enclosed Terms and Conditions and FAQs (reverse) for more information. Your community encourages members with questions to contact Energy Harbor directly. If you have any questions or wish to opt out, please contact Energy Harbor toll-free at 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Miami Valley Communications Council



Community Electric Aggregation Program FAQs v.12.20

How is my community able to choose a certified electric generation supplier on my behalf?

Under government aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Residents voted to allow the community to contract with an electric generation supplier on their behalf. Your community has selected Energy Harbor to provide you with exclusive pricing on your electric generation.

Who is Energy Harbor?

Energy Harbor is a fully integrated retail energy provider and independent power producer capable of generating substantial carbon-free energy. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, the company proudly serves nearly one million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois and Michigan. Your community is one of over 200 who have chosen Energy Harbor to provide electric aggregation programs.

What does it mean to have a fixed price?

The price you will receive each month does not change.

How will I know if I can save money in the aggregation?

You'll know you are saving money as long as your price with Energy Harbor is lower than the utility Price to Compare (PTC) communicated on your bill.

Why am I receiving this letter if I'm in the aggregation?

As a current member of your community's electric aggregation program, you are given the opportunity to opt out of the program at least every three years. Whether your current contract term with Energy Harbor, or another supplier, is coming to an end, this is your opportunity to either opt out or continue the benefits of the program.

What does it mean to opt out?

Opt out means that you can decide to not participate in your community's electric aggregation program. If you chose to opt out via any of the methods indicated on the front of this notification, you will not be enrolled with Energy Harbor and will not receive further notifications until the end of the current term.

What happens if I do not opt out?

Whichever method you chose, you must do so by the Opt Out Deadline, or you will be automatically included in your community's electric aggregation program.

Can I opt out of the program at a later date?

Yes, you may leave the aggregation program at any time. *You will not be charged an early termination or cancellation fee if you choose to leave the program at later date for any reason.*

What are my energy supply choices if I decide to opt out?

If you opt out or leave the program at a later date you will be returned to your utility's standard service offer and might not be served under the same rates, terms, or conditions that apply to other customers served by the electric utility. You may also shop for an alternative generation supplier. A list of competitive electric suppliers certified by the PUCO and their current prices are available by calling 1-800-686-PUCO (7826).

¹As part of the aggregation, will Energy Harbor continue or allow me to begin to budget bill my supplier charges?

Yes. For customers in Toledo Edison, The Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison and Duke Energy your utility includes supplier charges in the monthly budgeted amount. No action is necessary to continue that service. In AEP Ohio and AES Ohio service areas, budget billing will automatically be provided to eligible residents who currently have budget billing with their utility and at least 10 months of historical usage at their current service address. If you have less than 10 months of usage, you will still receive the community exclusive pricing listed herein but will be ineligible to budget the generation portion of your bill. AEP Ohio and AES Ohio will continue to budget the delivery portion of your bill. Under budget billing service, Energy Harbor will calculate your budgeted amount based on your average electric usage over the prior months. Periodically, Energy Harbor may examine your budget and may adjust to more closely match your usage from the previous year. Energy Harbor will conduct a final true-up at the end of the contract - or upon your leaving the program should you 'opt out' before the program term end - to reconcile between the actual amount of electricity used and the amount paid under the plan. The new budget amount may vary from the level of your current budget payment. You will continue to receive a levelized amount from your utility for delivery service and may experience true ups with your utility during the contract. If you are currently on, or enter into, a budget billing program after enrolling with Energy Harbor and have at least 10 months of usage, call 1-866-636-3749.

Who is not eligible for an electric aggregation program?

Customers on a special arrangement with the utility such as net-metering, Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and mercantile customers who have not provided affirmative consent to join are not eligible for the program.

How can I contact Energy Harbor for questions?

If you have any other questions, please call 1-866-636-3749, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our FAQs located at: www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation

It's a year of Employee Appreciation!

2023 is the Year of Employee Appreciation!

Please note the dates below and plan to attend these events.



Wednesday, June 14
Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Thursday, July 20
Pizza in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Helke Park



Wednesday, August 16
Picnic in the Park
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Vandalia Sports Complex



Wednesday, September 20
Employee Taco Bar
12:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Vandalia Senior Center



Wednesday, October 25
Employee Donut Bar
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Vandalia Justice Center



Wednesday, November 8
Team Breakfast
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Cassel Hills Clubhouse



Monday, December 18
City Council Employee Appreciation Day
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank You



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small city. big opportunity.

Your new water meter is installed!

The City of Vandalia has replaced your water meter! This new meter is programmed to use cellular technology to report your water usage to the City of Vandalia Utility Department.

This new meter also gives you the ability to track your water usage in real time through the free EyeOnWater phone app.

The EyeOnWater app has alerts that can help you identify a costly leak before it runs up your bill.

If you have any questions about your new meter or your water bill, call the number below.



Scan the QR Code for
more information!

For more information:

937-415-2231

Download the EyeOnWater App



EyeOnWater

Available at:



2023 Cassel Hills Swim Season is Upon Us!



Cassel Hills Swimming Pool Weekly Admission Schedule



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am - 7:30 pm Members and Residents ONLY	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted	11:30 am Members + Residents Admitted 12:30 pm Non-Residents Admitted

NEW ADMISSION POLICY FOR 2023!

Member and Resident Only Days - Every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, pool admission will be limited to CHP Members and Vandalia Residents, each of whom may bring up to three non-resident paying guests.

Non-residents who purchase a membership will be admitted on Member/Resident Only days.

General Admission Days - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be General Admission Days. Any person paying the daily admission fee will be admitted until maximum capacity is reached.

On General Admission days, CHP members and residents will be admitted beginning at 11:30 am. Non-residents will be admitted at 12:30 pm.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY will be required for admission. A "Resident Card" may be obtained by visiting the front desk of the Vandalia Recreation Center. Bring State-issued ID or a utility bill with a Vandalia address and a valid ID.



Scan the QR Code for the
2023 Cassel Hills Pool Members
and Visitor's Guide.

2023 Cassel Hills Pool: Membership Rates

Category	Resident & Taxpayer	Non-Resident
Family	\$169	\$249
Dual	\$149	\$219
Youth (3-17)	\$79	\$119
Adult (18-54)	\$99	\$149
Senior (55+)	\$79	\$119

IMPORTANT!

Beginning April 10, 2023, Season Passes for Cassel Hills Swimming Pool will go on sale at the Vandalia Recreation Center!

A limited number of Non-Resident passes will be available for purchase.