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**To:** Mayor & Members of Council  
**From:** Jon Bisher/*rd*  
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**Date:** December 28, 2012



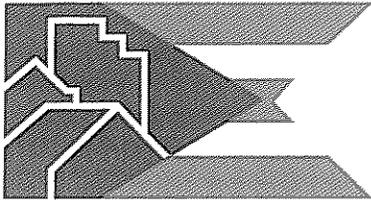
1. **CALENDAR**
2. **OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**
  - a) Legislative Luncheon/Wed. Feb. 6, 2013
  - b) Legislative Bulletin/December 28, 2012
3. **CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP/January 5, 2013**
4. **AMP UPDATE/December 21, 2012**
5. Letter from Governor's Office/Solar Energy Industries Association

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BISHER - Vacation	5th Monday-No Scheduled Meeting BISHER - Vacation	HOLIDAY - New Year's Day BISHER - Vacation	BISHER - Vacation	BISHER - Vacation		7:00 AM Christmas Tree Pickup by the Napoleon Fire & Rescue Association
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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	6:30 PM Finance & Budget Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Safety & Human Resources Committee Meeting AV - Shery		6:30 PM Parks & Rec Board Mtg.			



# Ohio Municipal League

*Our Cities and Villages ★ Bringing Ohio to Life*

December 13, 2012

Dear OML Member:

Every two years, the Ohio Municipal League sponsors a Legislative Luncheon for legislators and our municipal officials, providing OML members an opportunity to come to Columbus and meet with their Representatives and Senator in an informal, comfortable Statehouse setting. Our luncheon takes place in the Statehouse Atrium, the heart of the Ohio's historic Capitol building, affording legislators the convenience of joining our local leaders for a bite to eat, between committees and their other meetings, to talk about issues important to their districts.

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 OML Legislative Luncheon will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2013 from Noon to 1:15pm, in the Statehouse Atrium.

As in past years, we will be inviting and are hopeful that leaders of the majority and minority caucuses in the Ohio House and Senate will be able to join us and share with our municipal officials the legislative priorities they see for the new 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and what areas of their attention will be placed on municipal government, specifically.

As you can imagine, the Ohio General Assembly's 2013-14 legislative Session is sure to include more proposals to effect change to Ohio local governments, both administratively and by further curtailing current revenues. It is crucial that the members of your Statehouse delegation are reminded of the value Ohio municipalities have to the state's economic future and the critical need to protect the ability of municipalities to continue to deliver world-class services that Ohio citizens and businesses rely upon daily.

We hope you and other members of your administration will be able to join us for our Legislative Luncheon, to share with lawmakers the things that are working and not working back home in their districts and to continue to impress upon them the importance of protecting Ohio municipalities from future legislative changes that aren't always in the best interest of Ohio's hometowns.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Cave  
Executive Director

*Ohio Municipal League  
Legislative Luncheon*

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Statehouse Atrium

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## Fw: Ohio Municipal League Legislative Bulletin

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## Ohio Municipal League

**December 28, 2012**

The 129th General Assembly has officially come to a close through the last official action last week in the sine die. To say the past, two year legislative Session had an ambitious agenda would be an understatement. Like the fiscal conservative that oversaw the Congressional Budget Committee a few decades before, Governor Kasich instituted cuts in spending and advocated for areas of reform both on the state and local level that he promised to address while seeking the Governor's seat. As a result of taking office with a projected \$8 billion dollar state budget deficit to greet him, among other things, the Governor and members of the legislature made policy choices to reduce or redirect state aid to local governments while nurturing through State attention and resources a greater awareness of the fiscal and administrative benefits to sharing aspects of the delivery of services. It is unclear what will be proposed in the next state biennial budget or the next General Assembly dealing with local governments and municipalities in particular, but we have every expectation that the same level of motivation to reform will continue.

Not all bills introduced will become law. Some legislation successfully made its way through the legislative process in the two year time frame just passed while other items remained unresolved and will be sure to be reintroduced in the coming months in the 130th General Assembly. As we have reported to our members in the last several months since the conclusion of the November election cycle and the beginning of the Lame Duck session, there were bills caught-up in the final legislative flurry that addressed municipal operations from topics such as current Type-II annexations, municipal income tax uniformity, Internet Café

regulation, 911 next-Gen and funding, Mayor's Court limitations, a change to the distribution formula for the remaining Local Government Fund program, New Markets Tax Credit initiative, statutory changes to nonchartered villages, and legislation dealing with moneys collected and uncollected through municipal courts.

Like other bills, not all of these measures were able to survive the legislative journey to passage before the clock ran-out on the now adjourned 129th General Assembly. Some bills become riders to other bills that are on the path to passage and become law that way. Below we have highlighted the status of the bill topics mentioned above that were considered by lawmakers during the past General Assembly and received final attention during the Lam Duck session. The bills that were passed in the Lam Duck session were signed by Governor Kasich in a marathon bill signing ceremony December 20th where the Governor signed over 40 bills sent to him by the legislature. Unless otherwise noted, the proposals will become effective 90 days after they were signed.

The following bills were passed, signed by Governor Kasich and are awaiting enactment:

HB50 Rep. Kirk Schuring's (R-Canton) TYPE-II annexation was passed and signed by Governor Kasich December 20th. The legislation went through many changes in the House Local Government Committee before the Senate made quick work of the bill and approved it by a vote of 33-0. The final version of the bill primarily deals with tax treatment of areas annexed from unincorporated areas and the league was an interested party throughout the committee process.

Mayor's Court, like in previous General Assemblies, received further attention from legislators. There were two bills introduced this Session addressing community population thresholds required before a municipality would be eligible to hold a Mayor's Court. HB 523, introduced by Rep. Courtney Combs proposed to restrict municipalities with a population less than 1,000 from having the ability to conduct a Mayor's Court ". HB 523 was passed out of the House Judiciary and Ethics Committee but was not advanced to the floor of the House of Representatives for all House members to consideration and essentially "died" in the legislative process. Sen. Tom Patton introduced SB 254 that sought to restrict communities with less than 200 residents from holding the local court proceedings. The path this issue took legislatively is often indicative of what happens during the Lam Duck session when there is a legislative "will" but an abbreviated legislative timeframe. The bill did not advance far enough through the Statehouse to pass before the end of the year but the idea was popular enough that the language restricting municipalities with fewer than 200 residents from holding a Mayor's Court was amended into another bill, Rep. Hagan's HB 606. That bill, that reduced the number of Youngstown Municipal Court Judges, made it through the House and Senate and was signed by Governor Kasich. The bill with the Mayor's Court changes will become effective in 90 days.

911 funding was a critical issue that needed to be addressed by the legislature before a sunset provision became effective which would have discontinued the current state funding

mechanism at the end of the year and would have left the statewide system in a financial emergency. Rep. Cliff Rosenberg introduced and was successful in having passed HB 360 which he sponsored to secure a future 911 funding system, created the Emergency Services Protocol Network (ESINet) Steering Committee to address next generation and consolidation of PSAP locations issues, and made other changes related to the emergency communications system. The bill was signed by Governor Kasich.

Rep. Marlene Anielski introduced and shepherded through the General Assembly HB 347, legislation that would allow statutorily unchartered village councils to be composed of five instead of six members. The bill, unanimously approved by all members of the Ohio House and Senate will also allow the terms of office to be staggered.

Two bills successfully passed before the legislature ended their Session work dealing with moneys collected by municipal courts were HB 247 by Rep. Jim Butler and HB 197 introduced by Rep. Stephen Slesnick. HB 247 will authorize a court to cancel claims for uncollectible amounts due to the court, will allow sentencing court to waive, suspend, or modify payment of the costs of prosecution and to define a "case" in connection with costs in a criminal case. Rep. Slesnick's bill will require that all moneys collected by the clerk of a municipality be paid to the appropriate person, fund or entity on or before the twentieth day of each month and to permit a court to collect unpaid court costs and fees.

There are a number of bills that were introduced and received committee action but time or legislative "will" ran-out before they were moved through to completion in the legislative process. We believe these items will be reintroduced, in one form or another, in the upcoming 130th General Assembly.

Municipal income tax changes were proposed in legislation introduced by House Majority Whip, Rep. Cheryl Grossman and Rep. Mike Henne. HB 601 has received a great deal of attention and opposition from our municipal officials across the State. The bill received one hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee. The OML and others have been participating in interested party meetings to try and resolve areas that municipalities are opposed to in the bill as it has been introduced and we are told by the Sponsors that they will be reintroducing the proposal when the legislature reconvenes in January, for the new General Assembly.

The regulation of internet cafes became a hot topic at the end of the General Assembly as legislators proposed and advanced HB 605, Rep. Matt Huffman's proposal to further regulate these "businesses of chance" by limiting current practices in payouts of winnings and reclassifying definitions. The bill was passed by the Ohio House by a vote of 63-30 but after several contentious hearings in the Senate Oversight and Reform Committee, the bill did not advance out of committee before the end of the year. It is expected that the issue will be addressed again next year.

Sen. Bill Beagle proposed SB 327 which would institute the parameters of the New Markets Tax Credit enabling qualifying community projects greater financing opportunities. The

bill was heard by the Senate Ways and Means Committee but needed additional hearings that time did not permit. We hope the bill will be reintroduced next year so legislators will have a greater opportunity to become acquainted with the benefits of this new program.

Sen. Bill Seitz continued to work on his proposal contained in SB 364, legislation initiated to establish a new default formula for determining the share allocated to each subdivision from a county's Local Government Fund (LGF) distribution. The idea was first advanced during the last biennial budget (HB153) process but was not included in the final budget package so Sen. Seitz introduced his idea as a "stand alone" bill. The legislation received two hearings in the Senate Finance Committee before the legislative calendar expired. The league continues to talk with the Sponsor to ascertain the effects of the proposal and we remain an interested party to the issue.

Please don't forget to register for the Ohio Municipal League's Legislative Luncheon we will be holding February 6, 2013 from 12:00-1:15pm in the Statehouse Atrium. [REGISTRATION INFO HERE](#) It is a great opportunity for our municipal leaders to meet with their state legislators to discuss issues of state and local concern and to keep those critical lines of communication open. Our members should have already received their registration information through the mail so please circle February 6, 2013 on your calendars to join us at Ohio's Statehouse for lunch.

On behalf of the OML Board of Trustees and staff, we would like to wish our members, Ohio's legislators and their staff and all our friends a safe and bright New Year.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *Christmas Tree Pickup*

The Napoleon Fire and Rescue Association will be picking up Christmas trees on Saturday, January 5, 2013. As this is a one-time annual volunteer service provided by the Fire and Rescue Association, we would ask that trees be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank-you.*

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# Update

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

December 21, 2012

## Attention members with combustion turbines: USEPA names tasks for compliance

By Randy Meyer – director of environmental affairs

Does your combustion turbine have a diesel-fired starter engine? U.S. Environmental Protection Agency refers to these as “black start engines” in the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) rule, which we expect to see as final on Jan. 14.

Even though these engines are small and run very little each year, they do have management practice requirements designed to minimize emission of toxic air pollutants. To comply, you must perform and carefully document the following tasks each calendar year:

- Change oil and filter every 500 hours of operation or annually, whichever comes first
- Inspect air cleaner every 1,000 hours of operation or annually, whichever comes first
- Inspect all hoses and belts every 500 hours of operation or annually, whichever comes first, and replace as necessary

In lieu of the periodic oil change described above, you may utilize a specified oil analysis program to extend the oil change interval. Refer to 40 CFR 63.6625(i) for oil analysis program requirements. Also note, black start engines must be equipped with an engine hour meter.

If you have questions regarding RICE NESHAP compliance obligations, please contact me at [rmeyer@amppartners.org](mailto:rmeyer@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0920.

## Tax-exempt financing in peril

By Jolene Thompson – senior vice president of member services and external affairs & OMEA executive director

As we have previously reported, tax-exempt financing is smack in the crosshairs as part of the fiscal cliff negotiations in DC.

During the past week, President Obama proposed the enactment of a 28 percent cap on the tax value of deductions and exclusions, including the exclusion for municipal bond interest. According to one description, the cap would take effect on Jan. 1, 2014, serving both as a failsafe if Congress fails to enact tax reform legislation in 2013 and as an incentive to affected interest groups (who will work to enact tax reform so as to mitigate the damage done by the pending 28 percent cap).

In an earlier proposal, the President had suggested the cap as a possible revenue source during the tax reform debate in 2013. As APPA reported this week, given that both House Speaker Boehner and the President are in the context of the “fiscal cliff” talks proposing limits on deductions and exclusions, the threat to the tax treatment of municipal bonds is both real and imminent. The best way to prevent such a limit is to make it clear to

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## SEIA names Napoleon an ‘American Solar Champion’

By Pamala Sullivan – senior vice president of marketing and operations

Napoleon, home of the cutting-edge Napoleon Solar Facility, was honored earlier this week by the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) as an American Solar Champion.

Developed and owned by AMP, the 3.54 MW facility has more than 17,000 panels – supplied by Isofoton.

SEIA also recognized Napoleon Mayor Ronald Behm as an American Solar Champion.

The *Toledo Blade* reported earlier this week that Washington-based SEIA officially declared Napoleon as “America’s Number One Solar Small Town” on Tuesday.

SEIA Vice President for External Affairs Tom Kimbis said in a release, “We look forward to Ohio continuing its leadership in solar innovation, manufacturing, and deployment in 2013 and beyond.”

SEIA lauded Napoleon for being a hub for solar energy and job creation across the Buckeye State.

“Solar is clean, abundant, and affordable,” Kimbis said in the release. “We are closing out a record year for the U.S. solar industry.”

The Napoleon Solar Facility continues AMP’s role as a regional leader in developing and deploying renewable generation.





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policymakers in Washington the harmful effect such a change would have:

- An increase in the cost of issuing municipal bonds (the cost of which will be paid by all residents); and
- An immediate \$200 billion decline in market value for municipal bonds (half of which are owned by those earning less than \$250,000).

AMP is a member of the Municipal Bonds for America campaign, which sent the letter below to the President and congressional leaders. If you haven't already communicated with your federal lawmakers, please do so ASAP. If you have communicated and it's been more than a few weeks since that communication took place, please reach out again – a call or email would be great. Congress has indicated they will be back between Christmas and year end to continue to work toward a fiscal cliff solution.

Dear Mr. Speaker and Majority and Minority Leaders,

The Municipal Bonds for America (MBFA) coalition is devoted to preserving the tax exempt status of interest on municipal bonds. The Coalition is led by state and local government officials who rely upon affordable borrowing through municipal bonds, and unites those officials with municipal market professionals who act as a network to support the efficient and time – tested flow of capital to local communities for public works. We are writing to warn of the negative consequence of limiting the value of the tax exemption on municipal bonds and to urge you to ensure it does not become part of any deal to address the fiscal cliff.

Any proposal to limit the value of the municipal tax exemption, such as the 28% cap originally proposed in the President's FY 2012 budget, will immediately and fundamentally alter the function of what has been a healthy and efficient tax exempt municipal bond market. The threat of such a cap has, in recent days, been a factor in causing municipal bonds to become more expensive from the perspective of state and local government issuers, with yields rising sharply. The Municipal AAA ten-year benchmark yield has risen from 1.48% on December 7 to 1.82% on December 18, for an increase of 34 basis points. Markets are reacting in part to a the perception that Congress will tax a portion of interest on new and currently held municipal bonds, and that such a tax may become larger in the future. Should the cap become a reality, the result will be a significant increase in borrowing costs for state and local governments – an increase far exceeding 34 basis points, and which may even exceed the amount of revenue raised by the tax itself. Further, smaller issuers – communities who use tax exempt bonds to finance schools and maintain roads and public buildings – would be disproportionately affected as the tax exemption is more critical to their ability to access capital markets than for large issuers.

State and local governments are currently at a very fragile crossroads. Measures that increase local borrowing costs will continue to cause the financial markets to react negatively, and possibly in a manner last seen in bonds markets during the late 2008 fiscal crisis. The result will be to shift a significant cost burden to local governments and the taxpayers they serve. It is imperative that Congress protect the ability of state and local governments to access cost-effective capital through the use of time-tested tax-exempt municipal bonds. The MBFA membership stands ready to help you analyze the merits of proposals that will affect tax-exempt bonds in the wake of the fiscal crisis. Feel free to contact John Murphy at 202.367.1257 or [jmurphy@nalhfa.org](mailto:jmurphy@nalhfa.org) with questions, and we appreciate your consideration.

## On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

### Week ending Dec. 21

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$31.75	\$32.50	\$32.75	\$32.25	\$34.50

### Week ending Dec. 14

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$34.75	\$36.75	\$37.00	\$36.50	\$32.00

AEP/Dayton 2013 5x16 price as of Dec. 21 — \$39.72

AEP/Dayton 2013 5x16 price as of Dec. 14 — \$39.95

## AMP welcomes Ndovi-Gibbs to finance department

By Jim Hoops – assistant vice president of finance

Maggie Ndovi-Gibbs joined the AMP staff Dec. 17 as a financial analyst.

She will be working in the AMP Finance Department on feasibility studies and bond anticipation notes.

Prior to AMP, Ndovi-Gibbs was a remittance processor for National City Bank, and spent 10 years with JP Morgan Chase as an investor accounting analyst, compliance senior analyst and finance operations analyst.

She holds a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's degree in business administration-finance, both from Franklin University.

She lives in Worthington with her husband, Patrick, and children, Zack and Mia. In her spare time, she volunteers at YWCA, providing assistance to its emergency homeless shelter.

Please join us in welcoming Maggie.



## Energy markets slightly down

By Ryan Thompson – power supply planning engineer

Due to the continued warmer than normal weather for December natural gas consumption has remained relatively flat.

Temperatures in the lower 48 states were 4.4 degrees warmer than the 30-year normal temperature and 4.7 degrees warmer than the same period last year.

Natural gas prices closed slightly down \$0.10/MMBtu from last week to end at \$3.25/MMBtu. 2013 on-peak electric prices at AD Hub finished down \$0.23/MWh from last week, closing at \$39.72/MWh.

## No Update next week

Because AMP offices will be closed next Monday and Tuesday, there will be no *Update* newsletter next week. Publication will resume with the Jan. 4, 2013, edition.



## Crusse, Kelley and Meier receive vice president promotions

By Marc Gerken – president/CEO

I'm pleased to announce that Brannndon Kelley, Pete Crusse and Phil Meier have all been promoted.

Brannndon, who was formerly chief information officer, is now vice president of IT/CIO. His responsibilities include all IT and IS functions of a growing organization, and additionally services in the Corporate Risk Management Committee. Brannndon joined AMP in 2010 and also currently serves as the vice-chair of the IT committee for APPA, and he chaired the 2012 Tech-Tomorrow CIO Conference.

Pete has been named vice president of hydroelectric construction, moving from his previous position as assistant vice president for hydroelectric construction. He joined AMP in 2011, bringing with him more than 32 years of experience in the construction industry. Pete and his team have demonstrated tremendous oversight and Pete's management of the \$2.7 billion hydro development has exceeded expectations to date. He has also developed a great relationship with the Corps of Engineers.

Formerly assistant vice president for hydroelectric development, Phil is now vice president of hydroelectric development and operations. Phil has been with AMP since 1989 with the majority of his duties centered around hydro development. Phil will be taking direct oversight of all hydro operations, which will include the hiring, training and commissioning of the Cannelton, Willow Island and Smithland projects.

Please join me in congratulating Brannndon, Pete and Phil.



Pete Crusse



Brannndon Kelley



Phil Meier

## New Piqua facility built with NERC security in mind

By Krista Selvage – manager of publications

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Dec. 3 for Piqua's new power system service center. State Rep. Richard Adams, Sen. Bill Beagle and Piqua City Commissioners were among those in attendance.

The innovative facility boasts enhanced security that was designed to meet emerging NERC standards.

The new building features a state-of-the-art control room with significant resources to manage storm-related outages; and well-thought-out inventory storage.

A back-up generator was also installed to ensure reliable and uninterrupted electric supply to the building, which also serves as the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The building was constructed with energy efficiency in mind. The indoor heating and lighting systems were both designed to reduce electric consumption, and efficient LED lighting illuminate the grounds and entrance roads to the building.

The new facility incorporates the history of Piqua's retired coal-fired power plant, from railings and decorative limestone elements relocated from the old building, to one of the original



1933 steam turbines which greets visitors to the facility.

Established in 1933, the Piqua Power System serves nearly 10,600 meters.

## AMP staff shows holiday spirit by giving back to community

By Krista Selvage

For the 2012 holidays, AMP participated in the Columbus Cancer Clinic's Adopt-A-Family program and held a food drive to benefit the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.



The Cancer Clinic, provided through Lifecare Alliance, offers the Adopt-A-Family program for its patients and families in need. The organizers were impressed that AMP was able to get every item on the family's wish list. In addition, we were able to provide many food items and donations to the Foodbank.

During this time of abundance, it's important to remember those who are struggling. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season with your family and friends.

## AFEC weekly update

By Ryan Thompson

AFEC did not clear in the Day-Ahead market for Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, but was requested to run by PJM for reliability reasons on Saturday.

AFEC returned to normal operation Monday morning and remained online through the rest of the week. Including Sunday's 0 percent load factor, AFEC averaged a load factor of 60 percent for the week.

Duct burners were only dispatched a few hours each day across the evening peak for the week. From last Friday through yesterday, on-peak 7x16 prices were \$5.81/MWh higher than AFEC dispatch costs.

## Westerville scores No. 5 spot on Forbes 'America's Friendliest Towns' list

By Krista Selvage

In a recent article by *Forbes*, Westerville tops the list of "America's Friendliest Towns."

In conjunction with several outside sources, *Forbes* cites its criteria research for friendliness as: percentage of owner-occupied homes, crime rate, charitable giving, and the percentage of college graduates. [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) then conducted qualitative surveys among its membership in the towns that rated the highest to help finalize the ranking of the top 15.

Westerville was named fifth on the list. Here's what *Forbes* had to say about Westerville:

"The local leadership of this Columbus suburb carved out roughly 40 parks and erected facilities like the Westerville Community Center, which touts a track, gymnasium, pool, and climbing wall. Every fourth Friday of the month local businesses do sidewalk sales. Otterbein University plays a role in social activities among residents and community initiatives like Westerville Are Resource Ministry collect food to help families and people out of work. Crime is nearly nonexistent thanks in part to community engagement that includes neighborhood block watch and participation in National Night Out."

Read the full list and article [here](#).

## Update Classifieds

### Bowling Green Parks and Recreation seeks fitness specialist

Hourly full-time position responsible for the operations and programming of the Bowling Green Training and Community Center fitness area and multi-purpose room under direction of the Parks and Recreation Director or his/her designee. Hours of work are subject to modification, and will vary from week to week depending upon the workload.

Assists with creating rules, policies, schedules, planning, goal-setting, and marketing plans; assists with supervision of personnel; staffs fitness facilities; maintains training and necessary certifications; enforces rules; maintains supplies; develops, instructs, oversees and evaluates fitness and wellness-related programs; assists with educational/recreational activities; prepares reports; maintains files; orders, monitors and inspects equipment and facilities; trains others; and performs other assigned duties. Four-year college degree; certifications to be acquired and maintained include CPR/First Aid, ACE, AFAA or ACSM certification; must be able to maintain a valid Ohio Driver's License; 1 to 2 years relevant experience; or any combination of education, training and work experience which provides the required skill sets to perform the essential functions of the job. Excellent fringe benefits.

A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants. Interested persons must complete the application

that is available online [here](#). It is also available in the City's Personnel Department. Résumés may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application. Pay Band 1 Minimum: \$12.48 per hour.

Applications must be completed and returned to the Personnel Department, City of Bowling Green, 304 N Church St, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Telephone: 419.354.6200; e-mail: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org) Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week days (offices will be closed from 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 until 8 a.m. Dec. 26.) Deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. Dec. 28. AA/EEO

### Recreation administrative assistant needed in Bowling Green

This fulltime, non-bargaining hourly position is responsible for planning, promoting, publicizing and implementing assistance and support to the director and department staff. Inputs and maintains registration and reservation records and performs other customer service duties; provides responsible administrative assistance and support; prepares and generates reports, rosters, and daily receipts; assists the general public; formats and types documents and correspondence; interacts with other city staff and the general public in order to respond to inquiries, receive and document complaints and service requests, and resolve problems; may deal with sensitive and confidential matters; composes correspondence to expedite the processing and completion of work; contacts managers and coaches, serves as sports liaison; proficient in Rec-Trac or other registration software and website management; experience in quality customer service; marketing and public relations; and performs other related duties as assigned. Two-year associate degree or equivalent; three to five years progressive experience including senior level administration and clerical support; a valid Ohio driver's license and ability to drive. Excellent fringe benefits. A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants. Interested persons must complete the application that is available online [here](#).

It is also available in the city's personnel department. Resumes may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application. Applications must be completed and returned to the Personnel Department, City of Bowling Green, 304 N Church St, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Telephone: 419.354.6200; e-mail: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org) Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week days (offices will be closed from 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 until 8 a.m. Dec. 26.) Deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. Dec. 28. AA/EEO

### Cuyahoga Falls offers exam for Lineman Class B position

Lineman Class B Electric Department City of Cuyahoga Falls: The Civil Service Commission will hold an open-competitive written exam at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8. Entry level pay: \$24.8946 per hour. At least one year's experience as a lineman required. Valid OH Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Non-smoking environment.

Visit [www.cityofcf.com](http://www.cityofcf.com) for complete exam posting and Civil Service application or call 330.971.8150 for application packet. Job summary: under the guidelines of the training program, assists in the operation, construction and maintenance of transmission and distribution lines.

Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 28. Exam fee is \$25 cash or money order due with application (no personal checks). EEO/ADA



**JOHN R. KASICH**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

December 17, 2012

Mr. Jon Bisher, City Manager  
City of Napoleon  
255 West Riverview  
Napoleon, OH 43545

Dear Mr. Bisher:

On behalf of Governor Kasich and Lt. Governor Taylor, please accept our congratulations to the City of Napoleon as you are recognized by the Solar Energy Industries Association. I apologize that due to scheduling conflicts, neither I nor the Governor were able to make your celebration on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please accept this official proclamation in honor of the celebration!

I have enclosed my card and look forward to visiting the City of Napoleon in the near future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chase Francis".

Chase A. Francis



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