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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: *Roxanne Dietrich, Executive Assistant to
Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council*
cc: Joel L. Mazur-City Manager,
Billy D. Harmon-City Law Director,
Kelly O'Boyle-City Finance Director
Date: April 27, 2020
Subject: General Information

CALENDAR

Monday, April 27, 2020

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Canceled
Safety and Human Resources Committee Meeting Canceled

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Civil Service Commission Meeting Canceled

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

6:30 pm – Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

OML Legislative Bulletins

- i. April 17, 2020
- ii. April 22, 2020

AMP Update/April 17, 2020

April/May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL 26	27	28	29 6:30 pm Park & Rec Board	30	1	2
3	4 6:15 pm Technology & Communications Comm. 7:00 pm CITY COUNCIL	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:15 pm Electric Committee/BOPA 7:00 pm Water/Sewer Committee 7:30 pm Muni Prop/ED Committee	12 10:30 am Privacy Comm. 4:30 pm Board of Zoning 5:00 pm Planning Commission	13	14	15	16
17	18 6:00 pm – Tree Commission 6:00 pm - Parks & Rec Committee 7:00 pm – CITY COUNCIL	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Closed MEMORIAL DAY	26 4:30 pm Civil Service 6:30 pm Finance & Budget 7:30 pm Safety & Human Resources Comm. Mtg.	27 6:30 pm Park & Rec Board	28	29	30
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To: Mayor and City Council, City Manager, City Law Director, Finance Director, Department Supervisors, News Media

From: *Roxanne Dietrich, Executive Assistant to Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council*

Date: April 23, 2020

Subject: Finance and Budget Committee – Cancellation

The **FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE** meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm has been *canceled* due to lack of agenda items.



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From: *Roxanne Dietrich, Executive Assistant to Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council*

Date: April 23, 2020

Subject: Safety and Human Resources Committee – Cancellation

Due to lack of agenda items, the **SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm has been *canceled*.



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cc: Mayor and City Council, City Law Director, City Manager, Finance Director, Department Supervisors, News Media
From: *Roxanne Dietrich, Executive Assistant to Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council*
Date: April 23, 2020
Subject: Civil Service Commission – Cancellation

Due to lack of agenda items, the **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION** meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 4:30 pm has been *canceled*.

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM

LOCATION: 255 WEST RIVERVIEW AVENUE, NAPOLEON, OHIO

*The meeting will be held via WebEx with the link to the meeting will be posted on the City's webpage:
www.napoleonohio.com.*

1. Approval of March 4, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes (in the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved)
2. Discussion on Parks and Recreation Programming and Facilities
3. Update on the Napoleon Aquatic Center
4. Miscellaneous



Roxanne Dietrich

Executive Assistant to Appointing Authority/Clerk of Council

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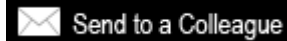
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April 17, 2020

OML UPDATE AT-A-GLANCE

- On May 1, Ohio will begin a phased-in reopening of the state economy that will take place over a long period of time to minimize the health risk to business owners, employees and their customers. Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, in consultation with Ohio Dept. of Health Dir. Dr. Acton, will lead the governor's board of economic advisors to identify best practices to ensure Ohioans health and safety as businesses begin the process of reopening. As Ohio begins to reopen, the Governor stressed the need to balance:
 - Compliance with public health measures;
 - Implementation of safeguards in business; and
 - Protections for the most vulnerable Ohioans.
- In a joint letter to the Administration and Congressional leadership, the National League of Cities (NLC), along with the National Association of Counties (NACo), and The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), outlined what is needed from the federal government for the local response and recovery to COVID-19. You can read more in the article below.
- The Ohio Department of Administrative Services has provided guidance to assist local governments and political subdivisions in the delivery of virtual public/open meetings. You can access that resource [HERE](#).

- Gov. DeWine is reminding Ohioans to complete the 2020 Census. Currently, Ohio's response rate of 52.2% is higher than the national average and higher than all neighboring states except Michigan, which has a response rate of 55%. To learn more, go to 2020Census.gov or call 844-330-2020.
- The League and the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association (OMAA) are hosting a webinar that is free to all municipalities on Friday, April 24 from 11AM to 12PM on COVID-19-related workforce reduction, layoffs, furloughs, job abolishments and the CARES Act. You can find out more information and how to join the webinar [HERE](#).

GOVERNOR DEWINE CONTINUES COVID-19 RESPONSE

- As of Friday afternoon, Ohio has 9,107 reported cases of coronavirus, 418 deaths, 2,424 hospitalizations and 740 ICU admissions.

Economic Updates:

- Gov. DeWine announced he will work closely with the Governors of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, and Kentucky to coordinate the reopening of the regional economy. The states will review four factors as they reopen their economies: the number of cases in the state and the number of hospital admissions, the amount of hospital capacity, the ability to test and trace cases of COVID-19, and best practices for social distancing in businesses.
- Lt. Gov. Husted has announced that by the end of next week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will be able to start processing the additional \$600-a-week payments authorized by Congress's CARES Act. ODJFS is also planning to launch an online tool that will allow self-employed, 1099 workers to get in line early to ensure their paperwork is filed and ready for review once the technology is ready. The department projects that they will start processing those claims by May 15.

Correctional Institutions Update:

- The Governor has announced that due to the coronavirus, he is commuting the sentence of seven Ohio prisoners and is denying the request of 84 others.
- Gov. DeWine has approved the release of 105 inmates in Ohio. Each inmate will be tested for COVID-19 before release. The Department of Rehabilitation and

Corrections (DRC) has been authorized to continue using the criteria set by the DeWine administration to identify other inmates that may qualify for release under the limited overcrowding statute.

- Comprehensive testing of inmates has begun at Marion Correctional Institution, Pickaway Correctional Institution, and Franklin Medical Center. Ohio is believed to be the first and only state in the country to conduct comprehensive testing in a state prison setting.
- Now that these facilities have comprehensive testing, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) expects higher reports of COVID-19 as the testing identifies positive individuals who otherwise are asymptomatic or would recover without a test. For example, the testing of one prison dorm in Marion found that out of 152 inmates, 39 percent tested positive for COVID-19 although they did not show any symptoms.

Public Safety and Healthcare Updates:

- Ohio's expanding the partnership with Battelle and the Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS) to extend their sanitization services to law enforcement agencies and EMS providers. Starting, local law enforcement and EMS agencies can bring their packaged N-95 masks to any Ohio State Highway Patrol Post in the state. The patrol will then bring those masks to Battelle for sanitization, which is being provided for free by Battelle.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued two new Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for serology tests to detect the presence of coronavirus antibodies. Gov. DeWine has cautioned companies in Ohio to ensure that they are purchasing tests that are approved by the FDA.
- Regarding the critical shortage of test kit components worldwide, Gov. DeWine announced that a team of Ohio State University researchers created an in-house "recipe" to make the crucial viral transport media (VTM), which is the sterile solution needed to transport the swabs. The Ohio Department of Health and Ohio State will continue to work on eliminating swab manufacturing and design constraints through a rapid product development cycle, including clinical testing.
- Gov. DeWine has asked the Ohio Hospital Association to begin developing a plan to resume treating patients whose non-COVID-19 elective procedures were

delayed or deferred due to the ongoing pandemic. The Governor has requested that plan be completed within one week.

Other Updates:

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- Gov. DeWine signed an order waiving the requirement for commercial vehicles to file an application for a single trip permit if they are transporting COVID-19 emergency relief supplies while traveling into or throughout Ohio. You can find a copy of that order [HERE](#).

NLC SENDS JOINT LETTER CALLING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

This week, the National League of Cities (NLC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), and The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), sent a joint request to the Trump administration and to Congress to ask that funding support for local governments be included in any emergency coronavirus package currently under negotiations.

The organizations express their support for the inclusion of \$250 billion in direct funding for all local governments. The letter also details how local governments at both the county and municipal level are battling against the epidemic in a partnership. The letter explains that both are providing unique services to protect both the public health and economic stability in spite of significant revenue loss due to the nationwide halt on economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage our members to call their representatives in Congress and echo this support for direct funding to all local governments across the nation. You can read the letter [HERE](#) and you can find contact information for Ohio's congressional delegation [HERE](#).

FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR LOCAL COVID-19 RESPONSE

Below is a list of resources across the country available to local governments responding to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that the National League of Cities (NLC) has announced they will not be hosting any in-person NLC events through July 31.

Websites:

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- NLC COVID-19 Response Resources for Local Leaders page ([HERE](#));
- State League COVID-19 resource pages ([HERE](#));

- "A Guide for Setting Up A Testing Site" ([HERE](#)) from the Florida League of Cities;
- A three-part FAQ series regarding the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Public Employment Law ([HERE](#)) from the Georgia Municipal Association.

Webinars:

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- "Preparing for the Day After: How Micromobility Can Get Communities Moving Post-COVID". Tuesday, April 21, 1:00PM ET. The National League of Cities CEO and Executive Director Clarence E. Anthony will join transportation and mobility experts for a webinar hosted by Lime about ways government leaders, community organizations, the micromobility industry and cities can begin to prepare for a post-COVID world. Register [HERE](#).
- "City Leaders Supporting Access to Nature During the Pandemic". Thursday, April 23, 3:30PM ET. City leaders seek to balance the need for access to nature while addressing public health concerns and physical distancing. Join a participatory discussion with leaders from the City of Houston and Seattle and NLC partners the Children & Nature Network, National League of Cities, City Parks Alliance and National Recreation and Parks Association. Register [HERE](#).

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- The Association of Washington Cities posts multiple webinars related to COVID-19, which you can access [HERE](#).

U.S. EPA ANNOUNCES COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is updating its coronavirus website to include new resources for state, local, and tribal agencies and intergovernmental associations. These resources will help EPA and its partners continue to provide the environmental protection the nation depends on without interruption during the coronavirus public health emergency.

"EPA is doing all we can to support our state, local, and tribal partners as we work together to address this public health emergency in our communities," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "The resources we are providing on this new webpage will help us coordinate our efforts, provide flexibilities when necessary, and effectively navigate through any challenges that may arise."

EPA's COVID-19 Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Agencies and Associations, which you can access [HERE](#), contains important information on grants, enforcement and

compliance programs, water infrastructure, and a host of other issues important to effective environmental program delivery. The webpage will be updated regularly with new information.

During the response to the coronavirus crisis, EPA, states, tribes, and communities have encountered and resolved together many challenges requiring creativity and flexibility. EPA headquarters and the regional offices have participated in many virtual meetings with state and tribal environmental leaders to work through time-sensitive issues and the agency continues to maintain open lines of communication with all of our co-regulators. EPA is also continuing to update resources on its website and add to the list of surface disinfectant products that are effective against SARS-CoV-2.

To contact the EPA about any COVID-19 issue, you can do so [HERE](#).

Ohio Municipal League Meetings & Trainings

Due to COVID-19 OML Meetings & Trainings are currently postponed.

OML/OMAA Webinar

April 22, 2020 11:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

"Alternative Business Models and Financing for Intelligent Network Infrastructure"

Registration Information

April 24, 2020 11:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

"COVID-19: Workforce Reduction, Layoffs, Furloughs, Job Abolishment, and the CARES Act"

Registration Information

FREE WEBINAR

Ohio Municipal League

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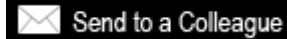
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April 22, 2020

OML UPDATE AT A GLANCE

- Thank you to all who reached out to their members of Congress and took part in the tremendous efforts to urge Congress to include financial relief for state and local governments impacted by COVID-19 in the interim emergency funding package. Despite this effort, there was no funding for state or local governments in the \$484 billion allocated in the final legislation. Discussion in Congress is ongoing regarding a phase 4 coronavirus relief package. It is important for our members to keep communicating with their Congressional delegation on the importance of direct funding for local governments. You can read more in the article below.
- The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will begin sending up to \$1.6 billion in dividends this week to Ohio employers in response to the economic impact of COVID-19. Approximately \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and nearly \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts. You can find a county breakdown of the dividend to public employers [HERE](#) and an FAQ on these dividends [HERE](#).
- Gov. DeWine has begun the multi-phased process of repealing the Stay at Home order by allowing elective surgeries and procedures to be phased in. Healthcare providers are being asked to reassess postponed procedures and surgeries in the

light of concerns such as current health situation and quality of life. Patients must be informed of the risk of contracting COVID-19 and how that would impact the post-operative recovery process.

INFORMATION ON OHIO ALLOCATION OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND FROM THE CARES ACT

The League thanks Ohio Budget and Management (OBM) Director Kim Murnieks for providing an overview of the allocation provided by the CARES Act in the phase 3 federal stimulus relief legislation and how the breakdown for state and local government funding has been established.

Ohio's total allocation is \$4.5 billion. Of that amount, up to 45% (or \$2 billion) can be allocated directly by the U.S. Treasury to local governments over 500,000 in population. In Ohio, this is City of Columbus, and five counties: Franklin, Cuyahoga, Summit, Hamilton, Montgomery. Based on estimates from the latest census data online and the formula in the CARES Act, it looks like between \$750 and \$800 million will be directly allocated to these jurisdictions if they all applied for the funding.

The remaining portion of that local 45% (which is \$1.2 billion) would go through the state for disbursement. State leaders are still awaiting on guidance from the U.S. Treasury about whether or not sub-grants can be made to local governments, as well as the parameters for the allowable uses of the funds.

According to the language in the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Funds can be used to cover expenses that:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
- were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

You can find more information from the U.S. Treasury on the Coronavirus Relief Fund [HERE](#).

GOV. DEWINE CONTINUES OHIO COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Students will continue to go to school remotely for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. No decisions have been made yet regarding whether or not schools will reopen in the fall.

- As of Wednesday afternoon, Ohio is reporting 14,117 cases of coronavirus, 610 deaths, 2,882 hospitalizations and 880 ICU admissions.

Local Government Updates:

- The Ohio Dept. of Agriculture is waiving the required \$50,000 local match for the Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program. Ohio's operating budget set aside this grant funding to help fairs make necessary facilities and grounds improvements. Fairs could apply for the \$50,000 grant with a required \$50,000 from local governments and businesses. Fair managers have until May 30th to apply via the Ohio Department of Agriculture's website.

Economic Updates:

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- JobsOhio, Peoples Bank and First Federal/Home Savings Bank announced they will partner to support existing small business clients in maintaining operations and payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. JobsOhio has committed up to \$50 million in assistance. To apply, businesses can visit PeoplesBancorp.com/Coronavirus, first-fedbanking.com/COVID-19 or homesavings.com/COVID-19.

Correctional Institutions Update:

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- The Ohio Department of Youth Services has announced they now have their first positive case of COVID-19 among the juvenile corrections population.

Healthcare Updates:

- A new Testing Strike Force team has been created and will be led by former Governors Richard Celeste and Bob Taft. The Strike Force will work with leaders from business, academia and public health to help Ohio source critical testing items such as reagents. Gov. DeWine also announced that the FDA has approved the use of a new reagent for testing developed by Thermo Fisher which will help with the state's testing capabilities.
- The FDA has authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19. You can find more information [HERE](#).
- Because COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting minority groups in Ohio and across the country, Gov. DeWine has announced the formation of a new Minority Health Strike Force. You can find more information [HERE](#).

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will collect more specific information regarding cases of COVID-19 in Ohio nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals. Nursing home and assisted living data will include COVID-19 cases broken down by the number of residents and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 by facility and county. Data will be posted to [coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) every Wednesday. Ohio will also begin reporting aggregate death data for nursing homes and assisted living facilities at the county level.
- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has been directed to modify the Ohio Disease Reporting System to accurately collect case information for direct care providers at hospitals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The data, which will be available soon on Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov, will be listed by each hospital.
- LabCorp and Quest currently have no backlog of samples and have added more testing capacity. In response to the private laboratories' improved turnaround times, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will again allow hospitals to utilize commercial laboratories in addition to hospital laboratories performing COVID-19 testing.

SENATE PASSES \$484 BILLION INTERIM CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BILL WITH NO LOCAL FUNDING

The Senate has passed a \$484 billion interim coronavirus funding bill yesterday. The final version of the bill includes:

- \$322 billion will replenish the Paycheck Protection Program, which ran out of funds last Thursday;
- \$60 billion for loans and grants for the Small Business Administrations Economic Injury Disaster Loan program;
- \$75 billion for reimbursement to hospitals and healthcare providers;
- \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing.

The House is expected to vote on Thursday. The President has signaled his support for this bill and that he will sign it once the bill is passed.

State and local governments must now wait for the next bill for budget relief and revenue replacement in response to losses stemming from COVID-19, if there is one. Currently, the fate of a phase 4 federal relief package is unknown.

Thank you to all who reached out to their members of Congress to urge for funding for state and local governments. We encourage our members to **immediately** reach out to their members of Congress to support a phase 4 federal relief package that would provide direct and flexible financial relief for cities and villages facing steep losses in revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic fallout. Ohio's Congressional delegation has been sent to Washington, D.C., to assist their communities back home and those communities need immediate assistance. Now is the time for Ohio's local leadership to ring the alarm bell and call on members of Congress to remind them of their duty to help our cities and villages.

Here is other legislation being discussed in Congress that would impact local governments:

- U.S. Reps. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D - NJ) and John Rutherford (R - FL), along with 175 of their Democratic and Republican House colleagues, sent a bipartisan letter to the White House urging President Trump to eliminate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) non-Federal cost share required under the COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. The current formula requires states to pay 25% of public assistance costs while the federal government is responsible for 75% of the costs. According to federal regulations, at the direction of the President, FEMA can increase the federal cost-share for an emergency response to 100% if warranted by the needs of a disaster.
- Waiving the cost-share will allow local governments to free up additional money that can be used to shore up their budgets. The additional resources will also ensure that local governments can continue to support their frontline personnel to keep their communities safe.
- The letter is supported by the National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, International City/County Management Association, National Association of Counties, National Governors Association, and the National Volunteer Fire Council
- We encourage members to contact their Congressional delegation and urge them to support this initiative. You can find copy of the letter [HERE](#).
- As we have discussed in previous bulletins, the Coronavirus Community Relief Act is still pending in both the House and Senate in two identical bills. This legislation would help ease the fiscal issues faced by smaller communities who did not get money from the CARES Act.
- There is a proposal being put together by Senators Menendez of New Jersey and Cassidy of Louisiana that would provide \$500 billion to state and local governments. The Menendez/Cassidy legislation includes language that would limit funds so that they go only to cities, towns, or villages with 50,000 or more residents. 780 municipalities would qualify for this with that threshold. A state such as Vermont, for example, has no municipalities that would qualify under the Menendez/Cassidy bill. The Menendez/Cassidy bill also provides monies so that states can make up lost revenue. There is no requirement that the state will pass down money to the local governments to make up for local shortfalls.
- Finally, the seven leading organizations representing state and local governments at the federal level called on Congress to 'immediately provide robust, flexible relief' to state, territorial and local governments as part an interim relief package for the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read the statement in full [HERE](#).

U.S. SEN. BROWN WRITES LETTER CALLING FOR FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) has written a letter to Senate Leaders calling for robust, dedicated and flexible funding for state and local governments in any future stimulus package. He also pushed for flexibility on how existing CARES Act funding may be spent.

In his letter, Brown called on Congress to build on the original investment for state and local governments he worked to secure in the CARES Act and provide local governments the resources they need during the coronavirus pandemic. He outlined that funding for state and local governments needs to be robust, dedicated and flexible. You can read his letter in full [HERE](#).

IN THE NEWS: THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Here are the articles that featured the Ohio Municipal League that were published over the last week:

- *Columbus Dispatch*: "Central Ohio cities face budget cuts, use of emergency funds." Read the full article [HERE](#).
- *Dayton Daily News*: "Dayton, Kettering mayors: Cities face safety force cuts without COVID-19 relief." Read the full article [HERE](#).
- *Dayton Daily News*: "Dayton-area cities brace for income tax loss, cuts from COVID-19." Read the full article [HERE](#).
- *Energy News Network*: "Ohio electric vehicle legislation pushed to back burner amid pandemic response." Read full article [HERE](#).
- *Geauga County Maple Leaf*: "Chardon Council Responds to GLTG Closing." Read the full article [HERE](#).

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AMP Mutual Aid Program ready to respond during COVID-19 pandemic

By Ed Krieger - Piqua Power System director and mutual aid committee chair

Mutual Aid

AMP's Mutual Aid Committee remains active to ensure member's service restoration needs are met during these challenging times. Approximately 45 members participated in a call earlier this week to discuss recent developments. The use of flame resistant (FR) masks, or equivalent alternatives was the main topic of discussion. FR face-coverings provide an added layer of personal protective equipment (PPE), while also helping stop the spread of COVID-19. Several members shared alternatives and availability of FR face-coverings, which was later distributed to the Committee.

Bill Lyren, General Manager of Electric & Communications for the City of Wadsworth, shared best practices and detailed how to effectively restore service while protecting your employees, using recommended COVID-19 work guidelines. Wadsworth was hit with an F-0 Tornado late in the evening on April 7, with over 500 customers impacted. Within a little more than 24 hours and without outside assistance, Wadsworth staff reenergized all customers who were able to receive service.

The Mutual Aid Committee plans to remain active during the COVID-19 Pandemic, with calls every two weeks to discuss ongoing developments and member's operational issues or concerns. As a reminder, if your community needs help with service restoration, your first call should be to your [sector coordinator](#) (login required). The AMP Mutual Aid network is continuing to utilize the GroupMe app to streamline the process of requesting and securing help.

It is extremely important that we stay connected during these challenging times. We value your input. Let us know if you have thoughts or ideas we can share. We are much stronger collectively, than we are individually.

Thanks to Scott McKenzie, Michelle Palmer and Jennifer Flockerzie for their efforts to ensure Mutual Aid Program continuity during the pandemic.

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." - Phil Jackson, two-time NBA Champion as a Player and 11-time NBA Champion as a coach.

Please contact Scott McKenzie at smckenzie@amppartners.org or 614.306.4269, Michelle Palmer at mpalmer@amppartners.org 614.565.4779, your [Sector Coordinator](#), Bill Lyren at 330.352.1030, or me at

937.606.0734 if you have questions or need additional information.

COVID-19 business assistance state resources guide

By Corey Bentine - director of key accounts

AMP has compiled a list of COVID-19 related funding resources available to assist businesses within AMP's member states. The state specific reference guides are available for download from the COVID-19 member extranet page.

You can access each respective state resource guide by clicking on your state below (log in required):

Delaware	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Michigan	Virginia
Kentucky	Ohio	West Virginia

We will continue to update the guides as new information becomes available.

COVID-19 Federal Business Assistance Update

As of April 16, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced they are unable to accept new applications for the Paycheck Protection Program based on available appropriations funding. Check with your local SBA office for future opportunities [here](#).

To reference all other COVID-19 materials, please visit the dedicated page within the [member extranet](#) (login required).

For COVID-19 business assistance questions, please contact Alexis Fitzsimmons at afitzsimmons@amppartners.org or me at cbentine@amppartners.org.

AMP to present webinar on COVID-19 impacts on member loads

By Pamala Sullivan - executive vice president of power supply and generation operations

The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on the energy sector. AMP will be hosting a webinar on April 21 at 3:00 p.m. to review how this event has impacted member loads and discuss the financial analysis that AMP is performing to provide information to members on the potential impact to power supply costs. The email invitation for the webinar is forthcoming.

Please contact Keila Marlowe at kmarlowe@amppartners.org or 614.540.6909 if you have any questions.

AMP, DEMEC member communities awarded RP3 designations

By Jennifer Flockerzie - manager of technical services logistics

The American Public Power Association (APPA) recognized 15 AMP members and four DEMEC members with Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation for the year 2020.

- The communities of Cuyahoga Falls, Hamilton, Hillsdale, Paducah, Minster and Westerville were awarded RP3 Diamond status.
- The communities of Columbus, Dover (DEMEC), Tipp City, Wapakoneta, Jackson Center, Montpelier, Napoleon, Princeton and Versailles were awarded RP3 Platinum status.
- The communities of Milford (DEMEC), Newark (DEMEC), Painesville and Seaford (DEMEC) were awarded RP3 Gold status.



Congratulations to these communities. They bring the total number of AMP members with RP3 designation to 30, and DEMEC members to five.

The RP3 program recognizes utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each of the four RP3 areas are based upon recognized industry-leading practices.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact me at jflockerzie@amppartners.org or 614.540.0853.

AMP and several members receive awards for achievements in safety

By Lee Doyle - director of corporate health and safety

The APPA recognizes public power utilities for excellence in safety each year. For accomplishments in safety in 2019, American Municipal Power, Inc., nine AMP members and two DEMEC members, received safety awards from the APPA. The following communities were awarded:

- AMP
- Seaford (DEMEC)
- Shelby
- Wadsworth
- Coldwater
- Hillsdale
- Jackson Center
- Lewes (DEMEC)
- Montpelier
- New Martinsville
- Perkasio
- St. Clairsville
- Minster

Congratulations to all of the staff at AMP, DEMEC and our member communities that played a part in earning these APPA Safety Awards.

AMP offers member-exclusive educational materials

By Michael Beirne - vice president of external affairs

As many people are working from home, AMP has compiled a number of free, on-demand webinars available for viewing from the [member extranet](#) (login required) in order to assist you and your staff. Additionally, the AMP Member Extranet houses a variety of materials to assist members in building their knowledge and skills as it relates to the benefits and business of public power. A few highlights are linked below.

- **[COVID-19 Resources](#)**

This page serves as a collection of resources for AMP members to refer to or use while facing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **[Recent NERC update information](#)**

AMP, in coordination with Utility Services, Inc, periodically hosts North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) webinar presentations. This page houses an archive of presentations.

- **[Focus Forward](#)**

The Focus Forward member extranet page is a repository of materials for AMP members preparing for a Distributed Energy Future. The page provides toolkits, articles and guidance documents covering industry trends and research.

- **[Public Power Certification](#)**

This program features webinars covering key areas of interest to policymakers. The webinars are designed to help participants build knowledge and skills to effectively govern their systems now and

into the future. This page houses webinars from the 2018 certification program. If you would like to participate in the current Public Power Certification program, please contact Jodi Allalen at jallalen@amppartners.org.

- **[Electric Vehicles](#)**

The Electric Vehicle member extranet page offers educational information, which includes all facets of electric vehicles, infrastructure, trends and future considerations.

Additionally, the following page is available on the public website with no login required:

- **[AMP Currents](#)** (public page, no login required)

AMP Currents is an information hub covering AMP, the benefits of public power and other industry topics. AMP Currents is intended to provide timely information of interest to AMP member communities and the general public.

If you do not have access to your AMP Member Extranet login information or need a new login, please contact Bethany Kiser at bkiser@amppartners.org.

AMP member communities encouraged to apply for RP3 designation, participate in RP3 webinar series

By Michelle Palmer - vice president of technical services

With the announcement of 2020 RP3 designations by the American Public Power Association (APPA), now is the perfect time to begin working toward earning an RP3 designation for 2021.

As an RP3 designee, you'll receive recognition as a leading utility, national and local media attention, enhanced teamwork and potential financial benefits, like improved bond ratings, savings on insurance premiums and increased economic development opportunities as commercial and industrial prospects learn about your success.

Discover all the [benefits of applying for and achieving a designation](#), then [register to apply](#). The deadline to submit your application is Sept. 30.

Additionally, there are still spots available for AMP's RP3 Assistance Program, which allows AMP staff to work directly with those members on a question by question basis. AMP is available to assist all members with their RP3 application; staff will help complete and review applications and make recommendations for overall score improvement.

APPA will be holding four webinars throughout the course of the application cycle, each focusing on a section of the application, and AMP member communities are encouraged to participate. Leading industry experts on the panel that evaluates applications will speak about how to submit a strong application. You can [register for the entire webinar series](#), or register individually:

- [RP3 Reliability Webinar: April 27 at 2 p.m.](#)
- [RP3 Safety Webinar: May 4 at 2 p.m.](#)
- [RP3 Workforce Development: May 11 at 2 p.m.](#)
- [RP3 System Improvement: May 18 at 2 p.m.](#)

If you are unable to attend any of the webinars, recordings will be made available to registrants. If you have questions about the RP3 program or need help with registration, contact APPA at RP3@publicpower.org or 202.467.2931.

If you would like to join AMP's RP3 Assistance Program or have questions, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie at jflockerzie@amppartners.org or 614.540.0853.

Public Power Certification - Municipal Finance Basics webinar rescheduled

By Jodi Allalen - manager of member events and programs

The *Municipal Finance Basics* webinar for the Public Power Certification training program has been rescheduled for May 12 at 10 a.m. This presentation was postponed from March 17. The next webinar in the series, *Overview of AMP Services and Programs*, is scheduled for April 28, 10 a.m.

MISO announced results of 2020-2021 Installed Capacity Auction

By Mike Migliore - vice president of power supply planning



Each April, MISO runs their auction for the upcoming planning year to contract with generators and curtailable loads to be on call to perform when MISO's load is in danger of exceeding the amount of generation production. The big surprise in the auction was the clearing price for Michigan Zone 7. Due to lack of generation located inside the state and limited low cost imports from other zones, the amount of generation for Zone 7 clearing in the auction was 123 MW less than the forecasted peak load requirement. Due to the shortage in the auction, the capacity price cleared at the Net Cone rate of \$7.83/kW-mo. This compares to the \$0.15/kW-mo clearing price for the remainder of the Zones in the northern portion of MISO, which include

the states with member resources (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Wisconsin). This is the fourth straight year that MISO capacity prices have been below \$0.30/kW-mo. During the same time frame, PJM capacity prices have ranged from \$2.34/kW-mo to \$5.00/kW-mo.

PJM's capacity performance requirements include a penalty for generators if they fail to generate during an emergency, while MISO's capacity commitments do not include a non-performance charge.

Energy market update

By Jerry Willman - assistant vice president of energy marketing

The May 2020 natural gas contract increased \$0.088/MMBtu to close at \$1.686 yesterday. The EIA reported an injection of 73 Bcf for the week ending April 10, which was above market expectations of 68 Bcf. The year-ago build was 73 Bcf and the five-year average build was 25 Bcf. Storage is now 2,097 Bcf, 73 percent above a year ago and 21 percent above the five-year average.

On-peak power prices for 2021 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$31.55/MWh, which increased \$0.30/MWh for the week.

On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton hub				
Week ending April 17				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$19.32	\$20.98	\$20.05	\$19.86	\$18.34
Week ending April 10				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$18.19	\$17.55	\$19.01	\$16.74	\$18.70
AEP/Dayton 2021 5x16 price as of April 16 — \$31.55				
AEP/Dayton 2021 5x16 price as of April 9 — \$31.25				

AFEC weekly update

By Jerry Willman

The AMP Fremont Energy Center (AFEC) was available for 2x1 operation for the week. The plant operated in 1x1 configuration on Saturday and Sunday. AFEC cleared offline on Monday off peak based on PJM economics. Duct firing operated for 94 hours this week. For the week, the plant generated at an 81 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

Security tip - Human Resources scam

By Jared Price - vice president of information technology and CTO

During this storm of COVID-19 phishing scams, the bad guys love posing as your trusted Human Resources (HR) department. One recent HR scam started with an over-dramatic subject line: COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS WITHIN, BEWARE! WARNING!!!



In a mess of run-on sentences, the email claims that some of your co-workers have tested positive for COVID-19. Keeping with the HR theme, they ask that you do not discriminate against these people and they suggest that "everyone should rather cease panic."

The email does not identify anyone by name, but asks you to download an attached photo of the infected employees. This attack targets your natural curiosity. "Who could it be? Wasn't Bill coughing last week? I just have to know!"

If you were to download the attachment, you would find that it is actually a piece of malicious software designed to quietly steal data through your organization's network. Do not be fooled!

Remember these tips:

- Watch for sensational words like "BEWARE" and "WARNING!!!" The bad guys want you to panic.
- Be wary of emails with spelling or grammatical errors, especially when it supposedly came from a reputable source.
- When questioning the legitimacy of an email sent from someone in your company, give them a call. One quick call could save your organization from a potential data breach.

FOCUS FORWARD 2020 WEBINAR SERIES

Register by clicking this schedule or contact Erin Miller, assistant vice president of energy policy and sustainability at 614.540.1019 or by email at emiller@amppartners.org.



- May 14, 2-3 p.m.
EVs for Your Fleet
- July 21, 2-3 p.m.
Beyond Electrons — social engineering services for customers
- September (during AMP Annual Conference)
Rate Design — what do customers want and need
- November 10, 2-3 p.m.
EV Rate Design and Managing Demand

The Focus Forward Advisory Council has identified these topics to help educate and inform AMP's members about emerging industry trends and to prepare for further integration of distributed energy resources.



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Classifieds

Members interested in posting classifieds in Update may send a job description with start and end advertisement dates to zhoffman@amppartners.org. There is no charge for this service.

Village of Grafton seeks applicants for assistant service superintendent

The Village of Grafton seeks a qualified assistant service superintendent with skilled trades and equipment operation experience. The ideal candidate will have extensive knowledge in municipal infrastructure maintenance and repair, hold a current Ohio Class 1 Water System/Distribution Operator license plus a certification in water system backflow management.

The assistant superintendent will be required to report to the village administrator and regularly communicate and coordinate municipal services with other utility departments when needed. Personnel management skills and the ability to work as a team is essential. Job duties range from but not limited to department vehicle and asset management, material inventory management, landscape maintenance, parks, street, sewer and water-main service and repair, plus all municipal seasonal roadway maintenance services. Some heavy lifting at times may be required.

This full-time position is offered at a competitive hourly rate based upon experience and includes an attractive benefit plan providing health care, vision and dental insurance. Paid holidays after 60-days. Paid vacation, personal days and sick days after one year, plus a public employee retirement plan through OPERS. Grafton offers a stable and upbeat, professional work environment, continuing education and work force training with opportunity for career advancement. The Village of Grafton is an EEO employer and Drug-Free Workplace.

A pre-employment background check and drug screen is required.

This position will remain open until filled. Interested candidates can submit resume to: Grafton Village Hall, 960 Main St. Grafton, OH 44044 or by email to the village administrator at jbprice@villageofgrafton.org.

City of Amherst seeks applicants for electric lineworker

The City of Amherst is seeking applicants for the position of electric lineworker. Duties include the operation, maintenance and routine construction of the electric distribution system.

Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or equivalent, successful completion of journey lineworker apprenticeship program and four years of experience as apprentice lineworker, or an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the skills and abilities necessary to perform the job. Valid State of Ohio Driver's License, valid Ohio Class A Commercial Driver's License and Journeyman Lineworker Certification required. Annual pay range is \$82,000-\$95,000 depending on qualifications.

For more information regarding an application and job description call Amherst City Hall at 440.988.4380 or request by email at mayor@amherstohio.org.

Town of Bedford seeks applicants for assistant right-of-way supervisor

The Town of Bedford is seeking applicants for the position of assistant right-of-way supervisor. Applicants must be experienced in trimming, climbing and working around electric hazards. Class A CDL required and the ability to operate a bucket truck, chain saws and other right-of-way clearing equipment. Ability to supervise right-of-way crew and promote on the job safety. Compensation based on experience and skill level. Salary up to \$45,760 annually with benefits package to include health insurance, retirement, life insurance and annual leave.

Applications are available online at www.bedfordva.gov. Submit a completed town application online or mail to: Human Resources, 215 E. Main St., Bedford, VA 24523. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Resumes alone are not accepted and must be sent in with application. EOE

Qualifications

Must have a Class A CDL (or obtain a CDL in first year of employment) and be experienced right-of-way trimmer.

Opportunities available at AMP

AMP is seeking applicants for the following positions: