
Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Monica Irelan, City Manager
Subject: General Information
Date: December 19, 2014



1. *Calendar*
2. *Meetings Cancelled*
 - Finance & Budget Committee
 - Safety & Human Resources Committee
 - Civil Service Commission
3. *Agenda*
 - Records Commission Meeting; Tuesday, December 23 at 4:00 pm
4. Refuse and Recycling pickup schedule during Christmas week
5. Public Power Connections/Winter Edition 2015
6. OML Legislative Bulletin/December 12, 2014
7. TMACOG General Assembly
8. AMP Weekly Update/December 19, 2014

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 Calendar

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				HOLIDAY - New Year's Day		

Memorandum

To: Finance & Budget Committee, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law
Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

From: Gregory J. Heath, Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Date: 12/16/2014

Re: Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Cancellation

The Finance & Budget Committee meeting, regularly scheduled for Monday,
December 22, 2014 at 6:30 PM has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

Memorandum

To: Safety and Human Resources Committee, Township Trustees, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors

From: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Date: 12/16/2014

Re: Safety and Human Resources Committee Meeting Cancellation

The Safety and Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2014, at 7:30 PM has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

Memorandum

To: Civil Service Commission, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director,
City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

From: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Date: 12/16/2014

Re: Civil Service Commission Meeting Cancellation

The regular Civil Service Commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday,
December 23 at 4:30 PM, has been CANCELED due to lack of Agenda items.

City of Napoleon, Ohio

RECORDS COMMISSION

LOCATION: City Hall Offices, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 4:00 PM

- I. Approval of Minutes *(In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)*
- II. Review of Records Retention Schedules
- III. Any Other Matters or Items Currently Assigned to the Commission
- IV. Adjournment

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of NAPOLEON, Ohio

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Press Release

CHRISTMAS DAY REFUSE & RECYCLING ROUTES

Napoleon, Ohio, -- Due to the upcoming Christmas Day holiday, the refuse and recycling pickup routes for the City of Napoleon will be as follows **for the week of December 22 - 26, 2014 ONLY:**

- Ⓢ **Monday, Dec. 22 – as usual**
- Ⓢ **Tuesday, Dec. 23 – as usual**
- Ⓢ **Wednesday, Dec. 24 – as usual**
- Ⓢ **Thursday, Dec. 25 – HOLIDAY – NO PICK UP**
- Ⓢ **Friday, Dec. 26 – as usual; Thursday's route will also be run on Friday, (there is a possibility of later than usual pick up time for Friday's route).**

Thursday's and Friday's routes will both be run on Friday, December 26th. The Operations Department is asking that those affected, an extra effort be made to have their refuse and recycling at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the 26th.

Please contact the Operations Department at the above referenced number if there are any questions regarding this matter.

PUBLIC POWER CONNECTIONS

HOW GENERATION PRICES DRIVE POWER COSTS

The cost of producing and transmitting power contributes to overall industry prices

There are three major factors that drive the price of power: consumer demand, generation prices, and environmental and regulatory issues. This article will focus on generation prices.

Variable costs are the main factors contributing to generation prices. These prices are dependent on a power plant's cost to produce, which is dependent on the plant's efficiency, fuel costs and other variable operation and maintenance costs. In addition to variable costs, power plants must also cover their fixed costs over the long term. Fixed costs include the debt associated with building the plant, personnel costs and fixed operation and maintenance costs.

Typically marginal units such as coal and natural gas set the price of power because those plants have some ability to change their output to meet the demand of load. These variable costs are what drive generation prices.



Energy sources such as wind, solar, hydro and nuclear have lower variable costs, but usually have higher fixed costs because they cost more to build. Because their variable costs are so low, these types of units do not normally set the price of power.

A natural gas or coal plant relies on fuel and therefore, in general, has higher variable costs, but lower fixed costs. This is why the market looks to those types of units when determining the price of power: If the units need to run a lot to meet load demands, power prices go up – and if they aren't needed, power prices go down.

Transmission costs also contribute to generation prices and the overall price of power. In general, power plants are typically not built in the areas where the load is (near homes and businesses) and so there is a cost of moving the power into towns and cities through power lines and substations.

WHAT IS...? POLAR VORTEX

The winter of 2014 was a particularly cold one for the United States and "polar vortex" became very popular to blame as the cause for nasty weather. While not all cold weather is due to the polar vortex, it was the cause of some exceptionally chilly weather in January, especially on Jan. 7, 2014.

A polar vortex is a circulating pattern of strong winds flowing around a low-pressure system. This normally sits over the Arctic in the winter and keeps cold air circulating within the polar region, but it can, and did, split and sent colder air farther south.

This extreme cold had a big impact on the power grid. Cold weather always sends prices up a bit as the demand for power gets higher when it's colder, but the polar vortex cold caused two other main issues: higher-than-normal generation outages and gas distribution shortage issues.

PJM Interconnection, a grid operator and coordinator, anticipates that generation losses over peaking hours (when the demand for electricity is at its maximum) in the winter are generally 8 percent, but in 2014 they were about 22 percent – a huge increase due to the polar vortex.

Just like cars or other machines, plants have trouble operating in extreme cold. This includes freezing pipes, and fuel transportation and staffing issues.

As coal units retire, more natural gas plants are taking their place. This puts additional strain on the natural gas system. In the summer months, residents don't use much gas, but as people turn on their gas furnaces when it gets cold, it comes from the same place that natural gas power plants get their supply. This creates competition for gas pipe space with power plants. There are only so many pipes and only so much that can fit through a pipe at one time – the dramatic increase in load from the polar vortex intensified this issue.

Plants have to buy what is called "firm gas pipeline capacity" ahead of time. The AMP Fremont Energy Center, a natural gas combined cycle facility, was available during the polar vortex because American Municipal Power, Inc. bought long-term pipeline capacity. This process can be thought of in terms of buying a parking pass. Peaking plants don't need to buy an annual pass because they only "drive" a few days out of the month, but on Jan. 7, they desperately needed a day pass and it wasn't available because there were no "parking spots" left.

The more natural gas plants that come online increase the number of entities competing for space. The January 2014 polar vortex intensified the problem, which has caused the industry to examine solutions of how to deal with pipeline shortage issues in the future.

FOCUS ON SAFETY WHEN OPERATING A GENERATOR

A portable generator is very helpful during a prolonged power outage, but use it improperly and you risk carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution and fire.

Keep your family safe during an outage by following these tips from the National Fire Protection Association and American Red Cross.

Placement: Operate your generator in a well-ventilated, outdoor location away from all doors, windows and vent openings where exhaust fumes might enter. An attached garage, even with the door open, is not a safe location. Neither is a combustible surface like a wood deck.

CO alarms: For added safety, have either battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Fuel storage: Never store fuel for your generator in your home. Store gasoline and other flammable liquids outside of living areas in approved, properly labeled safety containers kept away from fuel-burning appliances.



Refueling: Never refuel a generator while it's running. Turn it off and let it cool before refueling. Also, turn off all appliances the generator is powering before shutting it down.

Operation: Follow the manufacturer's instructions for grounding the generator. Plug appliances either directly into the generator or into an outdoor-rated, grounded extension cord free of cuts – preferably one with a ground-fault circuit interrupter.

Do not try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a regular wall outlet. Called "back feeding," this is extremely dangerous. Not only can it damage your home's

wiring and start a fire, but it can also send electricity into the utility system and seriously injure or kill an unsuspecting lineworker helping to restore power.

Do use a transfer switch: If you want to connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, you need a properly rated transfer switch installed by a qualified electrician in accordance with the *National Electrical Code* and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY: PREPARATION IS KEY

Driving in snow and ice is just a part of life for many U.S. residents in the winter, but safety goes beyond being careful and allowing extra time for slow travel.

Preparations for winter driving should include maintaining your car. Check your battery, windshield wipers, tire tread, and top off washer fluids and antifreeze. Make sure you have important items on hand in case of an emergency such as a flashlight, jumper cables, snow brush/scrapper, flares, blankets, snacks and

water. It's also a good idea to keep some kind of abrasive material on hand (such as sand or kitty litter) to help aid traction on icy roads.

We've all heard to leave more distance between cars in icy weather. This is because dry pavement has more than twice the friction of a surface covered with snow and ice. Stopping distance at 30 mph on dry roads is about 40 feet, but extends to more than 100 feet on snow or ice. If possible, brake on straights and not during corners in winter road conditions. Maintaining an appropriate speed is critical.

Have a new driver in the family? Consider taking them to an empty lot during the day to practice maneuvers slowly on ice or snow. The chance to safely experience first-hand how steering and brakes react in winter conditions is important for any driver.

Don't forget that safety applies all year round: Always wear a seat belt, use child safety seats properly, be aware of pedestrians walking in the road, do not text while driving, and never drink and drive.



EFFICIENCY FOCUS

Using a humidifier in the winter can actually save you money. People require a higher temperature to remain comfortable in dry air than they do in humid air. Placing an energy-efficient humidifier in your living space during the winter months keeps the air from being as dry, which means you won't need the heat cranked as high to feel warm.



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December 12, 2014

MUNICIPAL TAX REFORM BILL SENT TO GOVERNOR

Am. Sub. HB5 cleared the final legislative hurdle this week when on Tuesday the Ohio House of Representatives voted 60-32 to support the changes made by the Ohio Senate, sending it to Governor Kasich for his approval. On Wednesday, OML Executive Director Sue Cave sent Governor Kasich a letter urging him to use his constitutionally provided authority and VETO this destructive and one-sided attempt at reforming certain provisions of the municipal income tax. A copy of the letter can be found [HERE](#).

As many of our members are well aware of the issues municipalities confronted as the bill worked it's way through the two legislative bodies, we are disappointed to inform our members that many of our concerns were not addressed, with the legislature choosing to retain reform treatments that are projected to have deep and significant financial impacts on municipal budgets across the state. Below are a few of the top items that we anticipate will result in the most consequential impact on the ability of cities and villages to generate revenue in support of basic services. The list includes but, by no means is limited to:

- All 600+ Ohio municipalities that have an income tax must provide businesses and individuals with a 5 year Net Operating Loss Carry Forward deferment plan. The bill does afford municipalities with a cumbersome and difficult to implement 5 year, 50% phase-in proposal, affording municipalities some time to adjust to the significant revenue loss that those currently not providing a 5 year NOL carry forward are certain to be saddled with.
- Employers will no longer be required to withhold tax revenue obligations for the first 20 days on "occasional entrant worker" employees, whose primary place of employment is outside of the boundaries where work is performed and clarifies that employees whose wages are withheld in a municipality where work was not performed, that those wages are refundable. The bill also excludes businesses located in unincorporated areas or townships from any withholding requirements for their employees, regardless of days spent in a municipality.
- Applies the 20 free day occasional entrant provision to non employee compensation resulting in taxpayers with compensation other than qualifying wages now will receive the benefit of 20 free days of no municipal tax withholding in every city and village work is performed.
- The language that was inserted by the Ohio House to liberalize the treatment of offsets and language allowing taxpayers to apply a "loss" in multiple municipalities remained as passed by the House.
- Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans (SERPS) treatment that bars municipalities from taxing this "golden parachute" which is treated as a nonqualified deferred compensation plan allowing taxation at the state and federal levels was preserved by the Ohio Senate.
- After a 5 year period, taxpayers will retain authority over tax administrator's discretion in deciding the

- proper administrative procedures and factors to be considered, when submitting consolidated filings.
- Changed the “written determination” language back to “assessment”, requiring certified mail be used for correspondences between municipal tax offices and taxpayers, for all assessments or written findings.

These are only a few examples of the changes made to the municipal income tax administration, via Am. Sub. HB5. The Legislative Service Commission (LSC) has compiled several documents that give a comprehensive analysis of all the changes made and new treatments initiated through HB5. The first document is the LSC Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement, explaining to legislators how the potential revenue impact to Ohio municipalities could be in the millions of dollars, can be found at <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/fiscal/fiscalnotes/130ga/hb0005sp.pdf> . A synopsis of the amendments adopted by the Ohio Senate Ways and Means Committee here <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/synopsis130/h0005-130.pdf> , while the complete analysis for the total bill can be found here <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/h0005-rs-130.pdf> and the final version of the full text of the bill here <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130HB5>.

The legislation does not go into effect until January 1, 2016, with some estimated tax provisions beginning in 2015. Next year, the league will be sponsoring a number of training programs for municipal officials, including tax and finance staff, in an effort for local officials to become acquainted with the challenges presented in the new law and how municipalities can effectively administer the tax with the new restrictions.

OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS BILL ESSENTIALLY BANNING RED LIGHT/SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS TO GOVERNOR

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives approved by a 54-31 vote SB 342, legislation introduced by Senator Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) requiring, among other things, Ohio municipalities who choose to employ the use of electronic photo monitoring devices to regulate red light and speed violations, must do so only if a uniform police officer is stationed at the location of the device to witness the violation and issue the citation, at the time of the infraction. The bill, as passed by the House, which is the final version that will be going to the Governor, can be found [HERE http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_342](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_SB_342) and the bill analysis can be found [HERE http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/s0342-rh-130.pdf](http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/s0342-rh-130.pdf) .

The Senate concurred on the House changes Thursday and the bill is now before the Governor for his consideration. The league remains opposed to the legislation and have asked Governor Kasich to veto the bill. Our veto request can be found [HERE](#).

ANTI ANNEXATION BILL DOES NOT CLEAR SENATE COMMITTEE

Along with all of the other issues the league has been working on during the Lame Duck session, HB 277, legislation that would add additional and unnecessary obstacles to the current TYPE-II annexation procedures, came back to life and was back on the agenda of the Senate State Government Reform and Oversight Committee. The bill, which was amended by the committee and up for a possible vote, was scuttled at the end of the committee hearing. The league offered opponent testimony to committee members. Chairman Burke indicated at the end of the committee hearing Wednesday night that the bill was not ready to be presented to the full Senate and that the issue will be addressed when the next General Assembly convenes in January.

The league would like to thank the municipal officials from across Ohio who have contacted their legislators and shared with them their concern for the bill and how it would adversely impact the rights of private property owners while hampering the ability for regions of the state to provide greater opportunities for economic development.

OHIO SENATE COMPLETES LEGISLATIVE WORK, HOUSE RETURNS NEXT WEEK FOR MORE

GOOD-BYES

Thursday was the final session for the members of the Ohio Senate, as the final gavel did not come down from President Faber until almost 4am Friday morning. Senators and staff remained in the chambers through-out the evening as final touches were put on a statewide legislative redistricting plan. The Ohio House will be finishing their work with a few final committee hearings on Tuesday and the final House session on Wednesday.

There were some bills dealing with municipal issues that made it through the legislative process successfully, others did not while other concepts were amended or attempted to be added as riders to bills moving through the process. Once the House finishes their work next week and the final outcomes are known for the wide variety of issues presented this General Assembly, we will be doing a final legislative bulletin later next week to inform our members of the legislative resolution to bills concerning Ohio cities and villages. We will also alert our members to actions taken by the Governor.

Have a safe weekend~

Committee Schedule

Fw: General Assembly: "Educating for Innovation"

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Join fellow TMACOG members, area educators, elected officials, business leaders, and economic development professionals for the TMACOG meeting and caucus sessions. This year the focus is on education.

General Assembly



Educating for Innovation

How Colleges and Universities Create Entrepreneurs

Wednesday, January 21, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(registration at 8 a.m.)

Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg

Registration is due by Friday, January 16.

Keynote speakers are well-known presenters from the Bowling Green State University College of Business

- **Gene Poor, Ph.D., is a serial entrepreneur and BGSU professor. He is the Hamilton Endowed Professor of Entrepreneurship.**
- **Kirk Kern is the director of the BGSU Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.**

In a panel discussion, representatives from the region's community colleges and universities will discuss how they work with business and industry to educate the next generation of smart, nimble business leaders.

- **Barry Kinsey, Director of Workforce Development at Monroe County Community College**
- **Ann Theis, Dean of Business Information and Public Services at Owens Community College**
- **Beth Hannam, Interim Manager Workforce Development at Terra State Community College**
- **A representative from Lourdes University**

Registration for the program and luncheon is \$30/members, \$60/non-members, and \$15/student. For more information, contact Jennifer Allen at 419.241.9155 ext. 107. No refunds will be made for cancellations after January 19.

Thank you to partners Poggemeyer Design Group and Monroe Bank & Trust for their sponsorship of the 2015 General Assembly.

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Update

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

December 19, 2014

Hamilton partners with Efficiency Smart for energy efficiency services

By Steven Nyeste – communications & public affairs specialist, Efficiency Smart

Efficiency Smart is excited to announce that the city of Hamilton, Ohio, will become the newest community to participate in its comprehensive energy efficiency services. Passed unanimously by its city council on Dec. 10, 2014, the partnership between the city and Efficiency Smart is designed to help Hamilton's electric customers save money and reduce energy use through energy efficiency services, including:



- Rebates for energy-efficient products, discounts on energy-efficient lighting and financial rewards for recycling refrigerators and freezers for residential customers.
- Rebates for more than 90 improvements for businesses with annual electric usage of less than 500,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh), including lighting and lighting controls; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); refrigeration; electric heating; food service equipment and compressed air and motors.
- Tailored services with dedicated account management, customized financial incentives and technical assistance for organizations that use more than 500,000 kWh of electricity annually.
- Special initiatives designed to help economically disadvantaged and underserved populations realize the benefits of energy efficiency.

Efficiency Smart is also excited to work with Hamilton to make a lasting impact not only through energy savings, but also through workforce, economic and community development. Services to Hamilton residents and businesses are anticipated to begin on Feb. 1, 2015. We look forward to a successful partnership and would like to commend the mayor, board, council and city officials on their progressive leadership.

For more information regarding Efficiency Smart's services, call 877.889.3777 or visit www.efficiencysmart.org.

AMP webinar to cover proposed CO2 emission regulations for existing units

By Cody Dill, EI – manager of environmental affairs

AMP will be hosting a webinar open to all members covering the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) precedent-setting Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources, or "111(d) rule," which proposes to regulate CO2 emissions from existing electric

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Gas markets reach milestone in recovery

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

The amount of natural gas in storage is now larger than this time last year. This represents a large recovery from the end of last winter, when storage levels were at a 50 percent year-over-year deficit. Even though storage levels are now on par with last year, storage is still 7.3 percent below the five-year average.

January natural gas prices saw a slight increase this week with a \$0.01/MMBtu gain over last week, finishing yesterday at \$3.64/MMBtu. A cold weather forecast for January and February helped 2015 power prices close higher. 2015 on-peak electric prices closed \$0.80/MWh higher this week with AD Hub 2015 5x16 power now priced at \$45.32 MWh.

AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

AFEC had a very consistent production run this week. The plant was online every day and was dispatched at base maximum levels during most morning and evening peaks. The cooler weather also resulted in the plant remaining online during the overnight hours at base minimum levels. Duct burners were not dispatched this week. The plant ended the week with a 67 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).

No 'Update' next week

Due to the holiday, there will be no Update newsletter for the edition of Dec. 26, 2014.





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generating units. This rule would impact owned coal and natural gas generation, as well as wholesale electric markets.

During the webinar, AMP will discuss the legal, practical and political aspects of the rule. A summary review of comments submitted by business groups and state agencies will be included. Time will also be allotted at the end of the webinar for a question-and answer-session. The webinar will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 20, and again on Jan. 23.

For additional information regarding webinar registration, or general questions about the rule, please contact me at cdill@amppartners.org.

Emergency engine reporting period to begin in 2015

By Cody Dill, EI

Beginning in 2016, as required in the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE NESHAP Rule), if you own or operate an emergency stationary RICE with a site rating of more than 100 brake HP that operates or is contractually obligated to be available for more than 15 hours per calendar year, you must submit an annual operating report.

The first annual report must cover the **calendar year 2015** and must be submitted no later than March 31, 2016. Subsequent annual reports for each calendar year must be submitted no later than March 31 of the following calendar year. As such, recordkeeping requirements for the 2016 report shall begin Jan. 1, 2015. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at cdill@amppartners.org.

AMP shines Spotlight on Amherst

By Krista Selvaige – manager of publications

AMP is highlighting the city of Amherst, known as the Sandstone Center of the World, in our online Member Spotlight. The stone industry has been a key part of the city's history and continues to be an economic driver for the area. Amherst is located approximately four miles south of Lake Erie and played a significant role in the history of Lorain County.



The city boasts a diverse energy portfolio. The Amherst Municipal Electric Department was established in 1936 and serves nearly 6,000 meters. Learn more about the community spirit of Amherst and the city's AMP participation [here](#).

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

Week ending Dec. 19

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$34.04	\$34.09	\$36.31	\$39.68	\$38.53

Week ending Dec. 12

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$39.68	\$40.81	\$38.17	\$35.05	\$35.29

AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Dec. 19 — \$45.32

AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Dec. 12 — \$44.52

AMP schedules diverse training opportunities for New Year

By Michelle Palmer, PE – assistant vice president of technical services

The upcoming Advanced Transformer Workshop on Jan. 14 will kick off AMP's 2015 training offerings. The course, held at AMP headquarters, is a great refresher for journeymen or a learning opportunity for experienced apprentices. The workshop will focus on advanced transformer theory and the review of transformer connections. The one-day workshop will take place in a classroom setting with hands-on demonstrations. The course is designed to provide an in-depth knowledge of transformer sizing, fuse sizing and three-phase transformer banking.

Training throughout the year is a crucial part of maintaining a well-trained workforce, and AMP has a variety of courses scheduled for 2015 in addition to the regular lineworker training series (Basic 1-Advanced). 2014 saw the most participants in the lineworker training series since 2008, with more than 60 participants from 30 members in four states.

AMP's next course in the lineup will be Regulator, Recloser, Capacitor Safety on Feb. 11 at AMP headquarters.

The 2014-15 Training Catalog is available on the Member Extranet section of the [AMP website](#). Please contact Jennifer Flockerzie, technical services program coordinator, at jflockerzie@amppartners.org or 614.540.0853 with questions, for more information or to register for a course.

Calendar

Jan. 14—Advanced Transformer Workshop
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Jan. 29—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Feb. 11—Regulator, Recloser, Capacitor Safety
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

March 3-4 and April 7-8—Metering Course
To be announced

March 9-11—APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, D.C.



Clemens Food Group chooses Coldwater as location for facility

Provided by Coldwater Board of Public Utilities

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) recently announced Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) actions to support construction of a new Clemens Food Group pork processing operation in Coldwater Township, a project that is expected to generate \$255.7 million in total capital investment and bring 810 new jobs to Michigan.

MSF approved \$12.5 million in Community Development Block Grant funds for the city of Coldwater for infrastructure improvements, land acquisition, workforce development and on-the-job training for the new development. The 550,000-square-foot Clemens Food Group pork processing facility will be located in Coldwater Township. The estimated electric load of the facility is 8 megawatts.

A key to the success of the project was the collaboration of Coldwater and Coldwater Township on a land transfer agreement. The transfer will allow the City of Coldwater to contribute \$4.5 million toward the project for infrastructure improvements at the site, including water and sewer main extensions and a new municipal electric overhead distribution line. That support is part of an overall package of local and state support that will total \$55 million. This also includes nearly \$16 million in tax savings as a result of the recently approved personal property tax reform.

"We strive to sustain and grow our local and regional community," said Paul Beckhusen, Branch County Economic Growth Alliance president, Coldwater Board of Public Utilities director and AMP Board of Trustees member. "The addition of the Clemens Food Group to our community exemplifies our vision and illustrates the positive direction in which we continue to lead. This project has been a template of success for state, regional, local and private partnerships – all working together to attract an ideal corporate citizen like the Clemens Food Group."

Founded in 1895, the Pennsylvania-based Clemens Food Group is a sixth-generation, family-owned integrated pork production operation including farming, processing, transportation and logistics. The company has 2,200 employees.

"These are significant jobs for the Coldwater community and the region, and we commend Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for its commitment to bringing this project to Michigan," said MEDC President and CEO Michael Finney.

For more information on MEDC, please visit MichiganBusiness.org.



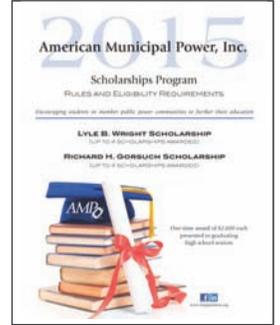
News or Ads?

Call Krista Selvage at 614.540.6407 or email to kbselvage@amppartners.org if you would like to pass along news or ads.

AMP mails 2015 scholarship information packets

By Karen Ritchey – manager of communication programs

AMP scholarship informational packets were mailed last week regarding the Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright scholarships. Sent to principal contacts and high schools in member communities, the packets include details on rules, eligibility, deadlines and nomination forms.



Member communities can nominate one high school senior for each scholarship (Gorsuch and Wright). Nominations are due by Jan. 30, 2015. Wright scholarship applicants must be students whose household receives electricity from an AMP member community. Applicants for the Gorsuch scholarship must be students whose parent or guardian is an employee of an AMP member municipal electric department or an employee of AMP.

Up to four Wright and up to four Gorsuch scholarships will be awarded. Recipients will be determined by the AMP Board of Trustees and announced in May. Since the program began in 1988, AMP has provided \$256,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Member communities are encouraged to participate in this program by nominating a student for the scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact me at 614.540.0933 or kritchey@amppartners.org.

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Monroeville seeks village administrator candidates

The Village of Monroeville is seeking qualified candidates for the full-time position of Village Administrator. The successful candidate must have management experience, preferably with demonstrated skills in utility operations/public works, as well as leadership and community development or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Salary: \$35,000 to \$45,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience.

This position oversees eight full-time employees and indirectly oversees the operations of village departments that include streets, parks, water distribution and treatment, electric department and zoning, and excludes the fiscal officer, income tax department and police department. See Ohio Revised Code Section 735.273 for Administrator Powers and Duties. Village residency may be required within six months of appointment. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, salary history and at least three professional references on or before Feb. 8, 2015 to the Administrative Offices, 2 S. Main St., PO Box 156, Monroeville, OH 44847. Monroeville is an EOE.

AMP is accepting applications for director of energy policy and sustainability position

American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) is seeking applicants for director of energy policy and sustainability. This position is responsible for the day-to-day implementation and coordination of Board and Executive Management approved sustainability programs and functions throughout the organization. Also responsible for energy policy analysis.

A minimum of a four-year business, sustainability, public policy or science/engineering-related degree is required. Candidates must have five or more years of project management experience, must demonstrate an understanding of electric-related clean energy technologies and electric industry sustainability services, and must possess experience with contracts and budgets. Electric utility industry, regulatory agency and/or municipal government experience is preferred. This position may require periodic travel throughout AMP footprint states.

For a complete job description, please visit the "careers" section of the [AMP website](http://www.amppartners.org) or email to Teri Tucker at ttucker@amppartners.org.

Village of Wellington seeks apprentice lineworker

The Village of Wellington is seeking candidates for the position of lineman apprentice. This position will be responsible for performing entry level work in the

construction, operation, maintenance and repair of electrical distribution lines.

Duties will include assisting with all aspects of electric distribution line construction, maintenance and troubleshooting, including responding to power outage service calls. Will also operate equipment, read and install meters and other duties as directed.

After completing probationary period, will enter into a structured program of apprenticeship and must be able to complete the physical and education demands of such a program.

Applicants should be a high school graduate, GED, or equivalent experience and education, and have a valid Ohio Drivers License. Preferred qualifications will include a CDL and completion of a pre-apprenticeship lineman program.

A competitive rate of pay, benefits and OPERS retirement is offered for the open position. Applications will be accepted at Village of Wellington, Attn: Steve Pyles, Village Manager, 115 Willard Memorial Square, Wellington, OH 44090.

Applications are available at www.villageofwellington.com, Town Hall, or the Electric Department and will be accepted until Dec. 26, 2014 or until filled. Wellington is an EEO/AA employer.

Marshall accepts senior lineworker applications

The City of Marshall is accepting applications for a fulltime Senior Lineworker position. This position is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all overhead and underground distribution lines and services. Responds for power outage service restoration and repairs street/parking lot lights.

Must have or be able to obtain a valid Michigan Driver's License with CDL endorsement and must have Journeyman Lineman Certification. Starting pay \$33.12/hr plus benefits. If interested please apply online at www.cityofmarshall.com.

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