

LEBANON'S UTILITY RATES BELOW REGIONAL AVERAGE

Two recent surveys show that Lebanon's water, sewer, and electric rates are below the average utility rates for surrounding communities. Based on a 2010 survey conducted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Lebanon's residential electric rate is 14% less than surrounding electric providers. Additionally, a survey conducted by the City of Oakwood, which consisted of comparing the water and sewer rates of 63 Southwest Ohio communities revealed that Lebanon's combined water and sewer rates are 2% lower than the average rates.

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The City strives to offer quality utility services at competitive rates. Over the past five years, the City has invested over \$9 million in upgrades to our electric system including replacing old distribution lines, providing additional redundancy in the

system, and expanding the capacity of the electric substations to meet the needs of the community. Investments are being made as well in the City's water and sewer infrastructure.

Over the past five years, more than \$9 million has also been invested in replacing old, undersized, and leaking water mains, replacing deteriorated sanitary sewer conduit, and improvements to the wastewater plant.

Since utility infrastructure has a life cycle, the City's five-year Capital Improvement

Plan provides the guidance for planning and executing these necessary improvements. Making these investments, while keeping Lebanon's utility rates competitive, will help ensure the viability of these utility systems for the present and the future for the residents and businesses in Lebanon.

SAVE TIME & MONEY

Lebanon utility customers have three convenient options to pay their utility bills without the time and expense of writing a check:

- 1. Online Bill Payment:** Customers can pay their bill online at www.lebanonohio.gov using a credit or debit card.
- 2. Automatic account debit (ACH):** The amount of your monthly utility bill is automatically debited from your checking account.
- 3. Credit/Debit Card:** Customer Service now accepts debit and credit cards for payments at the utility-payment window.

Payments can also be made through the utility payment drop-box located in the rear parking lot of the City Building. Please contact the Service Department at 933-7200 for more information.



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ADOPT-A-PARK

Lebanon's Adopt-A-Park program encourages community involvement in keeping the City's park system clean and visually appealing. Organizations are encouraged to put together a work plan that could entail scheduled clean-up days, landscaping projects, or other improvement projects in our parks. This plan can be tailored to the organization's resources and could range from projects scheduled for 1-2 days a year, or on a continual basis.



The City is eager to discuss any opportunities there may be for an organization to get involved, and will provide a project liaison from the Park Board to assist in the process. For all approved projects, the City will place a sign in the project area recognizing the volunteer efforts of the organization.

Please contact the Deputy City Manager at 228-3103 for information about this program.

IMPORTANT REFUSE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Please take a moment to review these important guidelines reviewing the City's refuse collection.

- **Please place any refuse for collection no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day before collection and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection.**
- Cans and bags should not exceed 75 pounds. Please do not place trash or recyclables at the curb in boxes.
- All boxes should be broken down and bundled. There is no limit on the amount of recycling collected.
- Loose shrubbery or lumber must be bundled and tied in lengths no larger than 4 feet long and 2 feet wide.
- Bundles should not exceed 75 pounds.
- Residents can place one large item (ie: furniture, appliance) a week at the curb. Please contact Rumpke 24 hours in advance, prior to placing at curb.
- Freon containing appliances require special handling procedures. Please visit www.rumpke.com for details.
- According to federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous.
- Bulky materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable.
- Rumpke is not responsible for damage beyond the curb line.
- Collection service is provided on all holidays except Christmas Day and New Years Day.

ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON EAST STREET

The City will soon begin work on S. East Street roadway reconstruction. Installation of a new 16" water main is currently underway along South East Street. The new water main will not only replace the old main which has experienced main breaks, but also supports the purchase of water from Greater Cincinnati Water Works in the future. Once the water main installation is complete, the reconstruction of S. East Street will begin. The project schedule calls for the completion of the roadway project in late summer. The City received a grant in the amount of \$464,254 from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the reconstruction of the roadway.



Water Main Installation

Complete reconstruction of S. East Street from the bridge at Harmon Park to E. Park Avenue is slated for the project, which includes street resurfacing, sidewalk repair and bridge deck replacement across Turtle Creek. Sidewalks will also be installed along the west side of S. East Street where they currently do not exist. S. East Street will close to through traffic during the reconstruction phase, and detours will be posted.

The total cost of the project is \$2,274,214.50 and will be funded from the City's Water Improvement Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Sewer System Improvement Fund, and Storm Water Utility Fund, in addition to grant funds provided.

ROADWAY HOTLINE RELAYS TROUBLE SPOTS

Residents can call to receive road condition updates during inclement weather. The hotline provides information on area trouble spots and posted advisories, including: level I (roadway advisory), level II (roadway warning), and level III (roadway emergency).

228-3703

LOCAL TAX FILING DEADLINE IS APRIL 18

It's that time of year again to begin preparing for annual tax filing. Lebanon residents and businesses must make their local tax filing by April 18, 2011 to avoid any penalties. Filing is also required even if no tax is due by the filer. For more information, contact the tax dept. at 228-3121.