



Progress Report

Fall 2022

CITY OF DELAWARE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Delaware’s 13th Chief of Police Appointed

City of Delaware Police Captain Adam Moore has been appointed Chief of Police after having served as Interim Chief since May.



MOORE

City Manager Tom Homan made the appointment, effective September 13.

“Throughout the process, Adam clearly showed he was ready for this new responsibility, and the best candidate to carry the department forward,” Homan said.

The appointment capped a nationwide search that began after Chief Bruce Pijanowski retired. Moore emerged from a field of seven finalists following community panel interviews, an assessment exercise conducted by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, meetings with City department heads and union representatives, one-on-one

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City Seeking Voter Approval for Electric Aggregation

Voters in the City of Delaware will decide November 8 whether to let city officials negotiate for electricity on their behalf.

The City seeks to help residents save money on their electric bills and support renewable energy after City Council in August voted to place the following question before City voters:

Shall the City of Delaware have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located in the City of Delaware and, for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?

The state of Ohio requires that voters give a city permission to negotiate for energy prices on their behalf through passing a ballot initiative. A “Yes” vote in November would allow Delaware to negotiate with a utility to obtain bulk purchase rates for electricity on behalf of its residents and businesses through a municipal aggregation program.

If Delaware contracts with a provider, residents would receive a letter asking if

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they want to be included. If they don’t, they can opt out with no penalties or fees.

Ohio law has let local governments muster bulk purchasing power for their residents through aggregation since 2000.

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From left, Tom Homan, City of Delaware City Manager; Gary Merrell, Delaware County Commissioner; Jon Sill, CEO, Inno-Pak; Carolyn Kay Riggle, City of Delaware Mayor; Adam Mandel, EXXCEL Project Management Senior VP – Business Development; and Matt Tucker, Bridge Investment Group Senior Managing Director

Two Sawmill Projects Making Progress

Progress continues on two significant economic development projects that are expected to result in the creation of almost 2,500 jobs in the area of Sawmill Parkway.

In August, the City of Delaware and EXXCEL Project Management, in partnership with Bridge Investment Group, broke ground on both the Sawmill Parkway extension and Sawmill Pointe Business Park.

Sawmill Parkway is being extended west 1,400-foot and should be completed by December 2022. Eventually, Sawmill will extend all the way to Section Line Road at a roundabout intersection. The extension will open access to 290 acres, including the 89-acre Sawmill Pointe Business Park — 1.3 million square feet of industrial space, beginning with two 147,000 square-foot speculative development buildings by EXXCEL.

The Business Park already has its first tenant after Delaware City Council approved a development plan for EXXCEL to construct a new 202,165-square-foot building for Delaware-based packaging company Inno-Pak.

Headquartered at 1932 Pittsburgh Drive, Inno-Pak will use the new building as a continuation of its production facility while also relocating some of its logistics.

Trick-Or-Treat Night in Delaware is October 31, 6-8 pm

Trick or Treat night in Delaware will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6-8 pm, rain or shine.

On-Line Tee Times Now Available

Golfers now are able to reserve online tee times at the Hidden Valley Golf Course. The reservation link, as well as green fees information, hours and more can be found at: [https://](https://www.delawareohio.net/hvteetimes)

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City Budget Earns National Award

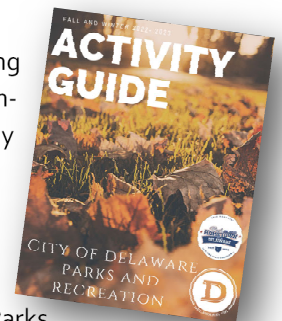
The City has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation

Award for the 2022 operating budget. The GFOA said the budget, "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting." Assistant to the City Manager Alycia Ballone led the effort on the City's behalf.

Fall Recreation Guide Viewable On-Line

Delaware Parks and Recrea-

tion has something for the entire family this Fall and Winter! Check out the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide and get registered for your favorite activities, events and programs. Check out the guide here: delawareohio.net/fallguide.



Frequently Asked Questions About Electric Aggregation

Electric aggregation is an abstract concept, but the program is pretty simple. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions.

On what am I voting on November 8?

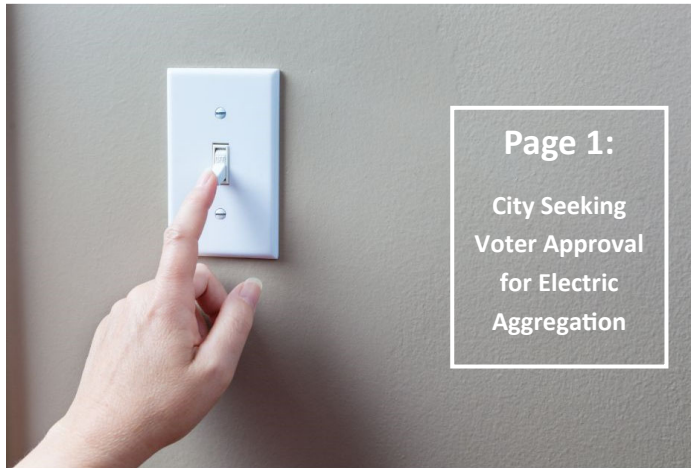
The state of Ohio requires that voters give the city permission to negotiate for energy prices on their behalf through passing a ballot initiative. A "Yes" vote allows the City of Delaware to form a buying group on behalf of its citizens with the intent that a larger buying group may acquire better pricing and more favorable terms and conditions for the citizens than if the citizens would shop on their own.

Who Governs a municipal aggregation program?

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has developed strict guidelines for forming and running aggregation programs.

Would I be required to participate?

No. If the ballot initiative



passes and the City contracts with a provider, you will receive a letter asking if you want to be included. If you don't, you can opt out with no penalties or fees. The choice is always yours.

Are Percentage of Income Payment Plan program (PIPP) participants eligible for aggregation?

No. PIPP already allows income-eligible Ohioans to pay a percentage of their household income instead of the actual amount of their electric bill. PIPP participants would not be eligible to participate in aggregation.

Why should we do this in the City of Delaware?

By pooling the purchasing power of Delaware residents and businesses, we hope to obtain better pricing and more favorable terms. Through aggregation, the City also seeks to support renewable energy.

Are other Ohio cities doing this?

Since aggregation was established in Ohio, more than 400 cities, counties and townships have set up aggregation programs for electricity or gas.

Where would the electricity come from?

Aggregation allows us not only to bargain for a lower rate, but also demand a better product. Delaware could contract with a utility that can supply renewable energy if it lowers the cost of service for customers.

Would my electric bill start coming from the city?

No. Your electric bill would still come from your energy provider just as it does now.

If the ballot initiative is approved, what happens?

The City of Delaware will be certified as an aggregator by the PUCO. Delaware could then issue a request for proposals for utilities to supply city residents and businesses with energy. The city would evaluate the proposals, and, after public hearings, City Council could decide to choose the utility. Delaware then will notify residents about the program and give them the option to participate.

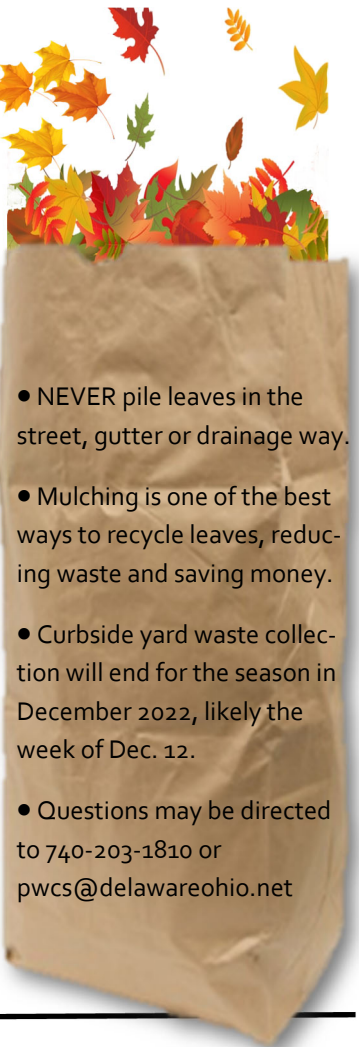
Unity Park Getting Age-Friendly Upgrades Thanks to AARP Grant

A \$15,000 grant from AARP Ohio is funding additions to Unity Park this month that include a fitness loop and equipment, age-friendly benches, programming space, a shade structure and lighting. The AARP Community Challenge grant was one of only six awarded statewide. Parks staff noted in its application an unmet need at the park, located at 50 Ross

Street, among the 50-plus age group. City of Delaware Parks and Recreation Director Ted Miller said the local neighborhood has difficulty getting transportation to SourcePoint and the YMCA to participate in fitness and healthy living programs, but this grant will help bring programs to the community and expands opportunities for residents. "Parks staff and citizens both

had an opportunity to express their vision for the space," added Miller who also credited existing partnerships with SourcePoint and the YMCA for the successful application. "Everyone was incredibly excited to support making immediate improvements." All projects are expected to be completed by November 30, 2022.

Leaf Collection Reminders:



- Leaves must be bagged or placed in marked containers to be collected at curbside. Biodegradable leaf bags may be purchased at most grocery or hardware stores.
- Leaf collection will occur on your normal collection day. Place bags or bins in the vicinity of other collections.
- NEVER place bags or bins in the street, gutter or drainage way.
- NEVER pile leaves in the street, gutter or drainage way.
- Mulching is one of the best ways to recycle leaves, reducing waste and saving money.
- Curbside yard waste collection will end for the season in December 2022, likely the week of Dec. 12.
- Questions may be directed to 740-203-1810 or pwcs@delawareohio.net

City Adding to Salt Stockpile for Start of Snow-Ice Season

The City of Delaware plans to top-off its salt stockpile in November and will begin the 2022-2023 snow season with about 3,000 tons of salt on hand.

Delaware snow crews are responsible for about 180 lane miles of roadway, including local streets, state routes and parts of U.S. 23.

Plowing is prioritized based on a street's traffic volume and speed limit, with Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes receiving the earliest attention. Neighborhood streets are Priority 3 routes and are addressed once Priority 1s and 2s have been

Snow and Ice Fast Facts

About \$350,000 is spent each year in our City on snow and ice removal.

Current salt cost is \$61.78 per ton.

Approximately 3,000 tons of salt and 160,000 gallons of brine are used in an average winter.

12 plow trucks comprise the "front line" fleet. Each is equipped with a 10- or 11-foot blade and can carry between eight and 12 tons of salt.

cleared, beginning in the neighborhoods where refuse collection is to take place next.

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meetings with the manager, a virtual discussion on various policing topics, and introductions to City Council members.

Moore, 45, is the department's 13th Chief of Police. He has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience and has been a Captain since 2012. He served as a sergeant, school resource officer and patrol officer with Delaware.

"It has been my honor to serve in this police department, and work and train with the very

best." he said. "I look forward to proudly serving as its next police chief."

Moore earned a degree in Criminology/Sociology from the Ohio State University, and a master's in public safety from the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Certified Law Enforcement Executive program.

The Police Department has approximately 55 sworn officers and an annual budget of nearly \$12 million.

Departments and Services

- Police, 740-203-1111 (non-emergency)
- Fire, 740-203-1300 (non-emergency)
- Recreation, Parks & Natural Resources, 740-203-1450
- Permits, 740-203-1600
- Water, Sewer & Refuse Bills, 740-203-1250
- Planning, 740-203-1600
- City Manager, 740-203-1010
- Airport, 740-203-1870
- Refuse, Recycling, Snow Removal, 740-203-1810
- Boards, Commissions, Committees, 740-203-1013
- Engineering, Streets, 740-203-1810
- Legal, 740-203-1010
- Income Tax & Finance, 740-203-1200

City Council Members

- Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle, At-Large, 740-203-1057
- Vice Mayor Kent Shafer, At-Large, 740-203-1058
- Catlin Frazier, At-Large, 740-203-1056
- Stephen Tackett, 1st Ward, 740-203-1052
- Lisa Keller, 2nd Ward, 740-203-1053
- Cory Hoffman, 3rd Ward, 740-203-1054
- Drew Farrell, 4th Ward, 740-203-1055