

# VILLAGE OF DOYLESTOWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Pictured is the Marine Corps Band at this years Rogues' Hollow Festival

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## A Message From The Mayor.....



Nothing beats the fall season! Soon we will be seeing the colors change, as well as the temperature drop. As much as I love this season, the approaching cold weather brings me back to our Ohio reality.

There is information inside regarding electric aggregation. We have received a lot of calls lately regarding this, so hopefully this information will bring you more of an understanding of this process.

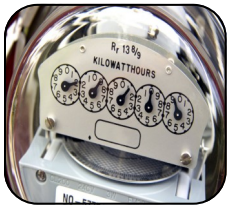
Here at Village Hall we are exited about a new opportunity for our citizens to become more involved in the community. We are opening up the Village Hall lawn for lighted and decorated Christmas Trees. There is more information inside for that as well. I encourage everyone to join us for the tree lighting on *Saturday December 1, 2012.*

Finally, I want to thank Councilman Joe Barr for the past 8 years of dedicated public service. It was with much sadness that we accepted his resignation on August 22, 2012. We wish Joe and his wife Betty the best.

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## Understanding Electric Choice and Aggregation



Recently, we have received a lot of questions regarding our Electric Aggregation and how all the new Electric Choice offers showing up in your mailbox play a part in this.

**Electric Deregulation**, simply put means consumers have the power and the right to shop around for the best price from their energy supplier. This allows you to potentially save money on your energy bill, not to mention better service from the providers. Whenever there's competition in the marketplace, vendors and supplies are forced to cut prices in order to compete. *\*Suppliers must be certified by the PUCO*

**Aggregation**, is the process in which energy is sold to consumers who have joined together as a group to buy electricity or national gas.

**Current Program:** The Village has been in our current electric aggregation program with First

Energy Solutions (FES) since May of 2009. With this program, the kilowatt hour rate is variable, and program participants are saving 6% off their electric usage portion of the bill. This represents approximately 55% of your bill. The other 45% covers Ohio Edison's distribution, transportation and taxes. In February of 2012, our residents received a notice from FES which would have allowed you to opt out of the program for free if you so desired. If you did not opt out then, you were automatically reenrolled for 3 more years. To opt out now or anytime prior to May of 2015, you will have a \$50 penalty. To verify if you are on the aggregation, look at your last bill. Under "Account Summary", you should see charges from both Ohio Edison AND First Energy Solutions. FES can be reached at **1-866-636-3749**.

**Fact:** Everyone has a different "Price to Compare" which is calculated each month based on

your individual usage. As previously mentioned, this rate is variable and Ohio Edison has a summer and non summer rate. This "Price to Compare" figure is the figure you must use to find the best offer/choice that is right for you.

**Do your research:** Have your electric bill on hand, then go online to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's site [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov). Locate the "Apples to Apples" chart, Make sure you click on First Energy, as these are the offers you are eligible for. You can also call them at 1-800-686-7829 to get this information.

Another great resource is the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. This is a residential consumer advocate organization. Their website is [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org) or you can call them at 1-877-742-5622.

Unfortunately, no one can predict energy prices to far into the future so we encourage you to do your research!

## Natural Gas Aggregation Update



Unfortunately, as of the printing of this publication, the Village of Doylestown's natural gas rate has not been set. When it has been locked in, we will publish it on our website, on Channel 15, and also on the marquee. Once established, the new rate will be for the term of 11/1/12 thru 10/31/13. If you are already on the aggregation and would like to continue, you will be automatically reenrolled. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** You can get into this aggregation anytime within this 1 year period. If you are currently with another supplier with a higher rate, check with them before switching plans to avoid any unnecessary penalties. To join the aggregation, **call I.G.S. at 1-800-280-4474**. Tell them you are a resident of the Village of Doylestown and would like to be in the aggregation program. Have your Dominion bill in front of you so that you can provide I.G.S. with your account information. If you have any questions about our gas or electric aggregation programs, please call Kristen Robison @ 330-658-2181 ext. 1104.

## Library Renewal Operating Levy Information

### The Current Operating Levy Expires in December 2012

On the November 6, 2012 Ballot:

A **Renewal Levy** will maintain over 1/3 of operating money for the next 5 years (2013 to 2017) with **absolutely no tax increase**



- Presently almost 2/3 of our operating money comes from the state which has declined dramatically (by 31%) since 2001
- This levy supports the entire Wayne County Public Library System which includes: libraries in Creston, Dalton, Doylestown, Shreve, Rittman, West Salem, Wooster and 2 Bookmobiles with over 70 stops throughout Wayne County

### Operating Funds Support:

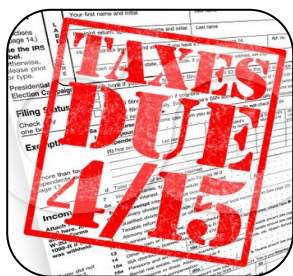
- The purchase of new books, audio books, eBooks, movies, music, newspapers, magazines, games, databases, genealogy resources
- Bookmobile transportation throughout Wayne County
- Computer usage and free WiFi at all library sites, including timely hardware and software upgrades
- Children's Story Times and many other programs for teens, adults and families

### How do Libraries Positively Impact Communities?

- Provide education and entertainment for all ages
- Provide access to technology
- Promote literacy
- Encourage economic growth by appealing to new businesses
- During slow economic times, libraries are even more important as usage increases

\*Information provided by The Committee for the Wayne County Public Library, Greg Long, Treasurer

## From the Income Tax Department



Once again in an effort to save on costs, the Village of Doylestown Income Tax Department will **NOT** be mass mailing income tax forms for the tax year 2012. The 2012 village income tax forms will be available at the Doylestown branch of the Wayne County Library, the Doylestown Post Office and at

Village Hall. You may also obtain a copy of the tax form at the village web site [www.doylestown.com](http://www.doylestown.com). Go to the Village Government Tab, then to Clerks Office/Income Tax. They are at the bottom of that page and are in printable PDF format. This year you can fill the form out online and print it off for submission.

The Income Tax Department also accepts all generic forms used by tax preparers. If you

need a form mailed, please contact Ann Youngblood in the Income Tax Department at (330) 658-2181 ext 1102.

As always, we are available to help you with your Village taxes. Thank you!

***\*Quarterly Statements will still be mailed if you are making a declaration on your income tax return.***

Tax due date is April 15, 2013.

# Community Bulletin Board



In the other gardens and all up the vale,  
 From the autumn bonfires see the smoke trail!  
 Pleasant summer over and all the summer flowers,  
 The red fire blazes, the grey smoke towers.  
 Sing a song of seasons! Something bright in all!  
 Flowers in the summer, fires in the fall!

~Robert Louis Stevenson



## Village Wide Trick or Treat

Will take place on Wednesday, **October 31st from 5:30 - 6:45**. Turn on your porch light to participate.

The Snollygoster Parade begins at 7 pm on the square and marches to the Middle School where the Lions will host a costume judging contest.

We hope to see you there!



## LIONS CLUB ROSE SALE

Roses are \$15 per dozen and need to be ordered by **November 2nd**. Pick up or delivery is November 9th.

Call Judy Campbell at 330-658-2312 or email her at [jcdoylestown@ohio.net](mailto:jcdoylestown@ohio.net). Orders can also be placed with any Lions Club member.

All proceeds benefit various community projects.

As always, thank you for your continued support!



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour @ 2 am on **Sunday, November 4th**

## Christmas Tree Pick Up

Will be provided as a curbside service on **Monday, January 7th, 2013**



## COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

This annual event benefits local families throughout The Village of Doylestown as well as Chippewa Township in need.

The drive will be held on **Saturday, November 10th** from 8:30 am - 1 pm. Students will be canvassing your neighborhood for non-perishable food donations.

To make it easy, simply place your donated items in a grocery bag on your front porch for pick up. Please consider helping your neighbors in need this year. Thank you!



## VILLAGE WIDE LEAF PICK UP

The Village will begin leaf pick up in late October and will continue weekly through the end of November. They will utilize the following schedule:

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday will be the east side of Portage Street**  
**Thursday & Friday will be the west side of Portage Street**

Please remember you cannot obstruct the sidewalks and streets with leaf piles. It is unsafe as stated in our **Codified Ordinances section 901.10**. We appreciate your compliance.

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## 31st Annual Share-A-Christmas

Founded in 1981, this program has been helping children of Doylestown/Chippewa Township whose families are struggling financially to enjoy the holidays each year.

Information is sent out through the Chippewa Local School system and parents must “sign up” and also submit their children’s *needs and wants*. **The sign up begins October 1st and ends December 1st.** Sponsors/donors go shopping for the items on a specific list, or they can contribute monetarily. Gifts of money may be sent to Share-A-Christmas c/o Hollis Agency 41 N. Portage Street Doylestown. Anonymity is of the utmost importance, from both the giving and receiving ends.

This years program starts soon and will be held in the lower level of Village Hall. **Distribution date is Saturday, December 22nd from 9 am - Noon.** If you would like to contribute in any way to this program or would like more information, please call organizer Karen Garrard at 330-658-9101.

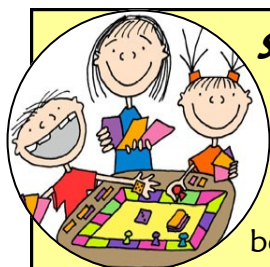
*\*This program is endorsed by Mayor Terry Lindeman*

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

**Voter Registration Forms** are available at Village Hall. Deadline to register for the November 6th election is *October 9th*.

**Absentee Ballot Applications** are also available at Village Hall. These need to be received at the Board of Elections by noon on November 3rd. All Information must be sent to the **Wayne County Board of Elections**, not Village Hall.

Please call the Board of Elections for more information on voter registration or absentee ballots at 330-287-5480.



**Share A Christmas** is sponsoring a Parent’s Day out at Chippewa High School on Saturday, December 1st and December 8th from 10 am - 3 pm.

They will babysit, while you shop, wrap or relax. Minimum \$5 donation per child and all proceeds benefit S-A-C kids. Lunch is provided. Games, crafts and a surprise visit from someone very special!

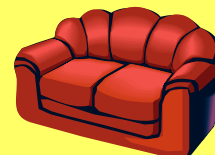
## VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN UP

### October 5th

Multiple large items accepted, but ***NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.***

FREON MUST BE REMOVED from any appliance and **red tagged** by a licensed technician.

This service offered to you by the Village of Doylestown, and Republic Waste.



### Village Hall Holiday Hours

For Thanksgiving, we will be closed on November 22-23-24 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

For Christmas, we will be closed on Tuesday December 25th.

For New Year's we will be closed Tuesday January 1st.

### HOLIDAY TRASH DELAY'S

For the week of Thanksgiving, trash pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, November 24th.**

For the week of Christmas, trash and recycling will be delayed to **Saturday, December 29th.**

For the week of January 1st, trash will be delayed to **Saturday, January 5th.**

Comments are invited at [kristen@doylestown.com](mailto:kristen@doylestown.com) or [mayorlindeman@doylestown.com](mailto:mayorlindeman@doylestown.com)

Our Community Events Calendar will help you stay connected. Check it out often for updates!

## 2012 Christmas at the Square



We are trying something new this year to enhance the downtown during the holidays.

The Village of Doylestown cordially invites businesses, non-profit groups and families to display a tree in the spirit of Christmas. With registration, you are encouraged to decorate a tree for placement, to begin at the southwest corner of the square by Village Hall.

Once registered for this event, trees that have been decorated and properly secured must be placed between November 16th and November 30th.

***Tree lighting will occur Saturday, December 1st at 6 pm.***

Trees must be removed from the premises no later than Saturday, January 5, 2013.

Please contact Joyce Marshall at 330-658-3719 or Kristen Robison at 330-658-2181 ext. 1104 with any questions.

Registration forms and decorating criteria is available at Village Hall and also online at [www.doylestown.com](http://www.doylestown.com), News and Events Tab, then Christmas at the Square. Registration must be turned into Village Hall prior to November 16th.

We look forward to a wonderful start to this new event.

## Santa Claus to Visit Doylestown



In coordination with our new "**Christmas at the Square**" event, we have invited Santa Claus to come and visit with the children of Doylestown!

Santa will arrive at Village Hall in a Fire Truck, compliments of the Chippewa Township Fire Department, and will be located in the lower level of Village Hall on **Saturday, December 1st at 5 pm.**

So bring your camera and the kids to visit with Santa, enjoy some refreshments and then stay and watch as Santa helps the Mayor light the trees at the square.

We look forward to seeing you here. Thank you.



## From the Desk of Chief Brian Dressler

Village wide Trick or Treat will take place Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30pm – 6:45pm. We look forward to seeing all the children walking out and about, collecting as much sugar filled candy as they can in an hour and fifteen minutes. As always, increased foot traffic means increased risk of accidents. If it's predictable

then it's preventable. So let's remember to slow down that evening, keep our homes and yards well lit and keep our dog's leashed or contained.

Encourage your children to wear something bright or carry a light or glow stick on them. Tell them to only go to homes that have their porch light on and always look both ways

when crossing the street. Parents, inspect all candy prior to your child consuming it.

I would also like to remind everyone to keep your cars, garages and homes locked overnight. Many jurisdictions are reporting thefts from cars and garages that are unlocked. Help us help you! Have a safe and enjoyable fall.



## Tips from Fire Chief Ron Browning

Fall is here so we know that this is the time to change the filters on your furnaces which will help furnace run more efficiently, and to have your chimney checked and cleaned. Creosote buildup is highly combustible and is the cause of chimney fires. I also suggest that when the time change occurs, that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors as well. Did you know that some smoke detectors have a recommended use of only eight to ten years? Be sure to check for a date on the detector as well.

Several articles have been published as to which type of smoke detector is the best. I recommend both types of detectors, which are photoelectric and ionization. Please note that the photoelectric detectors activate more quickly on a smoldering type of fire. The letter P is on this type of detector.

Fire Safety week is the second week of October. We appreciate that the Chippewa Local Schools allowed us to come in once again to talk with the students on fire safety. You can review safety information at the NFPA web site <http://www.nfpa.org> and click on Fire Prevention Week.

On September 11th at Crossroads Church, the Fire Department had a training session and five helicopters landed. The firefighters had a chance to talk with the pilots and crew about safety procedures in the event there was a problem with the helicopter on takeoff or landing. Go to our **facebook®** page "Chippewa Township Fire Department" for some photos taken that evening.

If you ever wondered what it takes to become a member of the department, please stop by any Tuesday evening at 7 PM or call 330-658-2300. We would love to share the opportunities that are waiting for you.

## 3rd ANNUAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROVES SUCCESSFUL AGAIN!

The Mayor and Village Council of Doylestown would like to thank all the residents who utilized our document shredding service on Saturday, September 22nd. We requested that residents bring in canned food items for donation to the Doylestown Food Pantry. This year we collected 110 food items for the food pantry to add to their shelves. THANK YOU!



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**LAST BRUSH PICK UP**

Will begin on Monday, October 8th.  
 Brush must be to the curb by 8 am  
 on the beginning date.

**Home Front**

**Sunday, November 11th is Veterans Day.** Here is a brief history as to how this observance began. World War I - known at the time as "The Great War" officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: *"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."*

As a nation, we still honor all those who have served this great county on this day.

The Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park located at 8005 Cleveland Massillon Road - Clinton, Ohio is definitely worth a visit. This is the home of the 125 foot long black granite wall which is the longest free standing monument in the US. The park was officially dedicated on May 7, 2009.

Pictured is the bench donated by the Village of Doylestown with the names of our three Vietnam Veterans who never made it home.



\*Information taken from the US Department of Veteran Affairs