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Good news on the Utility Aggregation for village residents and small commercial customers --- we received a bid and signed a contract with AEP Energy on the electric supply for our aggregation program. This contract is for a three year term at a fixed rate price of $5.99 cents per kWh and will take effect with the November, 2014 billing cycle. Those that are not currently in an electric supply contract will receive a letter from AEP Energy & the village regarding these terms. As an “opt-out” program, to receive this rate you need to do nothing and you will be included. If you do not want to get in the aggregation program you can return the postcard that will be included to opt-out. For those that currently have an electric supply contract, you are still eligible to take advantage of the aggregated rate but will need to contact AEP Energy or AGE (our energy consultant) to be included. We will have that information in a handout here shortly to assist those who want to make the change. On the gas side, we are still negotiating some terms and verifying a few things before accepting a contract. More news will follow on this and it will follow the same process as the electric regarding letters to those who do not have a supply contract, etc.

Seeding work on the Sewer Separation Project will be commencing here in the next couple weeks. For those areas that were done early in the project, the landscape company will be spraying the weeds first and then coming back in a couple weeks to work the areas and complete the seeding. We also have some street striping to take care of on the highway areas that were paved and that should occur here in the next couple weeks also.

Weather slowed the progress of the rubber surface installation at the new playground in Community Park but if all goes well we should have the final layer installed today. Again --- it is imperative that we keep everyone off for a minimum of 72 hours to allow proper curing/drying of the surface prior to it being used. If the temporary fence is up, we ask that you please stay off as any activity can cause serious damage to the surface and will cost a great deal of money to have repaired. Also we have a small section of sidewalk to pour to connect our new playground with the existing sidewalk to provide complete accessibility to this new play area. It is possible that we may open it temporarily this weekend with the swimming pool being open for the final weekend of the year!!

Some final notes:
- Brush day will be next Tuesday, Sept. 2nd (weather permitting) due to Monday being a holiday

- Annual tree and shrub trimming will be completed by village personnel the first two weeks of September. This will include trimming trees up along curbing and in alleys to a height of 10’, trimming trees at intersections to avoid sight issues and allow signage to be seen properly, and above sidewalks to a height of 8’ to allow pedestrian traffic to travel safely. If you prefer to trim those trees or shrubs along your property, please take the opportunity to do so or contact me to let me know that you will be doing the work in a timely manner.