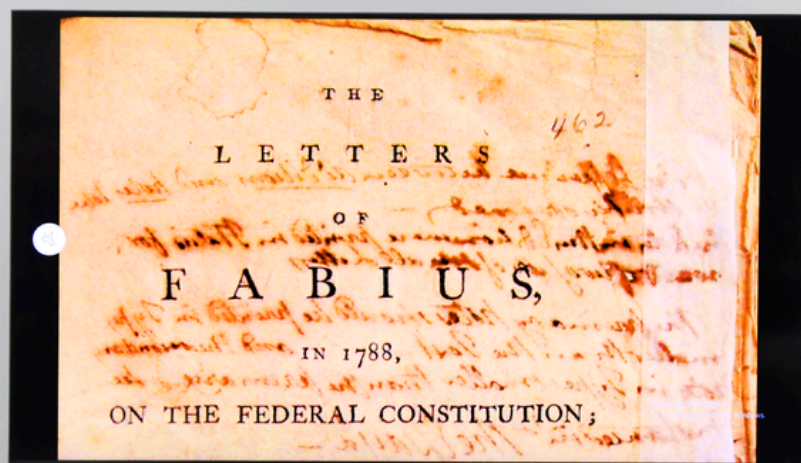




THE GREAT ROOM



Speaker Dr. Jane Calvert at the first of a series of events for the America 250 celebrations

Photograph by Ben Guenther

Manager's Report

Johnnie Burns, Village Manager

March 16, 2026

Village of Yellow Springs

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Yellow Springs Water Rates

Following the recent Piqua rate study showing Yellow Springs has some of the highest municipal water and sewer rates in the Miami Valley, Village staff proactively met with Reilly Dixon from the Yellow Springs News to provide context and background on our water system and costs. The resulting article, “Why is Yellow Springs Water So Expensive?”, offers a clear explanation for these rates, highlighting factors such as the ongoing loan for the water treatment plant, decades of deferred maintenance, compliance with stricter EPA guidelines, and the cost of mitigating water loss.

We believe the article provides a balanced and thorough explanation for residents and underscores the challenges of maintaining a nearly century-old water system while meeting modern standards. Staff views this as a helpful resource for public understanding of the Village’s water costs.

A deep dive into water bills

By Reilly Dixon

Why is Yellow Springs water so expensive?

It's a question asked in anguish by some villagers each month as they open their utility bills, and one that Village staffers and administrators have renewed their efforts to answer — efforts that come on the heels of the recent publication of data showing that Yellow Springs residents pay more for municipal water and sewer than every other Miami Valley community, and many beyond. As nearby examples, the average monthly combined water and sewer bill in Fairborn is about \$66, according to that community's finance director. In Enon, it's \$26, and in Xenia, it's \$38, per the rates outlined in their municipal ordinances.

Here in Yellow Springs, the average village household is charged about \$94 per month, according to data from the Village metering and billing departments.

Speaking with the News earlier this month, Village Manager Johnnie Burns said the reason behind that discrepancy can be traced back to local decision-making from decades ago, and is five-fold:

- The ongoing payments on a \$6.7 million loan for the Village's water treatment plant, which was finished in 2017 and annually siphons 30% of the water department's budget;

- Water rates that, as a result of political decisions, stagnated for about a decade in the early 2000s; rates that have since risen exponentially to make up for lost time;

- Keeping up with EPA guidelines that have grown stricter, and sometimes divert money and attention toward utility improvements, sometimes unrelated to water, but still take would-be resources away from water system improvements;

- More than four decades of deferred maintenance on the various components of our 98-year-old municipal water system, including water lines, mains, towers, valves and hydrants;

- And the costs of mitigating municipal water loss, which over the course of 2025 totalled almost 32.5 million gallons.

All those expenses, Burns said, are necessarily passed onto the consumer — shared among the 1,927 water utility customers in Yellow Springs.

“The Village can only absorb so much,” he said.

Cost of treatment

“The new plant is the big one,” Burns said. “That’s really the bottom line — it’s why our rates are so high. Not even 2,000 accounts trying to pay off a \$6.7 million loan.”

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PHOTO BY REILLY DIXON

After 19 years with the Village Public Works crew, Water Superintendent Brad Ault (right) left his post at the end of February for more water work in Montgomery County. Taking the helm in an interim capacity is Kevin Martin (left) until the Village hires a permanent replacement. The two are shown in the Village's municipal water treatment plant on Jacoby Road, “cheersing” to Yellow Springs’ award-winning water — made possible by the relatively new, albeit expensive plant.

“A deep dive into water bills” is on page 1 and 7 of the current edition of the YS News.

Farewell for Brad Ault

On Friday, February 20, one week before his final day with the Village, staff held a small gathering to thank Brad Ault for his many years of dedicated service. Brad served as the Village’s Superintendent of Water & Wastewater for nearly 19 years. He originally started with the Village as summer help and worked his way up through the department over the years. Brad’s wife and children, including their newborn, were also in attendance for the gathering. Staff appreciated the opportunity to recognize his long-standing commitment and contributions to the Village.



Brad Ault — thank you for your dedicated service to the Village of Yellow Springs.

Village Job Openings & Recruitment Update

The Village currently has several key positions open: Planning & Zoning Director, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, and Utility Service Worker III. Interested candidates can find application details on the Village's website. These openings have been widely shared across multiple platforms, including social media, LinkedIn, the Village website, and targeted job-specific sites such as American Planning Association, OCMA, and GFOA. The first date of consideration for applications is March 20, after which interviews for all three positions will begin to be scheduled.



Electric Capacity Charge Update

The Village of Yellow Springs Electric Distribution works hard to manage costs on behalf of residents, but not all aspects of electric service are within our control. One component of electric service is called capacity, which covers the cost of power plants being available 24/7 to ensure reliable electricity, even on the hottest and coldest days. Capacity costs are determined through a regional auction, and recent increases in these prices will result in higher bills for most utilities, including Yellow Springs.

For our community, this is expected to add a little more than 1 cent per kilowatt-hour (kWh) starting in June 2025, which equates to approximately \$8.99 per month or \$107.92 per year for an average household using 875 kWh per month. Participation in and ownership of regional generation projects provides the Village with capacity credits that offset some of these costs.

We understand that rising electric rates affect household budgets, and we remain committed to keeping rates as manageable as possible. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Village Utility Office.

HOW AND WHY WILL CAPACITY AUCTION PRICES AFFECT ME?

- ③ Customers pay for capacity costs based on their electricity usage.
- ③ Yellow Springs' share of capacity costs is determined by usage on peak demand days.
- ③ Starting June 2025, capacity costs will increase by a little more than 1 cent per kWh.
- ③ This will add approximately \$8.99/month to customers' bills.
- ③ Over a year, this amounts to about \$107.92, based on average usage of 875 kWh/month.
- ③ We strive to keep rates manageable despite rising costs.
- ③ For questions, please contact our utility office.

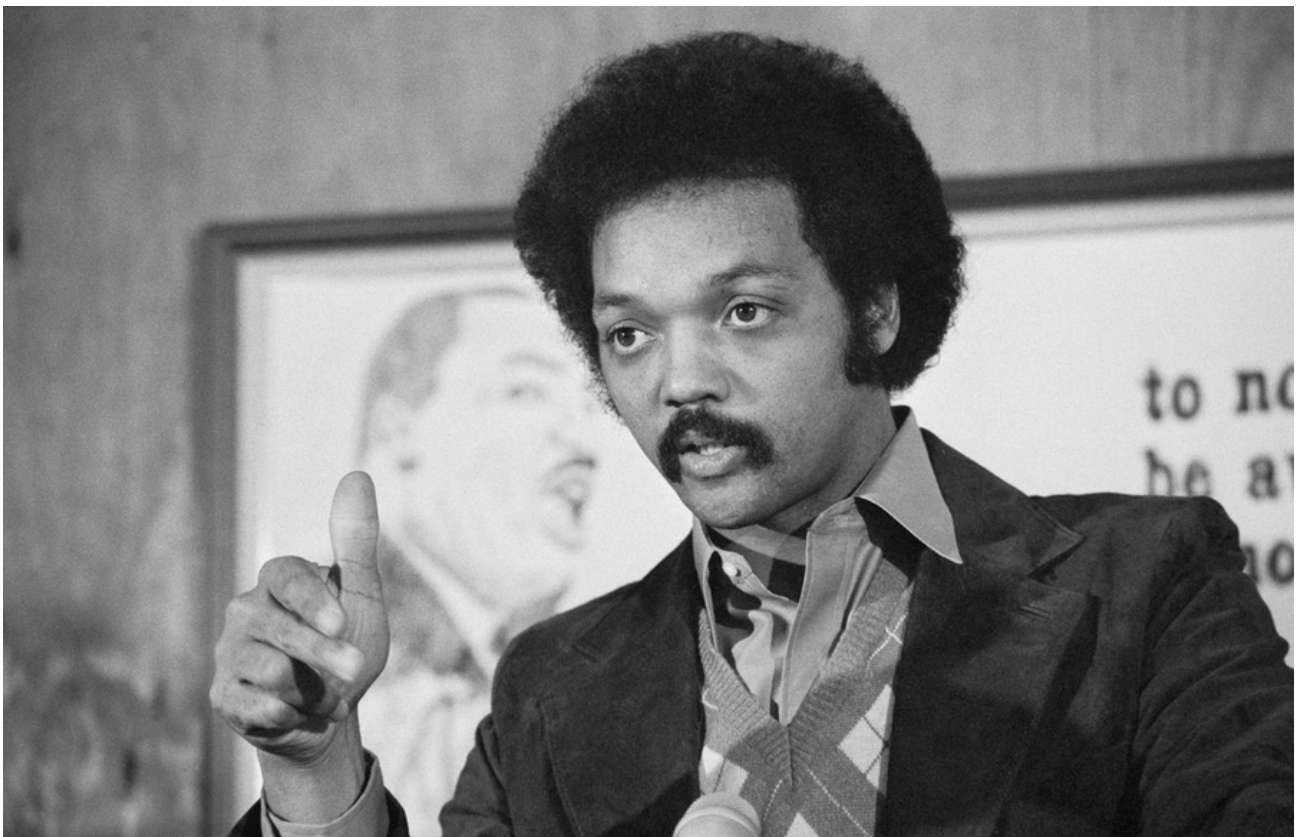


June Street Fair Planning

Village staff recently held the first of several planning meetings with the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce in preparation for the June Street Fair. These meetings will continue as the Village and Chamber coordinate logistics and programming for the event.

Flags Lowered in Honor of Rev. Jesse Jackson

At the request of several community members, including villager Shonda Sneed, flags at the John Bryan Community Center and the train station were lowered to half-staff in honor of civil rights leader and activist Rev. Jesse Jackson. The Council President and Vice President approved lowering the flags from sunrise on March 6 through sunset on March 7, aligning with the dates of Rev. Jackson's public celebration of life and memorial services.



The Village honors Rev. Jesse Jackson, minister and civil rights leader, devoted his life to advancing justice, equality, and opportunity. *Photo credit: Bettmann Archive*

Police Update: 2/12/26 - 3/11/26

Calls for Service	2001
9-1-1 Calls	21
Non-emergency Calls	<i>Data unavailable due to external issue.</i>
Noise Complaints	4
Traffic Stops	11
Business Checks & Community Policing	700 (637/63)

Executive Summary

Community Outreach Services (COS) experienced a noticeable increase in activity in February, providing 299 total services between February 1 and February 27, 2026. Overall service volume increased compared to January (+36 services, +13.7%). February activity reflects a strong shift toward basic needs assistance, particularly food distribution and utility support, alongside increased case follow-up and referral activity. Demand for housing-related assistance and welfare checks also increased during the month.

Average service delivery for the month was approximately 11 services per day.

Month-to-Month Comparison

- January: 263 services
- February: 299 services
- Net Change: +36 services
- Percent Change: +13.7%

Significant Increases

- Food & Vouchers: +74 (+493%)
- Utility Assistance: +18 (+200%)
- Case Follow-up: +17 (+81%)
- Welfare Checks: +6 (+86%)
- Homeless / Housing: +5 (+25%)

Overall service volume increased significantly in February.

Health Department MOU – Project DAWN (Narcan Leave-Behind Kits)

COS secured an MOU with the Health Department to participate in Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone).

Through this partnership:

- Narcan leave-behind kits will be issued for field deployment.
- Kits will be placed in patrol vehicles following Axon cruiser installations.
- Officers will be able to provide naloxone directly to at-risk individuals and families.

This initiative strengthens overdose prevention efforts by:

- Expanding access to life-saving medication
- Enhancing public health collaboration
- Supporting prevention-focused field engagement
- Increasing proactive harm-reduction capacity

Online Community Outreach Requests

The COSs have also published an online form for easier access to services. This form can be submitted by scanning the QR code above. For those unable to access the QR code, a physical copy of the form can be collected at the Police Department dispatch window or, those in need can request to speak to the COSs by calling the Department 937-767-7206 option 2 or stopping by anytime!



Open camera, point, tap link.

Community Outreach Officer Update: February 2026

SERVICE	FEBRUARY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS
Bus Tokens	12	47
Case Follow-Ups	38	59
COS Referrals	38	141
Food Vouchers	89	104
Gas Cards	3	9
Homeless / Housing	25	45
Mental Health Needs	23	45
Rent Assistance	6	12
Utility Assistance	27	36
Use of Phone	3	8
Welfare Check	13	20
Victim Advocate	22	36

YS or Township Residents Served	266	457
Visitors or Non-Residents Served	16	27
Homeless or At-Large Served	39	100
TOTAL SERVED	321	584

Water & Environmental Subcommittee Meeting

On March 11, Aaron Arellano attended the Water and Environmental Subcommittee meeting of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, where members reviewed several regional water quality and infrastructure planning initiatives. The consulting team from CDM Smith provided an update on the data collection phase of the Southwest Ohio Regional Water Study, which is gathering information from regional water and wastewater utilities to support long term planning and resource management. Staff also presented findings related to the regional wastewater operator workforce, highlighting workforce trends and potential challenges affecting system operations across the region. Additionally, an update was provided on the Facility Planning Areas Policy Working Group, which will continue meeting throughout 2026 to review and potentially update regional policies governing wastewater service areas and long-term infrastructure planning.

Planning Commission

On March 10, the Yellow Springs Planning Commission reviewed and approved a replat application submitted by Choice One Engineering on behalf of the Robert Baldwin Family Trust for properties located at 126–138 Dayton Street. The proposal consolidated six existing parcels within the Central Business (B-1) zoning district into three newly configured lots. Liz Fields from McBride Clarion sat in as interim planning administrator and discussed from her findings that the replat met the applicable subdivision design standards for uncommon lot configurations, including adequate access, required frontage, and compatibility with adjoining properties. Based on these findings, the Planning Commission approved the replat.

YSDC Meeting

On March 3, the Yellow Springs Development Corporation held both its annual meeting and regular monthly meeting. During the annual meeting, the Board addressed officer nominations, reviewed conflict of interest and ethics policies, and confirmed board contact information. The Board also reviewed financial reports and approved the February meeting minutes through the consent agenda. Discussion during the regular meeting focused on the 252–254 Xenia Avenue properties, including feedback from the recent town hall, progress on building updates, and potential short term uses for the first-floor spaces while longer term redevelopment strategies are considered. The Board also entered an executive session to discuss a hiring decision.

MVRPC TAC Meeting

On February 19, Aaron attended the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. During the meeting, the committee reviewed several regional transportation planning items, including Resolution 26-05 approving the recommended list of 2025 STP, TA, and CR funded projects, and Resolution 26-06 recommending adoption of Revision #8 to the SFY 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program. The committee also considered Resolution 26-07 adopting MVRPC’s Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan. Additional updates included an introduction to the Southwest Ohio Water Study and the Executive Director’s report.

Permits (Since last reported):

13 Zoning permits: 4 single-family homes, 3 fence, 2 signs, 1 demolition, 1 addition, 1 working in right of way, 1 shed.

15 Building permits: 4 revisions, 4 single-family homes, 4 roof repairs, 1 gas furnace, 1 fire line, 1 electric.

Meeting with Stephanie Pearce, Council Member

Met with Council Member Stephanie Pearce to review the Budget Master Plan document in detail to support a clearer understanding of its structure, assumptions, and long-term financial planning components.

Train Station Tax Exemption

Received a determination approving property tax exemption status for the Train Station property and secured a refund covering tax years 2020–2024.

Utility Round-Up Processing

For the month of February, a total of \$2,623.18 in Utility Round-Up assistance was processed. The current balance of the Utility Round-Up fund is \$15,546.

Utilities Department

Rumpke Update

April is the first month for Yard Waste Pickup, and Friday, April 24th, will be the first pickup date. Yard Waste Pickup runs from April through November, the last Friday of each month. Customers must use Rumpke waste bags, available only at the Utility Office. The price of these bags is \$4.29/each, which includes pickup fees.

The first full week of May will be our Annual Spring Clean Up event, where Rumpke picks up unlimited bulk items.

Billing

Level Billing catch up month is March where all customers on level billing will either have a credit applied to their March bill or need to pay the full current balance with their bills due on March 15th. There will be 3 checks for credit balances (over and above the billed amount) issued to Level Billing customers, and there are several updates to Level Billing amounts that will be detailed in letters sent to customers this week, due to changes in the energy market and increased Power Cost Adjustment in 2025.

Disconnects

Disconnects are on Wednesday, March 25th, and we will have extended hours (8-4:30) on March 24th and 25th.

Water Plant Update

Completed	• Kevin Martin assumed role as Interim Superintendent. • Monthly lab standardizations in water lab. • Fixed small chlorine leaks in pump tubing. • Obtained pricing and quotes from chemical suppliers.
Ongoing	• Visit the link below to view the 2024 Water Quality Report. To request a hard copy please call 767-7208. https://www.yellowsprings.gov/egov/documents/1744898163_02282.pdf • Blew down softener and add sand to the other one. • Working with Ben Sparks on water loss. Created a new spreadsheet taking into consideration the total amount of unbilled water. • Working with EPA for Water Technical Assistance program on PFAS treatment plan. Attending regular monthly meetings and providing water quality data. • Conduct daily and weekly cleaning, monitoring, and sampling.
Upcoming	• Acid washing softener #1 to remove buildup hardness scaling. • Video and cleaning of well #5. • Service lawn mower for season. • Tower warranty repair work. • Working on finalizing 2025 Water Quality Report.

Water Plant and Billing Totals (2026)

MONTH	WTP TOTAL (MG)	BILLING TOTAL (MG)	WATER LOSS (MG)	WATER LOSS %
JAN	8.184	6.625	1.559	19.05%
FEB	7.384	6.282	1.102	14.92%
MAR				
APR				
MAY				
JUN				
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				
OCT				
NOV				
DEC				
TOTAL	15.568	12.907	2.661	16.99%

Wastewater Update

Completed	• Kevin Martin assumed role as Interim Superintendent. • Treated 11.99 million gallons in February. • 1.77 inches of rain and 2 inches of snow in February. • Covid-19 sampling for February. • Cleaned out clogged scumbox lines. • Xylem/YSI on site testing a new sensor.
Ongoing	• Looking to replace ORP probes in aeration tanks. This will help us better monitor the phosphorous treatment process. • Grit pump is not pumping, working on figuring out why and fixing it. Appears union on suction line is not tight enough, trying to find big enough wrench to tighten. • Continuing to run microscopic bug counts on MLSS. Microorganisms look good. • Meet with Buckeye pump and American pump repair for quotes to replace RT68 LS pump.
Upcoming	• Working on getting quotes for new trucks. • Repair filtrate wet well pump. • Repair aeration gate. • Maintenance chlorine equipment. • Service lawn mower for season. • Change oil in trash pumps.

Water Distribution Update

Completed	• Keep up with locates. • Centerpoint is doing job on King St. from Fairfield to Dayton St. including Thistle Creek and Kingsfield Ct. • Continue GIS. • Read AFLX sensors. • Clean shop and power wash floors. • Hydrant repair and paint at intersection of Green/Lawson. • Shut off water at 780 Livermore St. service leak. • Backfill utility cuts from the winter. • 600 Paxson hydrant repair and paint. • 329 S High St. hydrant repair and paint. • Hydrant repair and paint in front of high school. • Get van oil changed and brake work done. • Remove water meter at 230 Corry St. • Water pressure check at Glen Helen restroom. • 1616 Mercer Ct. hydrant repair and paint. • Find numerous curb stops for EPA lead testing. • Arcadis will be in next week to start. • Centerpoint gas project. • AMP safety training.
Ongoing	• Keeping up with locates. • Finding the rest of the curb stops for meter changeout. • Installing the rest of the water meters (approximately 23). • Reading the ALFX sensors every two weeks. • Paint fire hydrants. Averaging 1 per week. • Scheduling and installing new large water meters.
Upcoming	• Valve exercising (Springtime). ◦ This is on hold at this time • GIS more of our water system. ◦ Crew is GISing all assets street by street making maps more accurate • Painting fire hydrants all over Village.

WATER DISTRIBUTION



Two newly refurbished fire hydrants.



A letter to Village Council from Ben Sparks, Electric & Water Distribution Superintendent

Council Members,

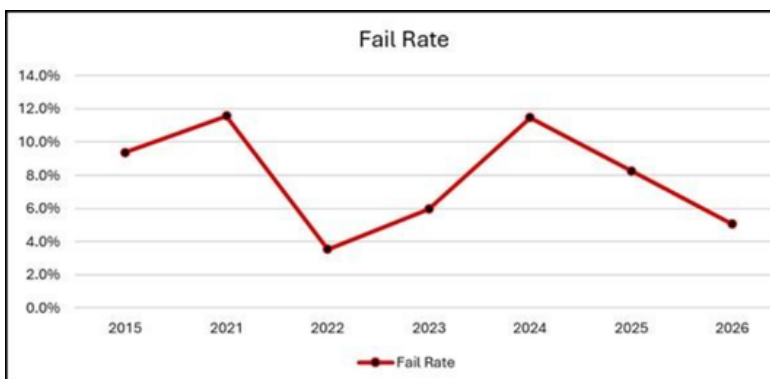
I wanted to take a moment to provide an update on the progress our electric department has been making to strengthen system reliability and proactively address aging infrastructure.

Over the past several years, our crew has made significant progress replacing aging utility poles and identifying structural failures before they lead to outages. We wanted to start taking a more “Proactive Approach.” Since 2015, we have completed inspections on all the poles across the system. In 2015 alone we inspected the whole

Village of 1,598 poles and identified 151 failures, resulting in a failure rate of approximately 9.3%.

In 2020 after getting the initial reject poles replaced (151) we broke the Village into five sections. This allowed us to systematically do pole replacements and budget. Through continued inspections and targeted replacement work, we have steadily improved those numbers. In recent years, our failure rates have generally decreased, including:

- 2021 – 501 poles inspected with 58 failures (11.6%)
- 2022 – 282 poles inspected with 10 failures (3.5%)
- 2023 – 319 poles inspected with 19 failures (5.9%)
- 2024 – 305 poles inspected with 35 failures (11.4%) – this was also the year we began pole fumigation treatments to extend pole life
- 2025 – 315 poles inspected with 26 failures (8.2%)
- 2026 – 336 poles inspected with 17 failures so far (5.1%)



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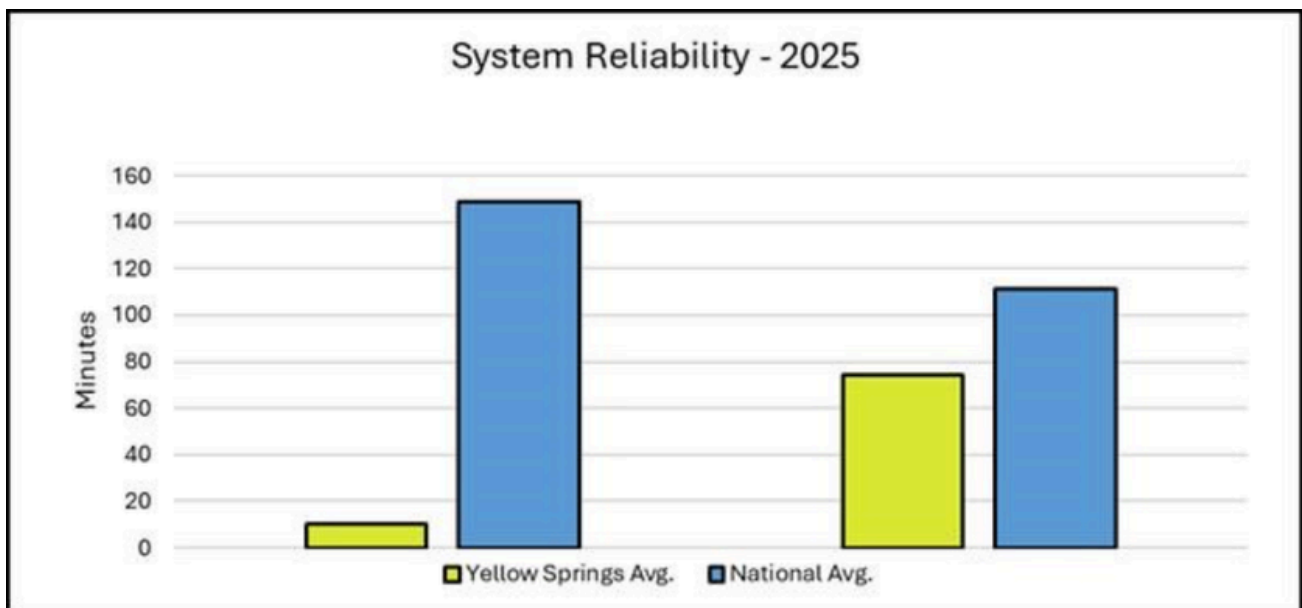
A letter to Village Council from Ben Sparks, Electric & Water Distribution Superintendent

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One important note is that in 2022 we encountered a cluster of poles that had originally failed in 2014 within the same area of the system. Addressing those locations helped remove a large portion of the highest-risk poles and has improved overall system stability.

In addition to infrastructure improvements, our reliability performance continues to outperform national averages for utilities our size.

- Our current SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) is 10.39 minutes, compared to a national average of 148.85 minutes.
- Our CAIDI (Customer Average Interruption Duration Index) is 74 minutes, compared to a national average of 111 minutes.



These numbers reflect the hard work our crew puts in every day to maintain the system, respond quickly to outages, and proactively replace aging equipment before it becomes a larger issue.

**A letter to Village Council from Ben Sparks,
Electric & Water Distribution Superintendent**

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Despite handling major snowfall events and other operational challenges this year, our team has continued to stay ahead on preventative maintenance, pole replacements, and system upgrades. Their work directly contributes to improved reliability for our residents and businesses. Currently, we are in process of replacing the failures of 2023 (we have eight left) and then moving on to 2024 packet.

Our future looks very bright, and I appreciate Council's continued support of these infrastructure efforts. Investments in preventative maintenance and system upgrades are clearly paying off in the form of lower outage durations, improved response times, and a stronger electric system for the community. Our goal is to get the fail rate under 5% each year. This will allow us to have more time to spend on reconductoring some of our older wire in the Village and make us even more reliable.

Sincerely,

Ben Sparks
Electric & Water Distribution Superintendent

Electric Update

Completed

- Loaded 40 ft pole for Kahoe Ln.
- Changed tamp hoses and loaded material.
- Fuel for trucks and passed out outage notices for Lisa Ln. job.
- Went through sales display for line tools.
- Transferred primary on Lisa Ln.
- Livermore St. outage, changed 37.5 kva transformer repaired dead-end and service that was shorted out.
- Cleared tree limb off service at Limestone St.
- Prepared light for train station work.
- Installed triplex on bike path.
- Passed out outage notices on Lisa Ln. for second time
- Transferred open wire secondary and all grounds and guy wire.
- Switch station checklist done in morning.
- Sharpen and oil tools.
- Load 40 ft pole for Lisa Ln. job.
- Dug around Kahoe Ln. pole for communication.
- Moved transformers by size inside shop.
- Set up in Keith's Alley to take pics of three phase transformer size and all info.
- Loaded 35 ft pole for Marshall.
- Pulled old, damaged pole.
- Set new pole framed new pole and set new light and resagged duplex.
- Framed pole at Kahoe Ln.
- Loaded 40 for Mercer Ct. job
- Set up on pole dolly for rear property.
- Hand dug pole hole at 6 feet deep to avoid damage on communication.
- Checked rear property access for conditions from all the rain.
- Responded to Gardendale St. outage in Northwood
- Opened branch line climbed pole and double dead-end 6 cu and installed and framed for new transformer cutout.
- Drilled for new anchors and set with epoxy at switchyard.

Electric Update

Upcoming

- Keep working on PRP (pole replacement packets).
- 312 West Whiteman St. service work
- Installing wire at Cresco.
- Install reclosers at the switch station.
 - Crews now have materials at switch station.
 - Crew has started installing anchors for new pedestals.
 - Ready to set pedestals.
- Installing voltage regulators in switch station.
 - Trying to do this all-in house to save money.



Various Electric Department project around the village.

Metering Update

Datalogging Highlights

- 61 leak tamper alarms in the last two weeks, 16 datalogged
- Working on office procedures for diagnosing, alerting and following up on leak alarms, and tracking amount of water wasted.
- Toilets and water softeners malfunctioning (even if you don't hear it) and spigots are the primary cause of high water consumption.
- Below is an example of a hose left on, data in gallons:

Data Log Report MIU#: 1579897798 for 11/14/2025 - 02/18/2026 - 5/8" - 1" T-10, GALLONS

Interval End Time	Interval Reading	Interval Consumption	Reverse Flow	Consumption Flag
02/15/2026 21:20	25200.3	281.4		Intermittent
02/15/2026 22:20	25486.6	286.3		Intermittent
02/15/2026 23:20	25773.2	286.6		Intermittent
02/16/2026 00:20	26062.8	289.6		Intermittent
02/16/2026 01:20	26355.7	292.9		Intermittent
02/16/2026 02:20	26639.9	284.2		Intermittent
02/16/2026 03:20	26924.7	284.8		Intermittent
02/16/2026 04:20	27208.2	283.5		Intermittent
02/16/2026 05:20	27492.4	284.2		Intermittent
02/16/2026 06:20	27776.5	284.1		Intermittent
02/16/2026 07:20	28064.4	287.9		Intermittent
02/16/2026 08:20	28347.7	283.3		Intermittent
02/16/2026 09:20	28628.7	281.0		Intermittent
02/16/2026 10:20	28909.0	280.3		Continuous
02/16/2026 11:20	29188.3	279.3		Continuous
02/16/2026 12:20	29466.9	278.6		Continuous
02/16/2026 13:20	29746.1	279.2		Continuous
02/16/2026 14:20	30027.7	281.6		Continuous
02/16/2026 15:20	30308.6	280.9		Continuous
02/16/2026 16:20	30590.5	281.9		Continuous

5/8" Water Meter Replacement Update

- 6 meters with bad valves, (all inside, one village owned)
- 14 inside water meter customers have been unresponsive and made no contact to schedule their meter changeout.

Metering Update

Ongoing

- Rose Pelzl is hybrid now in the Utility Billing and Meter Department, Travis is reading the manual meters and checking Tunet daily for leaks and datalogging in the field and following up on high usage.
- Potential High Water Use Causes: Toilets, Spigots left on or frozen, Water Softeners, Whole House Humidifiers, back-up sump pumps, service line leaks.
- Travis is getting trained on collecting the data from the ALFX system on Thursdays.
- Self Audit: putting eyes on each water meter once a year.
- Scheduling inspections for Material Unknown service lines, have completed 12 inspections.
- Working with Morgan Saunders from Arcadis on next steps for potholing inspections and meeting all EPA requirements for the service line inventory.
- Finish changing out FM2S electric meters – GIS Unknown Types and order any meters we’re missing.
- GIS service lines – Unknown and Galvanized maps
- Add remotes to the large water meters that have wires.
- Water Reads – both manual and electronic
- Working with Mapped Out to update and streamline Water Meter - Service Line Inventory map.
- GIS new water and electric meters
- Inspect and install new water services in Spring Meadows neighborhood.
- Commercial Water Meter Change-out – inventory acquired and labeled, will schedule and create work orders for Water Dept to do changeouts.

Streets & Sewer Update

Completed

- Replaced rear gym exit door panic bar at JBC.
- 2 sanitary backups (Kieth's Ally & Meadow Ln.)
- Took delivery of 50 tons of salt.
- Made / applied 1,000 gallons of brine on roadway surface.
- Removed shelving to accommodate new server room.
- Installed new flooring in new server room.
- Built new server wall including conduit.
- Replaced 30' of chair back curb in front of library.
- Removed diving board bases.
- Fabricated new diving board bases.
- Replaced catch basin top & riser.
- Aided PD & MTFD on car fire at 343 & Xenia Ave.
- Repaired ADA door actuator at library.
- Built new shelving for server room.
- Installed 22 yards at Corry Street Community Gardens.
- Began installing deer fence at Corry Street Community Gardens.
- Replaced rear brakes on truck 202.
- Fabricated new mounting bracket for radar sign on Dayton Street.
- Rewired solar panel on radar sign on Dayton Street.
- Cleaned off all catch basins in town.
- Cleared low hanging branches on Omar Circle.
- Pumped/ jetted storm main on Xenia Ave. & Glenn St.
- Preston received OEPA Wastewater Collections Class 1 license.
- Graded shallow outfield between first & second on softball diamond.
- Removed flowerbed debris from beds around Wheeling Gaunt statue.
- Lowered flags to honor Rev. Jesse Jackson.
- Repaired toilet in women's restroom at the JBC.

STREETS & SEWER COLLECTION

Streets & Sewer Update

Ongoing	• Street sweeping. • Utility locates. • GIS information. • Empty trash/litter pickup every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. • Problematic sanitary sewer checks every Friday.
Upcoming	• Fill potholes. • Install Wheeling Gaunt signs at Hilda Rahn & Gaunt Park. • Begin pool prep. • Prepare baseball/ softball diamonds.



Various Streets, Parks & Sewer department accomplishments around the village.

Youth Center Update

Completed	• An average of 30 youths were served per day, with 18 dinners provided each night. • Accepted deliveries of dinners and extra grocery donations from the Food Pantry, Beloved Community Project. • Accepted large donation of breads and cookies to use and pass out to kids and families. • Accepted prepared dinners from Who's Hungry on Monday and Wednesday. • Accepted burritos from Beloved Community Project twice • There have been 122 rentals in the building. • Assisted 10 kids with Community service hours from the Middle and high schools.
Ongoing	• Junior book group has started the Scythe series. • Craft night on Wednesday from 5:30-7pm. • Movie nights Thursday from 5:30-8pm. • Free Tutoring with Greene County Public Library Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-5 pm.

Digital Media Update

Completed	- Covered regular Village Council meetings on Tuesday, February 17, and Monday, March 2, 2026. - Covered Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. - Attended AMP Safety Training on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. - Recorded YSDC Town Hall meeting at John Bryan Community Center on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. - Recorded America 250 event at YS Senior Center on Friday, February 27, 2026.
Ongoing	- Website redesign project - Spring 2026 edition of <i>Village Grapevine</i>.

Village Facebook Followers

6,729

+23 Followers



YSPD Facebook Followers

475

+8 Followers



YSCA Facebook Followers

259

+2 Followers



YSConnect Downloads

1,808

+28 Downloads
(+1 SMS Contacts)



YouTube Subscribers

840

+7 Subscribers

