City of Worthington residents are invited to sit back, relax and take in a Worthington City Council meeting from the comfort of their own homes. City Council meetings are now being live streamed on the City’s website at worthington.org, making it easy for anyone to check in, hear the discussion and see decision making in progress. If you’re on the go, meetings can also be streamed live from your smart phone or other mobile device.

All meetings are then archived and available for viewing anytime online. The video stream and archives can be accessed directly at worthington.org/live. This new technology is giving the City the opportunity to be more open and transparent, allowing visitors to watch gavel to gavel coverage of City Council discussions and legislative action.

All meetings are closed-captioned, live and on-demand. An indexed agenda accompanies the on-demand videos, making it easy for viewers to jump to topics or agenda items that are most relevant to them.

The City of Worthington is partnering with Swagit Productions, LLC, which provides video streaming, broadcast and captioning solutions to local, state and federal government agencies.

Worthington City Council meetings take place the first three Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of an August recess. If a holiday falls on a Monday, City Council meetings take place the following Tuesday.

For more information, please call 614-436-3100.

**Worthington Voters**

Learn More about Issue 39 -- the ballot issue to allow the City of Worthington to bulk purchase electricity for residents and small businesses.

>>> See answers to Frequently Asked Questions on page 2.

>>> Visit worthington.org/electric for more information.

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th -- Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Visit vote/franklincountyohio.gov for voter information.
Frequently Asked Questions
about the Worthington Electric Aggregation Ballot Issue 39

What is the purpose of electric aggregation in Worthington?
To use community buying power to achieve two goals: 1) save households money on their electric bills, and 2) purchase renewable (green) energy. The exact savings and amount of green energy will be determined after voter approval in the negotiated purchase agreement. There will always be a no-cost opt-out option for any resident.

Will electric aggregation cost me anything?
No. This is not a levy or a tax on any resident, business, or the City itself. The City of Worthington is simply asking residents if they would like to empower our City to pursue an electric aggregation program.

What does a YES vote on Issue 39 mean?
A YES vote will enable the City of Worthington to combine our purchasing power through an electric aggregation program (certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio). These programs are currently helping other communities to reduce residential electric rates while purchasing renewable-generated electricity.

Following voter approval, the City will seek competitive bids from electric suppliers on behalf of residents and small businesses. City Council will assess the bids, and choose the most advantageous (based on cost savings and green energy supply) before the program is implemented.

What does a NO vote on Issue 39 mean?
A majority NO vote would mean that community electric aggregation would not proceed, and that residents will remain with their current electric supplier.

Will this save me money on my utility bill?
The City has made household savings a top priority for this program. Other communities in Ohio that aggregate consistently achieve lower electric bills for residents, and we fully anticipate achieving the same. Aggregation, in addition to savings, provides stability and security against volatile energy pricing.

Will you buy renewable or green energy?
The City has made purchasing renewable energy a primary goal of this program and will seek to maximize “green” content in accepting any bid. The renewable energy will be purchased by way of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). Based on other communities’ experiences, we expect that bulk pricing will make green energy feasible and allow us to take a leadership role in reducing our city’s carbon footprint.

If Issue 39 passes, can I choose to not participate in the program?
Yes. You can leave (opt-out) or rejoin the program at any time without any cost.

What is AEP’s role with an aggregation program?
AEP would still be the local electric utility. Your monthly bill would still come from AEP and look the same as it currently does. They own the electric lines and will continue to provide service as they do now. Only the electric supplier or “generator” of your electricity would change.

Visit worthington.org/electric for more information.
If you have additional questions, please contact the City of Worthington Finance Department at 614-786-7353.
Political Signs
What You Need to Know

With the election season upon us, the City of Worthington is reminding residents of the regulations relating to the placement of political signs in the City of Worthington. Worthington Ordinances require that political signs be placed on private property outside of the public right-of-way. In typical neighborhoods, the right-of-way line is located one (1) foot behind the public sidewalk. In non-typical locations, the right-of-way line can be identified on the Worthington GIS mapping system available online at worthington.org/gis.

City zoning enforcement staff will be making regular surveys during the election season. If signs are found in the right-of-way that appear to be related to a residential property the sign will be relocated on to the property, out of the right-of-way, with a message attached. If signs are found in the right-of-way that are not related to a residential property or are in front of public property, the signs will be removed. Removed signs will be stored at the Department of Planning & Building, 374 Highland Avenue and will be available for pickup 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Fri.

City Ordinance requires political signs be removed entirely within one week after the election. For more information, please call (614) 431-2424.

Halloween - Trick-or-Treat
Wednesday, October 31st -6pm-8pm

Trick-or-Treat takes place on Halloween, rain or shine and will not be cancelled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Parents are urged to use sound judgment and common sense when considering whether to send their children outside. Find more Halloween safety tips on the worthington.org events calendar.

Special Events

Indoor Winter Farmers Market
Every Saturday, November through April, from 9am-Noon at the Shops at Worthington Place. Note: There will be no Farmers Market the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24th.

Prescription Drug Drop-Off
Saturday, October 27th - 10am-2pm
Drive through to drop off your old prescription drugs at the Worthington Police Department, 6555 Worthington Galena Road for National Drug Take-Back Day. Only pills will be accepted. No syringes, liquids or creams. Call the Division of Police at (614) 885-4463 for more information.

Worthington Cares Speaker Series
November 14, January 9, February 13
Visit drugsafeworthington.org for details

Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting
Sunday, November 25
- Noon - 5:30pm Old Worthington Open House
- 5:30pm - Tree lighting ceremony begins on the southeast corner of the Village Green. Call (614) 436-2743 for information.

Municipal Offices Holiday Hours
City of Worthington municipal offices will be closed:
- November 12th for Veterans Day.
- November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Beginning at Noon on Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, December 25th.
- Beginning at Noon on Monday, December 31st through Tuesday, January 1st.

Community Center Holiday Hours
- Thanksgiving, 8am to 2pm
- Christmas Eve, 5:30 am to Noon
- Christmas Day, CLOSED
- New Years Eve, 5:30 am to 4pm
- New Years Day, 10am to 4pm

Holiday Trash Pick up
Trash collection will change to Saturday for the following holiday weeks:
- Thanksgiving - Saturday, November 24th
- Christmas - Saturday, December 29th
- New Years - Saturday, January 5th

Visit worthington.org for complete information.
Sister City Sayama, Japan Visits Worthington

The City of Worthington was honored to welcome the Mayor of sister-city Sayama, Japan to Worthington this fall. Mayor Tsuyoshi Koyano headed a six-person delegation, which visited Worthington to learn more about our city and culture. This was Mayor Koyano’s first visit to Worthington, although the Worthington-Sayama relationship dates back over 25 years.

The delegation was greeted at a City Council meeting, toured local businesses, schools, historical landmarks, and neighborhoods, meeting many new friends along the way. The two cities became friendship cities in 1993 and sister cities in 1999. Hundreds of people have participated in exchanges involving citizens, city officials, artists, youth sports teams, musical groups and much more.