

## **VILLAGE COUNCIL NEGOTIATES LOWER GAS PRICES**

The Village Council has negotiated a lower rate for natural gas applicable to the Village natural gas aggregation program. Beginning January 2012, the aggregation rate for Village residents will be lower by ten percent compared to the price that was in effect during this year. The rate for 2011 has been \$6.18 per 1000 cubic feet and will decrease to \$5.58 for next year. That means that residents will realize about a \$12 per month savings during the up-coming winter heating months from what they paid this year. And while annual savings have not been as great as originally projected, residents did realize lower winter heating bills during this past January and February.

Most Village residents have already joined the aggregation program, but those who have not can still enroll at no cost. The rate is fixed compared to Duke's rate that changes monthly. If there are any concerns about the aggregation program once a resident enrolls, the customer may leave the program at any time without paying a penalty. If a resident is currently participating in the aggregation program, then that resident needs to take no action to benefit from the lower rate beginning in January.