

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

Peak Demand

When the dry days of summer arrive, rest assured Carmel Utilities has planned for the worst, so our customers can have the best service possible.

Carmel Utilities has invested heavily in our water infrastructure system to meet peak water use demands.

This preparation resulted in expanded infrastructure in the form of additional wells, miles of additional water mains and a new state-of-the-art water treatment plant.

As you may know, the peak demand time periods for water tend to occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings when most irrigation systems have their timers set. This puts an extremely high demand on our water treatment and delivery system during those days and times. Although many communities mandate odd-even watering schedules to even out peak demand, the City of Carmel does not plan to mandate anything.



However...we are asking for voluntary schedule changes from our customers.

If your irrigation timer is set for a Monday, Wednesday and Friday operation, please consider changing to a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday schedule. This adjustment will help Carmel Utilities keep the water softened at a consistent level and provide good water pressure. This request is totally voluntary. If the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday time frame does not work for you, please feel free to water on the days that best suits your needs.

Remember, regardless of the day you choose, the best time to water your lawn is between 4-7 a.m. Less water is lost to evaporation; the grass will incur less disease and the plants will be fully hydrated to withstand the sun and heat later in the day.

Carmel Utilities Citizens Academy Accepting Applications



Do you ever wonder where your water comes from and how it gets to you?

Do you ever wonder what happens to your water after it goes down the drain?

Do you ever wonder what happens to your recycling?



Get the answers to these questions plus a whole lot more by enrolling in the Carmel Utilities Citizens Academy. The Academy guides and educates citizens on the operations that keep the City of Carmel Utilities running. Academy participants will tour key facilities, learn about the challenges the Utility faces and have the opportunity to talk with Utility leaders about current issues affecting your water supply. Carmel Utilities offers the Academy to its customers so they can get a behind-the-scenes look at what makes your Utility run.



Enroll Today

Participation in the academy requires

A commitment of one morning a week for a six (6) week period.

Classes for the Fall 2018 series will be held on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 AM to 10 AM beginning on September 18, 2018.

The cost is free.

Participants are accepted on a first come-first served basis and must be over 18 and a Carmel resident.

To get more information or an application to enroll, please contact Sue Maki at 317-571-2673 or smaki@carmel.in.gov.

Sessions include

- Water Treatment
- Water Distribution
- Meter Reading
- Utilities Financials
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Sewer Collections
- Recycling Process
- Wastewater Treatment

Join us **Saturday, August 11** for the **IU Health North Gallery Walk on Main Street**
Barrels will be auctioned off on Saturday, August 18 during the **Carmel Farmers Market**



Rain on Main Returns to the Arts & Design District

Rain on Main, a painted rain barrel contest is returning to the Carmel Arts & Design District. The event will debut at the IU Health North Gallery walk on Saturday, August 11. The barrels will remain on Main Street through the next week for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to having the barrels judged by experts, there will be a "People's Choice" selection based on votes from the public via Facebook "likes" on the Rain on Main page.

On **Saturday, August 18** the barrels will then be relocated to the Carmel Farmers Market where they will be auctioned off to the highest bidders via a silent auction. Water information booths with giveaways will also be present. The silent auction opens at 8 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. Net proceeds from the auction will be used to fund water education signage in Carmel Clay Parks.

Rain on Main is possible due to a sponsorship by Anthony's Chophouse, a new exciting restaurant coming to the Monon & Main area of the Arts & Design District.



The event is also supported by Touch'N Go Collision, Sherwin-Williams on Range Line Road and Sherwin-Williams Automotive and White's Ace Hardware. Rain on Main is organized by City of Carmel Utilities, Carmel Department of Storm Water Management and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Rain Barrels continue to grow in popularity across the country. Beautifully painted rain barrels increase desirability and encourage water conservation through the use of recycled rainwater

Rain barrels sit under gutter down spouts to collect and store rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams and rivers. The collected water can then be used to water plants in the landscape instead of using treated water which saves water and energy.

More information about *Rain on Main* can be found at www.RainOnMain.com or www.Facebook.com/RainOnMain