

BRIGHT IDEAS

BELD
Braintree Electric
Light Department
and
BELD Broadband

A monthly newsletter for BELD customers, June 2007

Plans for our new power plant are moving right along— we're already three years into our five-year project.

The day of wreckoning arrived last month at BELD's Potter Road facility. Crews dismantled the decommissioned Potter I Generating Station to make room for the new plant—much to the delight of sidewalk superintendents.



There have been other significant accomplishments over the past year, including the signing of unit contracts by seven other municipal utilities that are participating in the project, the purchase of the gas turbines from Rolls-Royce, and the development and issuance of an EPC contractor request for proposal (RFP) to construct the new power plant.

Before we can begin the construction phase of the new generating station, however, permitting must be completed. Permitting is a significant and complex activity that eventually will require approval from the Energy Facility Siting Board, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental

Protection, and other state and federal agencies. Our current schedule calls for completion of all permitting by December 2007.

During the remainder of 2007 our efforts will be focused on awarding the EPC contract, completing the permitting, and performing the many other tasks required to finish the project.

The gas turbines are scheduled for delivery during the summer of 2008, and the new power plant will be ready for service in the spring of 2009.

Energy prices are expected to continue to rise, and while other towns will be subjected to market forces, the Thomas A. Watson Generating Station will help protect the Town of Braintree from anticipated increases in the cost of electricity. And we're already more than halfway there!

Top photo:
Removing the stack

Middle photo:
Dismantling the steelwork

Bottom photo:
Finishing the job

We're always looking for ways to help you save \$\$ on your electric bill

We want you to make informed choices about your electricity usage.

As always, you can call our Energy Advisor or visit our website for information, but now you can also borrow a new product designed to give you real-time feedback about your energy use in a simple, easy-to-understand format.

THE POWERCOST MONITOR™ attaches to your meter and uses wireless technology to send usage information to a small display placed inside your home.

Consumption is shown in dollars and cents per hour—information that allows you to see the immediate effect of turning appliances on and off.

INTERESTED? Call our Energy Advisor at 781.348.1032 and arrange to have one installed at your home.

Bundle up with BELD Broadband Digital Phone and High-speed Internet service!

Warm weather has arrived but there's still good reason to "bundle up" with BELD Broadband. For a limited time, we're bundling Digital Phone and High-speed Internet for just \$50 a month—with free installation! Provide us with a copy of your current phone bill (via photocopy, fax or email) and you'll get BELD Broadband's reliable digital phone and 15 Mbps Internet service for just \$50 a month for three months.

Total savings over the current bundled rate is more than \$75. So don't wait! Call customer service at 781.348.BELD (2353) to sign up for this special offer today.

Rates subject to change. Standard cable installation rates apply. Additional required phone fees extra. Offer is good 5/1/07-7/31/07. Regular rates apply after three-month offer period. Other restrictions may apply. Service not available in all areas.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Please support the Braintree Fourth of July Celebration!

This year's event will take place **Saturday, June 30**, at Braintree High School field, featuring an all-day flea market, all-day amusement rides, Touch-a-Truck from noon to 4, evening entertainment by the G-Clefs and Charlie Thomas & The Drifters, and fireworks set to music at 10:30 p.m. Please help offset the cost of this long-time tradition by mailing your contribution in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Thank you for your support!

Time Capsule Inspection Ceremony

Come celebrate the Fourth of July at the Town Hall Mall on **Wednesday, July 4, 9:00-10:15 a.m.** The Time Capsule Inspection Ceremony is a special occasion for remembering our past and looking ahead to the future. Representatives of 16 Braintree groups will be in attendance, as will State Senator Brian A. Joyce. The 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry will set up a typical Civil War campsite on the Mall and participate in the ceremony. For additional information, call Carol Morley at 781.848.5393.

Braintree Park Department trips

Sunday, July 15: Martha's Vineyard Tour includes ferry and lunch, day trip (\$99/person).

Sunday, July 22: Foxwoods Casino, day trip (\$25/person).

Saturday, July 28: Tour of Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty, day trip (\$79/person).

Monday, August 6: Rochester Red Wings at Pawtucket Red Sox, 7:05 p.m., (seats \$14/person).

Friday-Sunday, August 10-12 or September 7-9: Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles (select either trip), two nights accommodations, two games, tours, harbor cruise (\$369/person, twin).

For info/reservations, stop by the Park Department at 249 Union Street or call 781.794.8901.

Recycling Center renamed

In recognition of Bob Salvaggio's years of selfless service to Braintree's recycling efforts, the Ivory Street recycling center has been renamed in his memory. It is now **The Robert Salvaggio Recycling Center of Braintree**. The Recycling Committee

lost another long-time member last year—**Joseph Barry**—and a memorial garden has been planted in his memory at the Center. Our Town is a better place for the many volunteer hours given by Bob and Joe to its recycling programs.

Volunteers needed at Braintree Community Youth Center

Volunteers are needed at the recently opened Braintree Community Youth Center, 74 Pond Street, to work the registration desk, the snack bar, and the activities area. The center is open Fridays, 6-9 p.m., and Saturdays, 6-11 p.m., and we ask for a minimum commitment of one night a month. Contact Angela Geso at 617.957.2726 or aferriss@townofbraintreegov.org.

Free evening legal clinics at Quincy District Court

Do you have a legal question or concern? As a service to the community, the Bar Association of Norfolk County is sponsoring free legal clinics at the Quincy District Court on **Tuesday, July 10** and **Tuesday, August 14, 6-8 p.m.** Area residents seeking legal advice will have the opportunity to meet with an attorney in a private, confidential, one-on-one consultation. The clinics are operated on a walk-in basis—"first come, first served." For more information, call Adrienne Clarke, Executive Director, Bar Association of Norfolk County, at 617.471.9693.

First Annual B.A.S.E. and Roselyn Karll Charity Golf Tournament

The First Annual Braintree After School Enrichment (B.A.S.E.) and Roselyn Karll Charity Golf Tournament will be held **Monday, August 20**, at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. We are raising money for the B.A.S.E. program and, in addition, we hope to fund a new scholarship—the Roselyn Karll Memorial Scholarship—to be given to a Braintree High School senior continuing their education in the Early Childhood field. For more information about B.A.S.E. and the golf tournament application (deadline: August 13), please go to our website at www.basekids.com or call Alysa Rynne or Meridith Duffy at 781.849.3484.

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PAYMENT LOCATIONS

150 Potter Road
Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customer Service is open until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Drop boxes
Top of Potter Road & Town Hall.
Braintree Cooperative Bank
1010 Washington St.
372 Washington St.
Direct Payment
Call BELD at 781.348.2353.
Online payments
www.beld.com

BROADBAND HELP DESK

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Public Meetings are usually held monthly. Call 781.348.2353 or check www.beld.com to confirm time and date.

COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Reynolds, Chair
Anthony Agnitti, Vice Chair
James Regan, Secretary

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day



FREE MAPLE TREES!

For the price of a phone call, BELD will plant two free maple trees in your yard. Call our Energy Advisor at 781.348.1032 for all the details.