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Braintree Electric Light Department and BELD Broadband

A monthly newsletter for BELD customers, September 2007

Public Power Week is October 7-13

Braintree Electric Light Department is celebrating public power with two special events

Please join us during the week of October 7-13 for some special activities we've planned in observance of national Public Power Week, an annual event observed by more than 2,000 electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 43 million Americans.

Family Ice Cream Social

Make your own sundae!! Visit BELD on Potter Road on **Thursday, October 11**, between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m., for an old-fashioned **Family Ice Cream Social**. We'll have lots of flavors to choose from and all the toppings as well. Be sure to bring the kids along!

After you've satisfied your sweet tooth, pay a visit to our demonstration tables where we'll answer your questions and provide an update on some of our latest projects. We'll offer some fun activities for the kids and hand out goody bags of gifts and giveaways.

Senior Breakfast at the Council on Aging

On **Friday, October 12**, we've planned a **Senior Breakfast** at the Council on Aging.

Join BELD and more than 2,000 other not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities in a nationwide celebration of public power.

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

October 7-13, 2007

Come to the COA at 71 Cleveland Avenue between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. for a delicious breakfast prepared by members of the Braintree Rotary Club. **Seating is limited—so please call the Council on Aging at 781.848.1963 for reservations.**

Presentations by BELD staff will bring you up-to-date on what's new at Braintree Electric Light Department, and—of course—we'll be handing out our ever-popular goody bags. Learn more about BELD and enjoy a delicious breakfast at the same time!

Why celebrate Public Power?

During Public Power Week, we honor the democratic tradition of community decision-making and participation that led to our founding in 1892...115 years ago!

Public Power utilities are operated by local governments as a **public service**, and you, our customers, are an important part of the process—not only as consumers, but as owners as well. This is our opportunity to say thank you for your continued support!

Celebrate PUBLIC POWER with a little extra buying power!!

Here's a special offer for BRIGHT IDEAS readers only! Just fill in your name, address, and telephone number on the coupon below, cut it out, and bring it with you on October 11 or October 12. We'll draw the names of two lucky winners of a \$50 American Express Gift Cheque!



You can win a

\$50

American Express Gift Cheque

Simply fill in the information below and **BRING THIS COUPON WITH YOU ON OCTOBER 11 OR OCTOBER 12.** We'll draw the names of two lucky winners.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

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(BELD employees not eligible)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Cub Scout Pack 22 Open House

Braintree Cub Scout Pack 22 will hold its annual open house and recruitment pack meeting on **Friday, September 28, 7:00 P.M.**, at the hall of the First Congregational Church, 12 Elm Street. The pack invites all boys ages 7-10 and their parents or guardians to come, see what Cub Scouting is all about, and join up! For more information about Pack 22 Braintree and Cub Scouting in general please visit our new website at http://mysite.verizon.net/vze60731/cubscout_pack22_braintree_ma.

Recycling updates

Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for **Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, at the Robert Salvaggio Recycling Center on Ivory Street. **Paper & cardboard recycling:** To help offset rising trash and recycling costs, Braintree can now capture small rebates on the tonnage of paper and cardboard picked up at the curb or dropped off at the Salvaggio Recycling Center. Please separate these items from your trash. And yes, phone books count too! Call 781.794.8237 with any questions.

Forget-Me-Not Road Race

The 3rd annual Forget-Me-Not Road Race, in memory of Genevieve M. LaBier, will be held **Sunday, September 30**. Registration will open at 8 a.m. at Braintree Town Hall, and the 5K race/one-mile walk will begin at 9:30. The entry fee is \$17 prior to the race, \$20 on race day. All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Donations can be sent to The Forget-Me-Not Road Race, 150 Cedar Street, Braintree, MA 02184. For more information, call 781.843.2336 or email Linda at lal635@yahoo.com.

Braintree Autism Network

Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons, BANDS Together, will meet on **Monday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.**, at Emmanuel Parish in Braintree. The meeting is open to all parents or guardians of children who live in Braintree and have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or live elsewhere but attend school in Braintree and have an ASD. There is no cost or obligation, and membership is confidential. Call Natasha Chomas for more information at 781.356.4740.

Trash bills due October 10

2008 Fiscal Year trash bills (mailed on or before September 10) are due **Wednesday, October 10**. If you have questions or would like to obtain a copy of your bill, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 781.794.8130 between 8:30 and 4:30, Monday-Friday. For your convenience, there is a drop-off box in front of Town Hall.

Braintree High School All-Class Reunion

The 7th Annual Braintree High School All-Class Reunion is planned for **Saturday, October 13**, at the Sons of Italy Hall in Braintree. A social hour

will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner by Fasano's will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call Barbara Norris at 781.335.7567 for reservations.

AARP meeting October 16

Braintree AARP Chapter #4042 will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.**, at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty Street. Guest speaker will be Lisa Lennon, Volunteer Coordinator for Father Bill's Place. Call Frank Bocchino at 781.848.4293 for more information.

Annual fall leaf pickup

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected by Waste Management **the same day as trash pickup** for **six weeks**—the weeks of October 15 & 29, November 13 & 26, and December 3 & 10. No plastic bags, please! For more information, contact the Highway Department at 781.794.8950 or Waste Management at 800.262.5633 (508.337.1287 after 5 p.m.).

Candidates' Rally is October 21

The Braintree Area League of Women Voters will hold a Candidates' Rally at the Braintree High School Auditorium on **Sunday, October 21, 1-4 p.m.** The two Mayoral candidate finalists from the September 25 primary and all of those running for Town Council will be asked to participate. After the November 6 election, the Council will have three Members At Large and six District Councilors. The new District 1 includes Precincts 1 and 4, District 2: Pcts. 3 and 5, District 3: Pcts. 6 and 7, District 4: Pcts. 8 and 9, District 5: Pcts. 2 and 10, and District 6: Pcts. 11 and 12. **The present voting locations by Precinct will not change.**

Braintree Choral Society rehearsals

Braintree Choral Society is now rehearsing for its winter season. Rehearsals are held at Braintree High School on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.—no audition required. Tenors and Basses are especially welcome. The winter program includes Vivaldi's Gloria and other seasonal works.

Giant Craft Show set for November 3

The Braintree Women's Club will hold its 14th Annual Craft Show on **Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Braintree High School. The event benefits the BWC scholarship fund, and admission is \$1. Browse through 50+ tables and handcrafted items by seasoned South Shore crafters. Contact Nan Walsh at 781.843.2593 for more information.

Two more BHS class reunions...

Mark your calendar for the **25th Annual BHS All-Class Florida Reunion** in Kissimmee, FL, to take place the **weekend of February 8, 2008**, and the **BHS Class of 1978 30th Reunion** at the Quincy Marriott, scheduled for **November 28, 2008**. For detailed information on either of these events, email Jill (Whitten) Coyle at jcoyle@beld.net or call her at 781.843.3275.

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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 CLOSINGS

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Friday, September 14

Employee Appreciation Day
(Office will close at 11 a.m.)

Monday, October 8

Columbus Day



INTERNET UPDATE

BELD.net customers now have 45 MB of web and mail space at no additional charge. And with broadband download speeds of up to 15 Mbps (at only \$2.80 per Mbps), BELD Broadband is the best value for monthly service with no long term agreements. Call 781.348.BELD to sign up for Internet service and ask about our digital phone+Internet bundle.