

Merrimac Municipal Light Department

LOCAL CURRENTS



WHO OWNS THE MMLD??? -- YOU DO!!!



The Merrimac Municipal Light Department (MMLD) acknowledges and celebrates together with other publicly owned utilities Public Power Week which will be held nationwide from October 5-11, 2014. This year marks the 28th anniversary of the event that is sponsored annually in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA) observing affordable, reliable power provided on a not-for-profit bases from customer-oriented providers such as the MMLD. Public power utilities, like the MMLD, are governed by a local city council or an independently elected or appointed board. The MMLD has a publicly elected Board of Commissioners that oversees and directs all utility activities. Unlike private power companies we do not serve stockholders, but only our customers. The customers are the

priority of the MMLD because each customer is not only an energy consumer, but an owner as well. During Public Power week we honor the democratic tradition of community decision-making and participation that led to our foundation in 1904.

With all the challenges confronting the electric sector, the MMLD continues to work on behalf of its owners trying to keep the electric rates stable. Quick response to outages and continued improvement of our electric distribution system are a priority to everyone here at the Municipal Light Department.

Here are other things that make the MMLD proud to be a public power utility:

- We personally know our community and a lot of you by name!
- When you call the MMLD either Elaine, Carol or Julie, not a machine, will professionally and courteously answer your phone call.
- We are here for our customers and any time you want to speak to us you can drop by our office and we will make the time to hear your concerns.
- The MMLD's Board holds a public meeting every month and any customer can attend present any thoughts and/or concerns.
- The office of the General Manager of the MMLD is always open to speak to residents.
- Our office and operations staff is committed to providing the best service to you and will do this with professionalism.

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Did You Know that You Can Now :



Please join us and know what is happening at the MMLD sooner using your computer or mobile device!!

Safety Tip:

With hurricane season here always remember to stay away from downed wires. Instead contact us and we will identify them. Also talk to your kids about this so they know too.

Fall Energy Conservation Tips:

- Replace your incandescent light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent or even better with LED light bulbs.
- Service your heating system and acquire a programmable thermostat to easily set the temperature of your home or business.

For many other tips go to our website!

Department Hours of Operation:

Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Visit Us On the Web:

www.merrimac01860.info

The MMLD thanks all of its customers for allowing us to serve you and for being such great owners!!!

To celebrate Public Power Week and in an effort to promote energy conservation, the MMLD will be raffling two 7-Day Touch Screen Programmable Thermostats. Programmable thermostats are a great way to conserve energy both during the cold and hot seasons. Program the thermostat once and from then on just reap the energy savings! To participate come by our office between October 6th and the 10th, from 7:30AM to 4:00PM and sign up for the raffle. Winners will be announced on Monday October 13th at 3:00p.m.



This is for Merrimac Municipal Light Department customers Only.

Department welcomes new Commissioner

MMLD is pleased to introduce the new member of the Municipal Light Board of Commissioners. Larry S. Fisher, from Willowdale Dr., was appointed by the Board of Selectmen at their Board Meeting on July 7, 2014 to fill an open seat in the Municipal Light Board. Mr. Fisher is a lifelong resident of the Town and has supported, and been involved with, many groups within the Town. He has run his own Electrical Contracting business for the past 30 years along with working with the Fire Department, where he is the Deputy Chief. He has a wife Julia, and two boys Taylor and Corey. He enjoys being part of, and working to maintain, the values and services that make up Merrimac

Please join us in welcoming him to our department.



What's Happening at the MMLD

23 kV Supply Line Project: The MLD has completed most of its work on this project with the exception of a few locations that need the equipment to be transferred to the new poles. We will be energizing this line with load from the Mill Street Substation no later than mid October putting us in good standing going into the winter months. **Town Square Project:** Major efforts are being put into the square project. The MMLD crews have completed their work on School St. and is now working on Church St. along with the project contractor and other utilities. Once work is completed on Church St., work on West Main St. will begin. **Other Capital Projects:** During one of its regular meetings, the Municipal Light Board of Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Plan, which included a number of projects. Two of these projects targeting reliability are the installation of distribution transformer cutouts and the replacement of porcelain cutouts. Each year the MMLD will be installing a number of cutouts which will help cut the number of people interrupted during certain outages and prevent unnecessary outages related to damaged porcelain cutouts. For more information on what the department is doing feel free to contact us, go to our website or find us on Facebook.

Other Town Departments



Merrimac Public Library: The American Red Cross will be at the Merrimac Public Library on Monday, October 20, 2014 (86 West Main Street, Merrimac) from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a community Blood Drive. For appointments call 1-800 RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

Board of Selectmen: Pay-As-You-Throw Bag Program Begins October 6th.

Dates to Know: October 6th—Sale of stickers ends, use of town bags begins. October 6th—October 31st—Stickers may be used and/or exchanged for town bags at the following retailers: Towne Market, Richdale, Joe's Quick Stop, Merrimac Country Market. November 1st—Residents can no longer use stickers. Only the Town's blue-colored bags will be picked up after November 1st.

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978-346-8311

Commission Meetings:

Meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices at 10 West Main St., Merrimac. Please call 978-346-8311 to confirm dates and times.

Payment Options:

www.merrimac01860.info

Click on "Departments", then "Municipal Light Plant" and on the left click on "Pay Your Light & Water Bills Online" to pay your electric and water accounts using credit card or eCheck.

Remember that you can always contact our office to enroll in our secure ACH program, which automatically withdraws your monthly electric & water bill balances off your bank account taking one more thing off your mind and allowing you to take advantage of our early payment discount.

Payment Locations:

10 West Main Street

Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During off hours you can drop your payments in our drop box on the left front corner of our building