

SPRING 2015

In Brief

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Wilmington celebrates seven years with "Lights, Camera, Relay!" theme at the Wilmington Middle School June 19-20, 2015 from 5:30pm-6:00am. Contact: Julie Rauseo at 781-314-2668 or Julie. Rauseo@cancer.org and visit their website www.relayforlife.org/WilmingtonMA

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Coolidge Middle School Science Olympiad Team who recently won the Massachusetts Championship for the 22nd time in 23 years! Please help these young scientists represent Massachusetts at the National Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 15 this year. The team depends on donations to cover expenses. Contact Holly Ellington at 671-504-2521 or visit coolidgescienceteam.org.

RMLD explores *community shared solar* project

RMLD is in the early stages of exploring a community shared solar (CSS) project on a town-owned site in Reading. A CSS project will give all RMLD ratepayers the option to participate in the solar revolution by building one large community solar array and selling solar shares to residents who would then benefit from the clean, green output from the system. Once this first site is established in Reading, it could then be used as a model for additional solar arrays in North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield.

In 2006, RMLD created the Green Choice Program for customers who wanted to support renewable energy. In response to customer demand, RMLD

made renewable energy a strategic and integral part of its wholesale power supply portfolio. A pilot CSS project would be the next phase along this renewable energy path and will allow people who don't have rooftops suited for solar panels to invest in and reap the rewards of solar PV systems which happen to be located someplace else in their community.

A working group has been formed and will meet over the next few months to develop the initial plans, detailing how a CSS project could work in Reading and to review potential municipal sites. For more information, contact Integrated Resources Engineer Tom Ollila at 781-942-6426 or tollila@rml.com.



RMLD recently held an awards ceremony for this year's 14 winners of the Annual T-shirt Contest.

Taking part in the celebration were the winners and representatives from RMLD, including (front row, left to right) Kayla Budny, 3rd place, Batchelder School, North Reading; Avery Turner, Honorable Mention, Joshua Eaton School, Reading; Alana Berlin, 1st place, Killam School, Reading; Bethany McGrath, 2nd place, Birch Meadow School, Reading; Jenna DiNapoli, 2nd place, Little School, North Reading; James Caples, 1st place, North Intermediate School, Wilmington; Julia Ho, 1st place, Huckleberry Hill School, Lynnfield; and Bianca Guarracino, 2nd place, Huckleberry Hill School, Lynnfield.

(Second row, left to right) Katie Manjourides, 2nd Place, North Intermediate School, Wilmington; Julia Finberg, 3rd place, Barrows School, Reading; Sophia Parrett, 1st place, Hood School, North Reading; Ella Wingate, 3rd place, West Intermediate School, Wilmington; Lawrence Grafeo, 3rd place, Huckleberry Hill School, Lynnfield; and Cailin Fennessy, Honorable Mention, Wood End School, Reading.

(Back row, left to right) RMLD Community Relations Manager Priscilla Gottwald, Commissioner Thomas O'Rourke, General Manager Coleen O'Brien, Board Chairman David Talbot, and Vice Chair Philip Pacino.

RMLD *Directory*

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Payment Locations

RMLD office:

230 Ash St., Reading
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Drop box is in the parking lot.

Town of Reading drop box

Town Hall parking lot
16 Lowell St., Reading

Lucci's

223 Lowell St., Wilmington
Drop box inside door-daily pick-up

New England Beverage

158 Main St., North Reading
Outside drop box only

Reading Co-operative Bank at these locations:

Reading: 180 Haven St.

North Reading: 170 Park St.

Wilmington: 230 Lowell St. and
352 Middlesex Ave.

Holiday Closings

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day

Friday, July 3
Independence Day

Electric *rates* on the rise

According to federal government data, electricity prices are on the rise across the country. Massachusetts consumers will pay considerably higher electric bills over the next few years.

"RMLD customer costs will likely increase significantly in the next couple of years due to upgraded transmission systems, the retirement of older generating plants and the construction of new power plants, which result in an increase in capacity prices," said RMLD Integrated Resources Director Jane Parenteau. "We want our customers to be prepared for these upcoming increases."

RMLD strives to build and maintain relationships and share information on current issues and trends in the electric industry. Its Integrated Resources Department is responsible for purchasing wholesale power, managing energy prices, developing programs and negotiating contracts to mitigate the climbing costs of energy. Focusing on integrated energy solutions that address the capability and capacity of the electric system by targeting the reduction of customer peak demand, RMLD offers energy efficiency recommendations, rebates, demand response and behind-the-meter generation, which could include renewable energy and or traditional fossil fuel. Call Customer Service for more information at 781-944-1340 or email customerservice@rml.com.



Reading Cares *sponsors* bike *exchange* at RMLD



A Bicycle Recycling and Giveaway, sponsored by Reading Cares, with support from Reading Climate Advisory Committee, REI and the Reading Police Department takes place on Saturday, May 9, at RMLD's parking lot, 230 Ash Street in Reading. This is a great opportunity to get a new-to-them bike for your growing children, or donate a bike you no longer use so someone can enjoy it.

Drop off donations on Friday, May 8, between 11 am -12:30 pm or Saturday, May 9, from 9-11 am at RMLD. Donors get a voucher for early admittance to the Giveaway and a discount coupon from REI. Giveaway starts at 12-12:30 pm for voucher holders, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. for the general public. Call Laurie Ann Sylvia at 781-942-6459 or email lsylvia@rml.com for more information.

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