## In Brief: September-October 2016



# **Solar Choice Program- A Bright Idea!**

On September 1, RMLD kicked off Phase 2 by replacing the Green Choice Program with a new community-shared Solar Choice Program. Shared solar projects allow customers who do not have sufficient solar resources, customers who rent their homes or who are otherwise unwilling or unable to install solar on their residences or commercial buildings, to participate in a shared solar system. Participating customers who sign up for this rate, will receive a line item on their electricity bill which will represent the cost/benefit of the community shared Solar Choice Program.

For more information, click here.

Support Solar Choice - a bright idea!!!!!

## **Support EV with RMLD!**

Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) will host a community event to showcase our Electric Vehicle (EV) Programs in addition to those available from the state. Plug-in

# National Drive Electric Week



vehicles from local automobile dealers will be available for test rides-and-drives. RMLD customers with EVs will be in attendance to offer insider reviews and commentary.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 230 Ash Street, Reading.

Please register for this event by clicking here.

If you have any questions or want more information, please email <a href="mailto:energyRMLD@rmld.com">energyRMLD@rmld.com</a> or call 781-942-6516.

#### You're invited!

RMLD is celebrating National Public Power Week, October 3-7, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities across the country that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 47 million Americans. On Thursday, October 6, from 2-5 p.m., RMLD will host an Open House for its customers at 218 Ash Street in Reading.



RMLD invites community members to participate in an educational Open House for children and adults. Activities include:

· Lineman safety equipment demonstration,

- Lineman dress-up,
- Electric cars and charging stations,
- Tree trimming presentation,
- Face painting, crafts, decorating pumpkins, prizes in a haystack,
- Learn about transmission, distribution, electric meters, customer service programs,
- Safety and conservation tips,
- Free snacks and drinks,
- Free raffle and more!!

For more information, click here.

# Paperless Campaign a Success!

Congratulations to Linda Veneto of Reading who has won an iPad Mini in RMLD's Paperless Campaign. Linda was one of roughly 2,500 RMLD customers who signed up for paperless billing between June 1 and September 1. All those who signed up will receive a \$5 credit on their electric bills. We are proud to say we surpassed our goal by almost 1,500 sign ups!.

It's not too late to sign up for RMLD's Paperless Billing. Receive your monthly bill electronically, de-clutter and you won't misplace bills. With this environmentally friendly option, you will save trees, save money on postage and have 24/7 access to manage your account.

Be efficient. Get greener. Go paperless!



## Save Money and Energy

Now that fall is upon us, you might want to start thinking about making your home energy efficient with a no cost home energy audit from RMLD. An energy specialist will assess your home's current energy use, provide a list of energy-saving recommendations, explain applicable incentives and rebates and help you develop a plan.

The audit usually takes about two hours and all key decision makers should be present at the assessment.



For more information, call Customer Service at 781-944-1340.

To sign up, click here.

## **Events & Holiday Closings:**

Saturday, September 17, 10am to 2pm, <u>RMLD National Drive Electric Week Event</u>, 230 Ash Street, Reading.

Thursday, October 6, 2pm to 5pm: <u>Public Power Week Open House</u>, RMLD Office, 218 Ash Street, Reading

Monday, October 10, Columbus Day- Holiday, RMLD offices will be closed

Sunday, December 4, 4 pm, Reading Garden Club's Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony, Pleasant Street Senior Center, 49 Pleasant Street, Reading. Suggested donation of \$5 per light. Go towww.readinggardenclub.com for form and return to address on form by November 20.

## **RMLD Directory:**

**Customer Service and Billing:** 781-944-1340 or 781-942-6598 **Emergency:** 781-944-1340 or 781-942-6598

## **Community News:**

#### **Wilmington Library**:

Please register at www.wilmlibrary.org or call 978-658-2967

#### All the Presidents' Women

Thursday, October 13, 7 pm

The award winning Delvena Theatre Company presents a one hour presentation that takes a behind closed doors look at three of America's most accomplished and complex First Ladies. Using period costumes, props, and music, two actresses portray Mary Todd Lincoln, and Florence Harding with insight, drama, and humor. The presentation is followed by a half hour discussion.

#### General Genealogy and Family History

Monday, November 7, 2:30 pm

Learn how to start your ancestry search and how to organize a large genealogical project. Sources for vital records will be explored along with census, passenger lists, naturalizations, and cemeteries. Recent advances in the field such as DNA and popular internet websites will be discussed.

## **Payment Locations:**

#### RMLD office

230 Ash Street, Reading Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5:00pm Friday, 7:30am-12:00pm Dropbox is in the parking lot

#### Town of Reading drop box

Town Hall parking lot 16 Lowell Street, Reading

#### Lucci's

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

#### **New England Beverage**

158 Main Street, North Reading Outside drop box only

#### Reading Co-operative Bank

at these locations:

Reading: 180 Haven Street

North Reading: 170 Park Street

Wilmington: 230 Lowell Street and 352 Middlesex Avenue

Reading Municipal Light Department | 781-944-1340 |

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