

# GPOWER LINE

Georgetown Municipal Light Department

Fall 2017

## General Manager's Letter



It is ironic that Public Power Week came just a few weeks after a series of hurricanes made landfall and devastated areas of Texas, Florida and the Caribbean islands. Public Power Week is the time to celebrate the unique benefits of being a public power utility, which includes a commitment to help make sure that electricity is safe and reliable – not only for our customers – but for all.

As a public power utility, Georgetown Light stands ready to help other electric utilities in an emergency, and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria clearly demonstrated that commitment with our response to the request for mutual aid. As the North Shore mutual aid coordinator, I had the privilege of coordinating area response to the crisis, just hours after Hurricane Irma devastated parts of southwest Florida, and soon after Hurricane Maria hit several Caribbean Islands. Georgetown was among the nine area communities that sent 21 lineworkers and equipment to Florida, and additional crews have been working in the US Virgin Islands. Georgetown Light took part

in the response in Florida and General Foreman Chad Cunningham has been working to restore power in the Virgin Islands. I will join him in the next few weeks.

On a local level, Georgetown Light opened its doors to the community during Public Power Week. It was a great opportunity for Georgetown Light to highlight the department and our staff who work hard every day to bring the power to customer homes and businesses.

Although the month of October was unusually mild, the cold winter winds are right on our doorstep. Now is the time to 'batten down the hatches' and prepare your home to ensure that you're warm this winter season.

Dave Schofield,  
General Manager



Area municipal light departments gathered to send off the 21 area lineworkers who responded to the mutual aid request.

## New Georgetown Light Foreman Helping Hand



Chad Cunningham was recently promoted to the position of General Foreman at Georgetown Light. Chad joined the department in 2007 as an apprentice. He became Lineman 3rd class and Lead Lineman before being named General Foreman in July 2017. As General Foreman, Chad will oversee the general operations of the distribution system, coordinate and plan major distribution projects to ensure proper coordination and timely execution, and assist the General Manager in planning, assigning, and overseeing Georgetown Light line crews.



Georgetown Light crews lent a helping hand and the use of equipment to help put a roof on an addition at a Georgetown School, a cost-saving measure for the Town.



### Location

Georgetown Light Office  
94 Searle Street  
Georgetown, MA 01833  
Tel: 978-352-5730  
Fax: 978-352-5733

### Customer Service hours

Monday - Thursday  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
info@georgetownlight.com

### Emergency number

978-352-5730

### Payment Options

Walk in payment  
94 Searle Street

Payment online  
[www.invoicecloud.com/georgetownlight](http://www.invoicecloud.com/georgetownlight)

Drop Box payment

Water Department parking lot -  
corner of West Main Street and  
Moulton Street

Light Department parking lot at  
94 Searle Street

### Holiday Closings

Thursday, **November 23** and Friday,  
**November 24** - Thanksgiving

Monday, **December 25** - Christmas

Monday, **January 1** - New Years Day

If you have an emergency, call  
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

### Commissioners

Peter Dion, Chairman  
Scott Edwards  
John Smolinsky

### General Manager

David Schofield



## Public Power Week Celebration is a Hit



Several local residents stopped by the Georgetown Light office during the Public Power Week open house to learn about energy conservation, enjoy refreshments and enter the drawing for a basket filled with energy conservation materials. Georgetown Light Office Manager Karen Marchand (front row, center) welcomed Georgetown residents Kathy Collins (front row, left) and Kandy Shamberger (front row, right) and (back row, left to right) gift basket winner John Shamberger, Roy Allen and Rose Shamberger.



Among those who stopped by the Georgetown Light Office during the recent Public Power Week open house was Jonathan Holt (right) who was welcomed by General Manager Dave Schofield. The celebration provided the hometown utility an opportunity to remind Georgetown Light customers of the benefits of public power, including low rates, reliable service and a commitment to the community.



Mary Snow, Georgetown Light Business Coordinator, welcomes Mark Nealon to Public Power Week.



## Georgetown Light Raises Awareness



Georgetown Light General Manager David Schofield, left, joined Georgetown Light lineworkers (second from left to right) Mike Conwell, TJ Middleton, Chad Cunningham and Jesse Cote in donning pink hardhats in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.