

General Manager's Letter



I would like to thank Georgetown Municipal Light Department ratepayers for their patience and kind words during and after the series of violent storms we experienced in March. The storms presented some unprecedented

challenges, some of which we were able to overcome through field expedient switching and restoration work by our line crews. Others were insurmountable due to the total loss of power feeding our two substations located at Moulton Street and Searle Street.

I would also like to thank the Georgetown Fire and Police Departments, and the Department of Public Works. The teamwork between these departments and Georgetown Light helped us all work safely and productively. In addition, I would like to thank our colleagues in the Middleton and Groveland light departments who responded and greatly reduced outage times.

The Georgetown Municipal Light Department office staff was key in giving real time updates to those affected by area outages and also to the entire town when necessary. Providing the correct information to the ratepayers allowed people to manage their expectations, providing a beneficial impact as we received many positive comments in the days after the storms.

The Georgetown Municipal Light Department expends a great deal of resources on preventive maintenance. We understand that the time to fight the storm is not after it has hit. As a result, our non-municipal light plant neighbors incurred far longer outages than we did.

Recently, several area light plant managers and I met with our transmission provider to work on ways to make the lines feeding our substations more reliable. I am confident that we can assist our transmission line provider in making these feeds more reliable over time.

While serious storms are unfortunate and unpredictable, I am confident that Georgetown Municipal Light Department will be ready to respond to whatever Mother Nature brings our way.

Dave Schofield

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General Manager



Welcome Commissioner Lawler

Georgetown voters recently elected Nick Lawler to the Georgetown Municipal Light Department Board of Light Commissioners. Commissioner Lawler is the Assistant General Manager with the Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments and also serves as a Georgetown Water Commissioner.

A Georgetown resident for 13 years, the commissioner has worked in public power since 2001, all with the Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments. He has served in his position as Assistant General Manager for the past three years.

Commissioner Lawler received his engineering degree from Villanova and his MBA from Bentley. He is a licensed Professional Engineer.

He and his wife, Michele, have three children: Harper, Everett and Makena. In addition to his involvement as a Light and Water Commissioner, he is active in the community as a G2 youth soccer coach.

Summer energy tips:

- When the summer heat cools off at night, turn off your air conditioner and open your windows while sleeping. When you wake up in the morning, shut the windows and blinds to keep the cool air in.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect.
- Don't place lamps or a TV near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Regularly vacuum registers to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.
- On hot days, when outdoor temperatures are higher than the temperature inside your house, close all the windows and exterior doors. You should also install insulated window shades or other window treatments. Close the shades to not only block out direct sunlight but also the radiated heat from the outdoors.



Location:

Georgetown Light Office
94 Searle Street
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Tel: 978-352-5730
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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

Drop Box payment
Water Dept. parking lot -
W Main St at Moulton
Light Dept parking lot at
94 Searle Street

Holiday Closings:

Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 3
If you have an emergency, call
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

Commissioners:

Peter Dion, Chairman
Nick Lawler
John Smolinsky

General Manager:

David Schofield



Safety is important



Georgetown Municipal Light Department recently conducted a safety program at the Penn Brook School to teach children how to stay safe around electricity. Safety consultant Ray Gouley presented the program to the first grade classes with the help of Georgetown Light Lineworkers TJ Middleton and Jesse Cote. (photo credit: Ray Gouley)



Georgetown Municipal Light Department recently participated in a First Responder's Electrical Safety Course with members of the Georgetown Fire Department, Georgetown Police Department and the DPW. The safety course included the dangers of live wires, what to do around a downed power line, and ways to use caution around electricity. (photo credit: Ray Gouley)



Georgetown Municipal Light Department recently installed fusing on lights at the Penn Brook School ball field. The new lighting system will be more reliable, enabling crews to pinpoint the source of any problems and eliminating the need to check each light and running the risk of ruining the field.