

GPOWER LINE

Georgetown Municipal Light Department

Fall 2019

General Manager's Letter



The past few months have been busy ones for Georgetown Light. We have been working with Energy New England (ENE) to successfully

launch our Georgetown Drives Electric program and the new Department of Energy Resources (DOER) municipal rebate program for the installation of small-scale solar projects. We've committed \$10,000 to the solar incentive program, which is matched by DOER. They have committed \$2.3 million to date. This is an exciting new municipal light plant-only program that provides solar rebates to their customers.

Our programs and services continue to grow and expand. Our website includes information about our new programs, rebates and incentives. You'll find information on all these programs under Georgetown Goes Green on our homepage, as well as in this newsletter.

With the change of seasons, we're also gearing up for Public Power Week and our annual open house on Thursday, October 10th. Come visit us at our 94 Searle Street offices from 2 to 4 p.m. to find out more about your hometown municipal electric light department.

Dave F. Schofield

Dave Schofield,
General Manager



GEORGETOWN

Goes Green

Solar · Electric · Rebates



Georgetown Light offers exclusive rebates and incentives to its customers to save money and natural resources. Just go to www.georgetownlight.com and click on the appropriate link to see how you can reduce your home's environmental impact and lower your electric bill. You can select appliance rebates, electric vehicles, weatherization incentives, home energy audits, heat pump and mini split rebates, and the solar rebate program.

Solar Rebate Program

Georgetown Light is one of 36 municipal light plants (MLPs) participating in the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) rebate program for the installation of small-scale solar projects in the 45 Massachusetts communities served by a municipal light plant. Energy New England (ENE) will administer the program for Georgetown residents.

According to General Manager Dave Schofield, the DOER and the participating municipal utilities will offer rebates of \$1.20 per watt, up to 50% of system costs. Residential installations are capped at 10 kW.

The DOER and the participating municipals will each provide half of the funding for these rebates. DOER has committed \$2.3 million and each participating MLP has committed to a specific amount of funding to this rebate program. Georgetown Light has committed \$10,000 to the program, which will be matched by the DOER.

To be eligible for a rebate, system owners must work with a primary installer/integrator to complete and submit the MLP Solar Program application through ENE. The applicant first contacts ENE for eligibility and once confirmed, the applicant can download and complete the application which is available on the Georgetown Light website www.georgetownlight.com. Applicants must follow all application procedures and systems must meet the technical specifications, which are listed in the program manual.

According to the DOER, applications will not be processed, or rebates issued, if a MLP's funds have been expended. Information about the availability of funds can be obtained before submitting a rebate application by contacting Energy New England, the MLP program Administrator, at solar@ene.org or by calling 888-772-4242.

Georgetown Drives Electric

Georgetown Drives Electric is an outreach program provided by Georgetown Light to inform customers about the savings and benefits that come from choosing an electric car and charging it at home overnight. The website also offers information about EVs, federal and state rebates, dealer incentives and general information about driving electric.

Georgetown Light also offers incentives for EV charging and rebates for charging equipment, including the "Dollar a Gallon" off-peak EV charging incentive and a \$300 rebate to help offset the cost of installing a Wi-Fi capable Level 2 system.

Under the "Dollar a Gallon" program, enrolled Georgetown Light customers who charge their EV between 10 pm and 12 pm (next day) on weekdays can earn either a credit of either \$5 (for Level 1 charging) or \$10 (for Level 2 charging) on their electric bill. For information, visit the Georgetown Light website www.georgetownlight.com.

Other Go Green Programs

Information is also available on the Georgetown Light appliance rebate program, weatherization incentives, home energy audits and the heat pump and mini-split rebate program. This latter program offers a \$500 rebate on the purchase of a qualifying purchase of a ducted air source heat pump and a \$100 rebate of a ductless mini-split heat pump. For more information visit the website at www.georgetownlight.com.

Commissioner Lawler Elected to APPA Board



Congratulations to Georgetown Light Commissioner Nick Lawler on his recent election to the board of directors of the American Public Power Association, a national public power advocacy organization that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned utilities.

In addition to serving as a Commissioner for both Georgetown Light and Georgetown Water Department, Commissioner Lawler is the General Manager of the Littleton Electric Light & Water Departments (LELWD). He and his staff also received the Mutual Aid Commendation from

APPA for their efforts in helping to restore power in hurricane-ravaged areas in parts of Florida and the Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. LELWD led mutual aid convoys of New England public power utilities to restore electricity as part of the mutual aid response. LELWD participates in the APPA's Mutual Aid Network, which coordinates with utilities and authorities during widespread power outages.

Commissioner Lawler and former Georgetown Light Commissioner Scott Edwards were also recognized by the Northeast Public Power Association for leadership and long-term service to a public power utility for their leadership in organizing mutual aid response following the 2017 hurricane season in their capacity as LELWD general manager and former general manager.

Location:

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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:

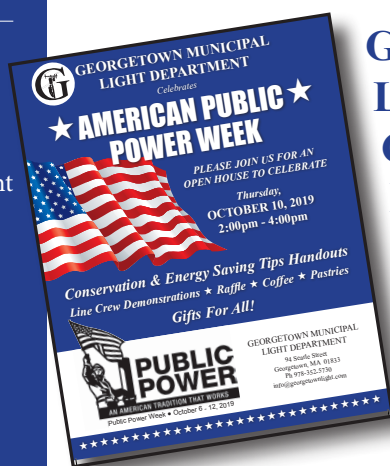
Monday, October 14 – Columbus Day
Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day
If you have an emergency, call
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

Commissioners:

John Smolinsky, Chairman
Nick Lawler
Peter Dion

General Manager:

David Schofield



Georgetown Light to Celebrate Public Power Week

Georgetown Light will join more than 2,000 other locally-owned utilities celebrating Public Power Week during

the week of October 6th through October 12th. As part of the Public Power Week celebration, Georgetown Light will host an Open House for the public on Thursday, October 10th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the American Public Power Association (APPA), Public Power Week celebrates the benefits of hometown, community-owned electric utilities like Georgetown Light. This year marks the 32nd annual Public Power Week celebration.

The public is invited to attend to learn more about Georgetown Light and its programs and services, as well as how to save energy.

For information about Georgetown Light or the open house on October 10th, visit the website at www.georgetownlight.com, or call 978-352-5730.

Welcome!



Welcome to Cara Lane, Georgetown Light's new Business Coordinator. Cara comes to Georgetown Light after 23 years with Schwartz and Benjamin where she worked as an Accounting Supervisor.



Safety Program

Georgetown Light recently sponsored 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 kindergarten classes with the help of Georgetown Light Lineworkers.