

BRIGHT IDEAS

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Braintree Electric
Light Department
and
BELD Broadband

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National Grid to raise electricity rates

According to the Associated Press, National Grid has asked state regulators for an electricity rate hike of more than 20 percent for most Massachusetts residential customers, increasing electric bills this winter. If approved, customers would see their bill jump to about \$110 a month this year.

BELD has no plans to increase electric rates in the near future. At our current residential rate of 13.8 cents/kWh, a similar bill in Braintree would be \$69, which is significantly less than National Grid and Eversource.

BELD has been Braintree's electric provider for more than 120 years. The world has changed consider-

ably since then, but we still pride ourselves on offering superior service at low rates to all our customers. For questions or concerns with your electric service, call 781.348.BELD (2353), 24 hours a day.



Give a BELD gift certificate



Looking for a unique gift idea this holiday season? BELD gift certificates can be used as payment on any BELD or BELD Broadband account and are available for purchase in any amount at our Customer Service office. Call 781.348.BELD (2353) for more information.

Holiday safety tips

We care about you and your safety—please use lights and decorations wisely this holiday....

- Inspect tree lights for exposed wires
- Keep paper and tinsel away from hot lights and candles
- Don't overload electric circuits
- Never use indoor lights outside
- Never leave burning candles unattended
- Keep electric cords away from water
- Unplug all decorations before leaving the house or going to bed

Here's to a warm, safe and de"light"ful holiday season!

BELD Broadband offers Protection...Plus!

Want peace of mind with your BELD Broadband service? ProtectionPlus is for you! For a separate monthly charge, BELD Broadband offers this plan for residential customers who subscribe to our services. The program covers the broadband wiring used to provide service inside a customer's home.

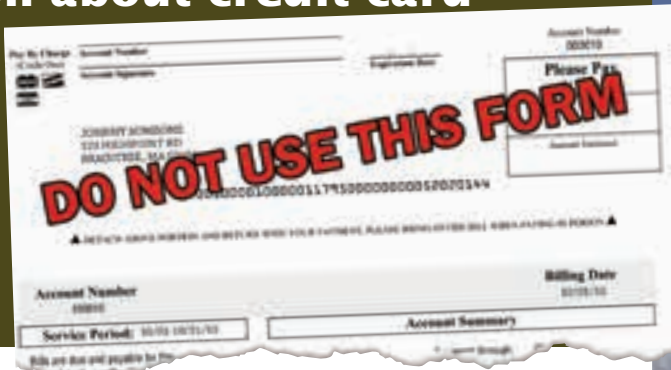
The plan is optional and covers all inside wiring and related service calls pursuant to the plan's terms for as long as the customer

subscribes to it. Without the plan, customers will be charged applicable service call fees for each technician visit.

ProtectionPlus is just \$2.99 a month for peace of mind. The service will pay for itself if you have only one service call per year. The cost is included on your monthly bill and can be canceled at any time. Call 781.348.BELD (2353) for immediate coverage today!

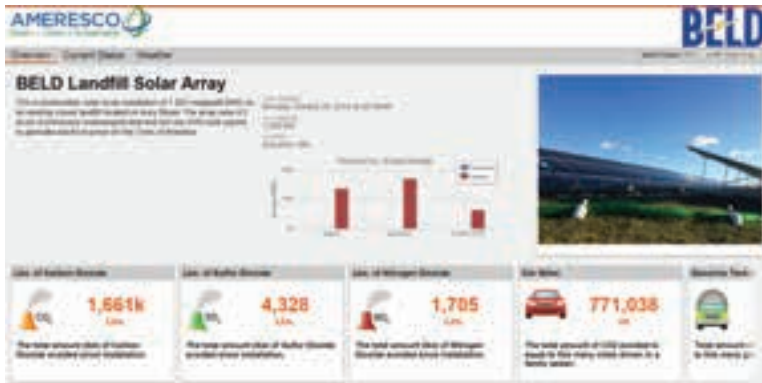
Important information about credit card payments with BELD

We are no longer able to accept credit card payments using the top portion of our bills. Instead, pay by credit card by calling 781.348.1001. Or even better, you can make payments safely and securely online at beld.com.



New kiosk provides peek into solar array

As you know, the Light Department partnered with the Town of Braintree last year to commission a 1.26 megawatt photovoltaic array at the Covanta Transfer Station, which delivers power directly to BELD's electric distribution system. The array uses 4.2 acres of previously undeveloped land and 4,158 solar panels to generate electricity for the town.



time information from the project. The kiosk gives an overview of the array and shows energy generated for the day, month and year. It even displays the amount of CO2 emissions avoided by the array in terms of barrels of oil consumed, number of homes powered for one year, and miles driven in a family car.

Are you interested in solar power for your own home? For information specific to your property, visit <http://beld.net/?q=solar> or contact BELD Engineering at 781.348.2353.

Stop by Town Hall to check out the new information kiosk, which displays real-

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Dianne DeVanna Center holiday giving

Located at 75 Pond Street, the Center is a living memorial to her and all children and families at risk. This program gives holiday cheer to children from newborn to age 17. Consider sponsoring a family, or providing cash donations or gift cards to local restaurants or stores. Contact Leslie Norton 781.843.7010 or lnorton@baystatecs.org.

Holiday trash/recycling

3 extra bags (plastic only) may be placed curbside for the 2 weeks after Christmas (the weeks of 12/28 & 1/4). Only material placed in the wheeled recycling cart will be collected. Extra recyclables may be dropped off at the Recycling Center (no sticker needed). Christmas trees will be collected curbside during the weeks of 12/28 & 1/4.



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PAYMENT OPTIONS
www.beld.com

Click on "Manage My Account" to pay your electric and broadband accounts with a single payment, using a single login.

Pay by credit card or eCheck

PAYMENT LOCATIONS
150 Potter Road

Our office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customer Service is open until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Drop Boxes

Top of Potter Road
Beside Town Hall

Braintree Cooperative Bank

1010 Washington St.
372 Washington St.
505 Quincy Avenue

BROADBAND HELPDESK

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sat-Sun: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Public meetings are usually held monthly. Call 781.348.2353 or check www.beld.com to confirm time and date.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve (11 a.m.)
Friday, December 25
Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31
New Year's Eve (4:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 1
New Year's Day
Monday, January 18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Reynolds
Chairman



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