

# BRIGHT IDEAS



A monthly newsletter for BELD & BELD Broadband customers, published June 2015

## Celebrate Independence Day with BELD

Braintree celebrates its 375th anniversary this year! BELD is a signature sponsor of the town's annual Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 27, where the town's storied history will be on full display. **Be on the lookout for our bucket truck in the parade—we'll be handing out some goodies for those in attendance.**



We hope to see you there! For more information on the event visit [braintrees4th.org](http://braintrees4th.org).



## Coming soon BELD's new online bill presentment

Be on the lookout for BELD's new online bill system coming this summer!

The new interface will allow customers to pay their bills faster, easier, and more conveniently and securely. Enhancements include a "Pay Now" feature allowing for

quick payment without having to register for an account. Registered account users can view their payment history, consumption information and past billing statements. They can even view and pay multiple accounts at once. Stay tuned for details!

## Increase in Energy Charge effective July 1

The high cost of energy we have all experienced over the last few months has impacted BELD's energy costs as well. So it's necessary to increase our Energy Charge July 1 by \$0.0025/kWh, raising the rate from \$.06641 cents/kWh to \$.06891 cents/kWh. This increase will

adjust our electric rate by approximately 1.8%, adding approximately \$1.75/month to the average residential customer bill (700 kWh). As always, we will continue to work hard to find new ways to reduce costs and keep your electric rates affordable.

## ProtectionPlus is now available for BELD Broadband residential customers

Want peace of mind with your BELD Broadband services? Then ProtectionPlus is for you! It's an optional plan that covers service calls for repair to wiring used to provide BELD Broadband services. Customers not subscribing to ProtectionPlus will receive repairs to inside wiring only related to services BELD Broadband provides, and will be charged a service fee for the technician's visit.

ProtectionPlus is just \$2.99 a month and is effective the day you order it! 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 cancelled at any time. Call 781.348.BELD (2353) for immediate coverage today!



## BELD brings music back to Sunset Lake

Once again BELD will sponsor eight free evenings of music at Sunset Lake this summer. Shows run 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, June 23 through August 11 (rain dates on Wednesdays). Stop by July 28 and enjoy a Party in the Park—complete with hot dogs and hamburgers. Come on down!



## Farmers market opens this month

The Braintree Farmers Market, hosted by Sustainable Braintree, will open June 13. The market operates 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, Saturdays until October 31 at the Town Hall Mall. In the event of severely inclement weather the market moves in front of and inside the Braintree Town Hall. Save the date now for a special Thanksgiving market on Saturday, November 21.

Locally grown and homemade products available at the market include vegetables and fruits, locally-raised/hormone free beef and pork, fresh

local seafood, prepared foods, fresh eggs, honey, artisan breads, pies, exotic mushrooms, cheese, granola, plants, flowers, herbs, gourmet cupcakes, preserves, spa products, coconut butters, handmade pasta, sauces, cranberries, locally roasted coffees, teas, and even chocolate.

Braintree Farmers Market is a community event organized by local volunteers. For information, visit [www.braintrefarmersmarket.org](http://www.braintrefarmersmarket.org)—and stop by the BELD booth while you're there!

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### **Braintree Community Art Center**

The new BCAC art center is located at 1969 Washington Street, classes to start in June. For more information visit [braintreecomunityartcenter.com](http://braintreecomunityartcenter.com).

### **Braintree Park Department trips**

Sat. 7/11, Statue of Liberty, Ellis & 9-11 Memorial Museum trip: deluxe motor-coach transportation \$96 pp.  
Sat.-Sun. 7/25-26, induction of Pedro Martinez at Cooperstown: transportation, accommodations at Holiday Inn Express in Albany, twin basis \$229 pp, (other packages are available).  
Handicapped-accessible bus may be made available with 10-day notice.  
781.794.8901, [www.braintreerec.com](http://www.braintreerec.com).

### **375 years**

Get ready to celebrate! Look for exciting events at [www.braintree375.org](http://www.braintree375.org) and check them out on Facebook.

### **Kids Adventure Week**

Mon. 7/27– Sun. 8/2, 5–8 p.m.  
Program includes a dinner. Three age groups: 18 months, 3-year-olds through 4-5-year-olds, and those completed kindergarten through 5th grade. 594 Washington St. Suggested donation \$20 per child, registration through [fbcbraintree.org](http://fbcbraintree.org). Call 781.843.0109 for details.

### **Recycling Matters essay contest**

Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan announced the winners for April are from the following areas: Abbott St., Harrison Ave., Gray Terr., Hobart St. & Granite St. Winning entries received an additional recycling cart.



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### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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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 HELP DESK**

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](http://www.beld.com) to confirm time and date.

### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Friday, July 3  
Independence Day

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	Thomas Reynolds Chairman	
	Anthony Agnitti Vice Chair	
	James Regan Secretary	



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