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EAST GRAND FORKS WATER AND LIGHT

January 2022

Electric and Water Distribution Superintendent Retires After 43.5 Years

Please join us by welcoming Jeff Olson to a happy retirement! Jeff started his tenure at our department in June of 1978. Despite all challenges including all of our extremely cold winters, overflowing floods, and the economic shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jeff continued maintaining our water and electric distribution systems for the residents and businesses of East Grand Forks. After 43 and a half years, he made the decision to end his public service tenure. Thank you Jeff, for all of your years of hard work and leadership. The dedication and service you have provided for this community will always be appreciated!



Happy New Year

The EGF Water and Light staff and Commissioners would like to say Thank you! It's been a pleasure serving you this past year. We hope you and your family have a happy & healthy 2022!

Employees:

Seth Baune
Seth Brown
Jamey David
Brianna Feil
Todd Grabanski
Kevin Hatcher
Clinton Herrmann
Jeff Holbeck
Michael Holweger
Brian Johnson
Randie Johnson

Veronica Kostrzewski
Kris Kovar
Chris Lelm
Lori Maloney
Mel Metz
Keith Mykleseth
Ray Rakoczy
Lance Riel
Andrew Robertson
Thomas Schneiderman
Kristen Shipes
David Solariski

Maren Swingen
Corey Thompson
Tyler Tretter

Commissioners:

Punky Beauchamp
Mike Quirk
Josh Grinde
Marc DeMers

2022 Electric & Water Rates

The 2022 electric and water rates were approved by the Commission as follows:

Electric Rates per kWh

Res General.....10.872¢/kwh
Res Elect Heat...10.286¢/kwh
Off Peak.....7.460¢/kwh
Small Comm.....8.646¢/kwh
Large Comm...Call 773-1163

Electric Fixed Charges

Res General\$7.75/mth
Res Electric Heat\$7.75/mth
Off Peak.....\$7.75/mth
Small Comm.....\$9.75/mth
Large Comm...Call 773-1163

Water-Residential Rates

1st 4000 gals. \$.683/1000
Excess..... \$8.77/1000

Water-Apartment Bldg Rates

1st 4000 gals per unit-
.....\$6.83/1000
Excess.....\$8.77/1000

Water-Commercial Rates

1st 36000 gals. \$.683/1000
Excess.....\$8.77/1000

Water Fixed Charges

5/8" Meter.....\$9.33/mth
3/4" Meter.....\$9.33/mth
1" Meter.....\$14.99/mth
1 1/2" Meter.....\$29.98/mth
2" Meter.....\$47.97/mth
3" Meter.....\$89.94/mth
4" Meter.....\$148.26/mth
6" Meter.....\$299.82/mth

2022 Energy Assistance Program

THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PAY A PORTION OF THEIR HEATING & ELECTRIC BILL. PAYMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSEHOLD'S UTILITY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL TRI-VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL IN CROOKSTON-1-866-264-3729.

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It's Soup Season! - Chicken Wild Rice Soup



4 cups chicken broth
2 cups water
2 cooked, boneless chicken breast halves, shredded
1 (4.5 ounce) package quick cooking long grain and wild rice with seasoning packet
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup butter
2 cups heavy cream

- 1) In a large pot over medium heat, combine broth, water and chicken. Bring just to boiling, then stir in rice, reserving seasoning packet. Cover and remove from heat.
- 2) In a small bowl, combine salt, pepper and flour. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in contents of seasoning packet until mixture is bubbly. Reduce heat to low, then stir in flour mixture by tablespoons, to form a roux. Whisk in cream, a little at a time, until fully incorporated and smooth. Cook until thickened, 5 minutes.
- 3) Stir cream mixture into broth and rice. Cook over medium heat until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes.

'Tis the Season for Energy Audits

With the cold weather of winter upon us, now is a great time to seal up those air leaks in your home. A Home Energy Audit will help you to figure out where those leaks are and also identify other areas where energy efficiency measures might help with the heating of your home. The Water and Light offers subsidized Home Energy Audits.

We will send a Certified Home Energy Auditor to your home. The auditor will use equipment



such as blower doors, which measure the extent of leaks in the building envelope, and infrared cameras, which reveal hard-to-detect areas of air infiltration and missing insulation

A Standard Energy Audit including a blower door test will cost \$100, and an audit adding an infrared scan will cost \$150.

If you have questions or want to sign up for a Home Energy Audit call 218-773-1163 or go to our website www.waterandlight.info and click on Energy Audits to fill out an "Energy Audit Request".



2022 Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Now Available

Once again, it is time for high school seniors to apply for scholarships. As we know, a college education can be expensive.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) is offering a scholarship (\$5,000—split 4 ways) to deserving students through local Minnesota municipal utility companies.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the parents and/or guardians of the students must be customers of the EGF Water and Light.

The Water and Light Commission will select one essay and award a \$500 scholarship. This essay will be entered into the state contest. A committee of MMUA staff and members will select the winners and MMUA will announce those winners in mid-May.

Criteria and applications are available at each high school's career guidance departments.

For more information, contact the Water and Light Business Office at 218-773-1163.

