

# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



## EAST GRAND FORKS WATER AND LIGHT

January 2023

### 2023 Water Meter Replacement Project

*Seinfeld* airs its final episode, *There's Something About Mary* is showing at the theater, NSYNC releases "I Want You Back", the Denver Broncos defeat the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl, and most of East Grand Forks Water and Light's current water meters were installed. All these events happened 25 years ago. Much like upgrading from Netscape 4 on Windows 98 became necessary, it is now time to replace most water meters to current technology and ensure smooth, accurate operation for the future.

Water and Light has contracted with Keystone Utility Systems to coordinate and perform the meter change work. Affected customers will receive a letter in the coming weeks with instructions to schedule a time for crews to perform the installation. Crews will need access to the water meter, which is usually in the basement, utility room, or crawlspace, and work will typically take 15-30 minutes. The customer or authorized person over the age of 18 will need to be present when crews are working. Customers are also asked to verify operation of their shutoff valves before work is performed.

Customer with questions can call East Grand Forks based staff at 218-773-0515 with questions.

Established in 1909, East Grand Forks Water and Light is owned by the citizens of East Grand Forks.

## 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 2023!

### 2023 Electric & Water Rates

The 2023 electric and water rates were approved by the Commission as follows:

#### Electric Rates per kWh

Res General.....11.644¢/kwh  
Res Elect Heat...10.801¢/kwh  
Off Peak.....7.833¢/kwh  
Small Comm.....9.078¢/kwh  
Large Comm...Call 773-1163

#### Electric Fixed Charges

Res General .....\$8.10/mth  
Res Electric Heat ....\$8.10/mth  
Off Peak.....\$8.10/mth  
Small Comm.....\$10.20/mth  
Large Comm...Call 773-1163

#### Water-Residential Rates

1st 4,000 gals. \$7.17/1000  
Excess..... \$9.21/1000

#### Water-Apartment Bldg Rates

1st 4,000 gals per unit-  
.....\$7.17/1000  
Excess.....\$9.21/1000

#### Water-Commercial Rates

1st 36,000 gals. \$7.17/1000  
Excess..... \$9.21/1000

#### Water Fixed Charges

5/8" Meter.....\$9.79/mth  
3/4" Meter.....\$9.79/mth  
1" Meter.....\$15.73/mth  
1½" Meter.....\$31.46/mth  
2" Meter.....\$50.34/mth  
3" Meter.....\$94.37/mth  
4" Meter.....\$155.57/mth  
6" Meter.....\$314.60/mth

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### 2023 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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## '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](http://www.waterandlight.info) and click on Energy Audits to fill out an "Energy Audit Request".



## Council Member Demers Term Ends

On December 21st, 2022, Council Member At Large Marc Demers (on right) was presented with a plaque commemorating his time with the Water & Light Commission. He served his term from January 2019 – December 2022. The Water & Light Department would like to thank Council Member Demers for his dedicated service to the department and our citizens.



On Left: Chairman Robert Beauchamp  
On Right: Marc Demers

## 2023 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.

