

PMLP'S INFO...
24/7 Emergency:
(978) 531-5975

Office Information:
201 Warren St. Extension
Phone: 978.531.5975
Hours: Weekdays
8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Office Closings:
September 7 Labor Day
October 12 Columbus Day

Payment Options:
PO Box 3648
Peabody, MA, 01961-3648

PMLP mail slot (right side of the front door) at 201 Warren St. Extension. Gate is open 8 AM—11 PM.

Main Library and Torigian Community Life Center during business hours.

24 Hour Drop Box in the parking lot of:
South Branch Library
West Branch Library
City Hall, Chestnut St. side

Website: www.PMLP.com

Manager: Glenn Trueira

Commission Members:
Chairman Thomas Paras,
Robert Wheatley, Thomas D'Amato, Charles Bonfanti, and William Aylward

Commission Meetings:
The PMLC is scheduled to meet at 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday of each month during the school year, with the exception of November & December when the meetings are held on the 3rd Thursdays. Meetings are held in PMLP's McCarthy Auditorium. Please call us at 978.531.5975 to confirm dates and times.

Light Subjects

Peabody Municipal Light Plant

Summer 2015 Newsletter

Community Owned. Not for Profit. It's Ours.



PMLP LED STREET LIGHT PILOT PROGRAM



Peabody Municipal Light Plant (PMLP), City of Peabody, and Town of Lynnfield officials announce the installation of 66 Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights throughout the City of Peabody and South Lynnfield – the service territory that PMLP serves. The installation of the LED street lights is part

of a pilot program that will replace traditional high-pressure sodium (HPS) street lights with the LEDs, which consume about 45% less energy, have a greater life expectancy, lower maintenance costs, and have a smaller environmental footprint. PMLP is providing and installing the LED street lights during this pilot program. This pilot program is expected to last for approximately 12 months beginning July 2015.

The following areas have strategically been chosen by PMLP for this LED street light pilot program:

- Boston Children's Hospital of Peabody (Centennial Drive),
- Peabody City Hall (Chestnut Street),
- Higgins Middle School/Peabody Police Station (Perkins Street/Allens Lane),
- Symphony Park (Symphony Road/Naumkeag Road),
- Newhall Memorial Park/Bali Hai Restaurant (Moulton Drive),
- Brooksby Farm (Felton Street),
- Raddin Park (Raddin Road/Willis Road),
- West Elementary School (Bow Street),
- Goodale Farms (Wildwood Drive/Lantern Way), and
- Peabody Municipal Light Plant (Warren Street Ext.).

Customers are invited and encouraged to provide input about the LED Street Light Pilot Program by taking a brief survey at www.pmlp.com/LEDstreetlight.html. For more information, please contact Jennifer Santoro at jsantoro@pmlp.com or 978.531.5975.



PMLP Customers are encouraged to enroll in the City's new community messaging system **CodeRED**. This messaging system is designed to notify residents of emergencies, key weather-related information, special community events, and other useful information that may immediately impact their safety or quality of life. To enroll in this new service, visit our

website at www.pmlp.com, click on the "CodeRED" logo, and you will be directed to the sign-up page. ****Please note, PMLP Customers that live in Lynnfield can enroll in this new messaging system to specifically receive PMLP ONLY notifications. When you enroll, you can choose what alerts you want to receive.**** **Questions? Please call PMLP at 978.531.5975.**



SED Spotlight...PMLP Upgrades Our Customer Information & Billing System

Stay tuned for our continued updates and communications regarding our new customer information and billing system! **If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Division weekdays between 8:30 AM—4:30 PM at 978.531.5975.**

PMLP in the Community...Members of **TEAM PMLP** were pleased to donate **\$330** (money collected from registration fees for the 5th Annual City of Peabody Employee Walk/Run) to the Peabody Recreation Campership Fund this past Spring!!



Some of the members of TEAM PMLP pictured from last years (2014) City of Peabody Employee Walk/Run.

Why Is My Bill So High?

When comparing your energy use from month to month, look at the amount of kWh (with your electric bill) or therms (with your gas bill). These measurements reflect the "quantity" of energy you use. A few things to consider that may explain a higher bill:

- Did you add a major appliance such as an air conditioner, dehumidifier, humidifier, space heater, second refrigerator, fish tank or computer recently?
- Are all of your appliances working properly? Have you noticed the refrigerator motor making extra noise or coming on more often? Keep in mind older appliances tend to become less energy efficient as they age.
- Have you compared your current energy use with previous months

by looking at the use history chart on the bottom of your bill?

- Is the bill issued for a longer period of time (more than the standard 25 to 35 days)? Is the meter reading actual or estimated? Has your meter recently been exchanged?
- Did a family member such as an in-law or a student come home for a visit? Did you have extra house guests over for a holiday or school vacation?
- Are you performing construction or have you added on to your home?
- Are you doing a lot more laundry lately or using your dryer more often?

All of these things are just some examples of what can drive your energy use.

Signs on the Utility

Poles...Although seemingly innocent enough, putting signs or other items on a utility pole creates serious safety hazards. Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs — as well as the signs themselves — pose dangers to line workers who might have to climb that pole when either restoring power following storms or performing routine maintenance. Utility poles sure look attractive for folks wanting to easily hang roadside signs. But next time you see or know



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of someone who is putting up signs for a yard sale or campaign, be sure to gently remind them not to use utility poles.

Are You Considering Purchasing a Room Air Conditioner?

Consider an ENERGY STAR qualified model AC. They use *at least* 15% less energy than standard models and PMLP offers you a rebate.



	Area to Cool (square feet)	Capacity Needed (BTUs per hour)
100	up to 150	5,000
150	up to 250	6,000
250	up to 300	7,000
300	up to 350	8,000
350	up to 400	9,000
400	up to 450	10,000
450	up to 550	12,000
550	up to 700	14,000
700	up to 1,000	18,000
1,000	up to 1,200	21,000
1,200	up to 1,400	23,000
1,400	up to 1,500	24,000
1,500	up to 2,000	30,000
2,000	up to 2,500	34,000