

# Light Subjects



## Peabody Municipal Light Plant

### Winter 2016 Newsletter

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

**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:**  
February 15 Presidents' Day  
April 18 Patriots' Day  
May 30 Memorial Day

**Payment Options:**  
PO Box 3199  
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](http://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.

## PMLP Celebrates 125th Anniversary in 2016

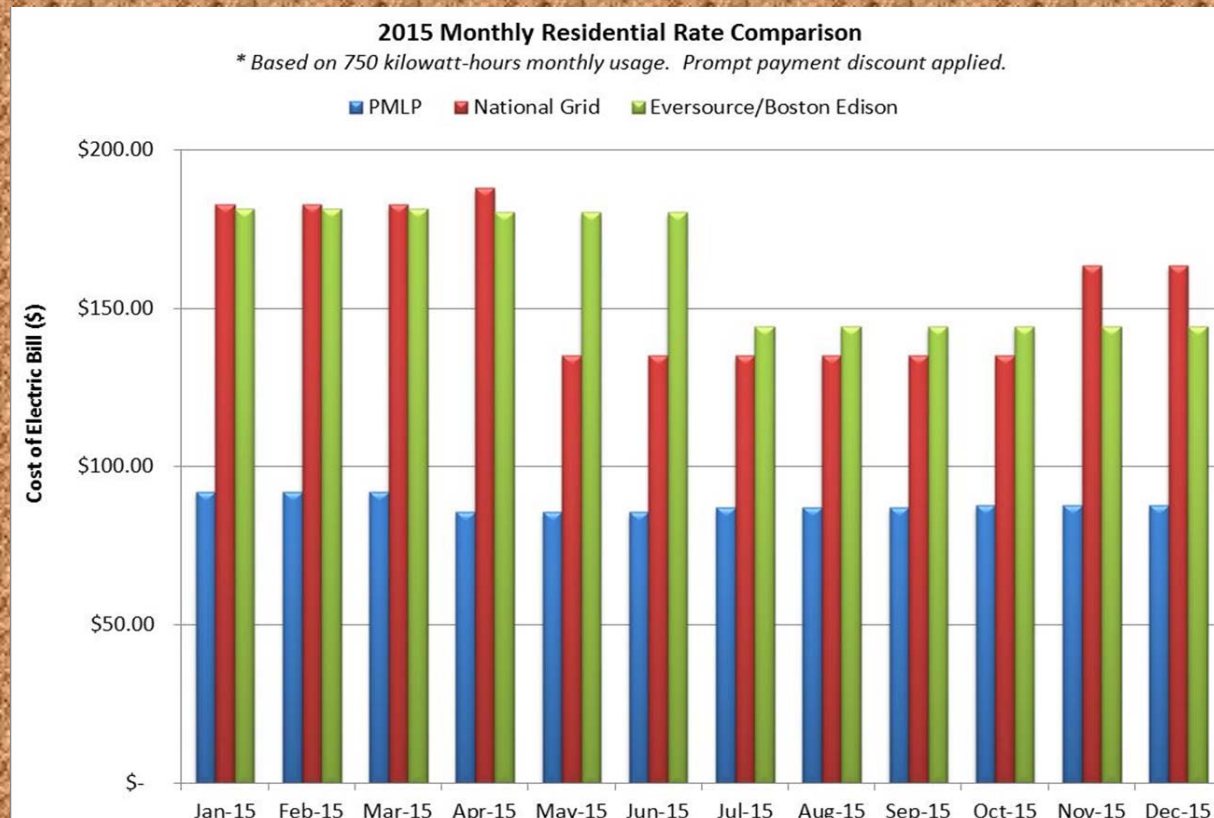


The Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission (PMLC) and PMLP Staff are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary this year!

**How it all began 125 years ago...**Your light plant was established in 1891 by a vote at a town meeting in order to provide street lighting in the town "... and for commercial purposes sell any surplus lighting power it may have..." Over the past 125 years, the Peabody Municipal Light Plant (PMLP) has grown and now provides power to over 26,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Peabody and South Lynnfield.

**Save the date...**PMLP's 125th Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 18, 2016 at PMLP.** For future updates, please visit [www.pmlp.com](http://www.pmlp.com).

## In 2015, PMLP residential customers paid \$800 LESS for their electricity than National Grid customers!\*



## PMLP in the Community... Congratulations to PMLP's two rodeo teams for their participation at the Annual NEPPA Lineworkers Rodeo!

The event was held on September 17, 2015 at the Northeast Public Power Association's (NEPPA) headquarters in Littleton, MA. PMLP Rodeo Teams were two of 11 groups of three that participated in the rodeo in various events to showcase their Lineworkers skills.

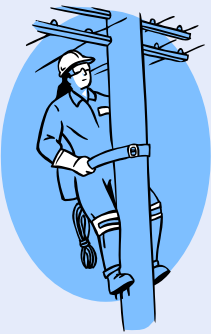
The teams are judged (and receive points) in six areas:

- URD Terminator Changeout—**PMLP placed 3rd**
- 4kV Crossarm Changeout—**PMLP placed 3rd**
- 4kV Isolation Event
- Hurtman Rescue
- Obstacle Course—**PMLP placed 3rd**
- Transformer Changeout



PMLP's 2015 Rodeo Teams: Nate Frost, Mike Correale, Kevin MacGregor, Bill Reaume, Ed Melo, and Mike Coleman.  
*Photo Courtesy: Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA)*

## Be prepared for New England's



## storms...

While we work hard to minimize power outages in our service territory, winter storms in New England can cause havoc with electric systems. One way PMLP prepares is through a preventative maintenance tree-trimming program implemented throughout our service territory of Peabody and South Lynnfield. This is one of the most effective steps we can take to reduce storm-related outages. We trim with system reliability, tree health, and tree aesthetics in mind.

You can prepare for a power outage by putting together a storm kit and enough supplies to last at least three days.

Keep a cleared path to your meter/outside electric service. Keep a charged cell phone ready.

For detailed preparation advice and resources, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Community Corner Haven

### Haven From Hunger

### Helps Families in Need...

Families struggling to put food on the table turn to Haven from Hunger for help. Their clients include working families trying to make ends meet, elders scraping by on limited incomes, and individuals trying to get their lives back on track. They come to Haven From Hunger from Salem, Peabody, and Lynnfield.

The food pantry provides over 1,800 households with fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, milk, cheese, eggs, and canned goods. Last year, they distributed enough food for close to 600,000 meals.

The community-meals program offers guests a filling, nutritious supper in a friendly atmosphere four nights a week. Last year, they served over 9,000 suppers. Who makes all this possible? People like you!

To donate or volunteer, visit

[www.havenfromhunger.org](http://www.havenfromhunger.org) or call (978) 531-1530.

Thank you!

**Conservation Tip...** Check caulking around windows and doorframes for leaks and fill them. Inspect seals around doors and windows and add new weather stripping as necessary; if you can slide a dollar bill easily through the gap you are losing heat, energy and money. For more conservation tips, go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).