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## **General Manager's Corner ~ Energy-saving Programs**

Each year LLP receives a block of money from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to fund energy efficiency programs in our service area. We use these funds to develop programs that can help our residential and commercial customers save energy and reduce their power bills.

We're always looking for new ideas, because energy efficiency improves the value of your home or business building and has a very short payback.

For our residential customers who heat their homes with baseboard or wall heaters, we offer rebates for the installation of a ductless heat pump. Heat pumps are much more efficient and

provide a more even distribution of heat throughout the home. See **goingductless.com**

for more information on heat pumps.

Also, check our website for a special offer from participating installers that can provide an additional \$300 rebate for ductless heat pumps.

All of our customers can reduce their energy use by replacing incandescent lights with CFLs or LED bulbs. These bulbs use 50- to 70 percent less energy and have a much longer life. The price for these bulbs, especially LEDs, has dropped

### **Holiday Closures**

Our office will be closed the following dates:

Columbus Day – Oct. 13;

Veterans' Day – Nov. 11;

Thanksgiving – Nov. 27;

Christmas – Dec. 25;

New Year's Day – Jan. 1, 2015.

significantly over the past few years and they're often on special at big box stores.

We have several programs for our commercial customers as well, including lighting rebates that can pay for up to 70 percent of the project cost. There are excellent energy-saving opportunities for replacing older metal halide or T-12 fluorescent fixtures. Contact Alan Kakaley at Demand Side Engineering for information at (425)785-7709.

### **Community Outreach**



This summer, LLP had a booth at the Lakewood Farmers Market promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. It was a good opportunity for our customers to get to know us in person, ask questions and learn more about our programs. We enjoyed it and look forward to being at the market again next year.

### **Attention High School Seniors ~ Scholarship applications due January 29, 2015**

LLP is proud to support the continuing education of high school seniors in our area. To that end, every year we award up to five \$1500 scholarships to deserving students.

The deadline for applying for scholarships is 5 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2015.

To qualify, the student –

- Must be a graduating senior (Class of 2015).

- Must be the child of an LLP member or customer.
- Must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited educational or training institution.
- Must attend the LLP Annual Meeting on March 17, 2015.

Application forms are available from your school's guidance counselor or at our office during regular business hours, Monday thru Thursday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Storm Season ~  
Be Prepared for  
Possible Power Outages**

Winter storms increase the possibility of power outages. LLP has a good record of keeping the power on, in part because of our annual tree trimming program. Still, occasional outages do occur and there are simple steps you can take to make an outage more tolerable.

- Put together several emergency kits containing the following: Canned or packaged food • Manual can opener • Bottled water • Blankets • Flashlight and battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Sanitation and first aid supplies • Medications. Keep a kit in each vehicle and one at home.
- Protect electronic equipment from power fluctuations with surge protectors. • Be sure backup generators are properly installed and inspected.
- Use battery-operated candles rather than flames.
- Don't use kerosene or propane heaters or barbecue grills indoors. • Unplug all electronics and appliances that could be damaged by a surge when power is restored. LLP is not liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from a power outage.

Report any outage immediately by calling our office at (253) 584-6060, 24-hours-a-day.

*And please stay away from downed power lines.*

**Project Help**

LLP customers are starting to anticipate the coming of winter, with its holiday celebrations and higher heating bills. Many of our customers are still having a hard time making ends meet. The need for help will grow as the weather gets colder.

You can lend a hand to our neighbors-in-need by making a contribution to Project Help. All the money we raise through Project Help goes directly to local families – our neighbors.

LLP doubles every donation to this important program. To contribute, just check the Project Help box on your power bill.

For those in need of assistance, contact Pierce County Community Services at the phone number shown on your power bill.

Through Aug. 31, customers donated \$1,876.77. LLP's contribution brings the total to \$5,630.31. Contributions are down significantly from last year, but the need is just as great. Please consider donating to this program.

*We thank you for your generosity!*



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**New Employee ~  
Meet Tara Legler**

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We're pleased to welcome Tara Legler to our staff. Tara is currently working in our customer service department and will soon transfer to a newly created position as our inventory clerk, where she'll be responsible for shipping, receiving and ordering.

Tara was born and raised in Lakewood. She attended Custer Elementary School and graduated from Lakes High School in 2001.

When she's not at work, she likes to spend time with her boyfriend camping, fishing and going to the dog park with her black lab, Lola. She also likes to do photography – especially candid shots – and she's an avid scrap-booker, especially with her own photos. She also

loves to cook. "I'm a master of the Crock Pot," she said with a smile. "And I love to experiment with food."

Tara grew up in a military family – both her parents were in the Army. "I had a great childhood," she recalled. "We packed up and went on a road trip every summer and I've been in 47 of the 50 states."

She also collects elephants. "They're my favorite animal. I collect figurines, photos – anything with elephants," she said.

She loves working at LLP. "It's great to have a regular work routine and home life. And I've met some great people. I even get to drive the fork lift sometimes."

Please join us in welcoming Tara to our LLP family.

**Board of  
Directors Meetings**

LLP members are welcome at the monthly meetings of our Board of Directors.

Upcoming board meetings are tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. on Oct. 20, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15. If you would like to attend a Board meeting, please call our office a week before the meeting so we can confirm the date and time.

**Find Your Account  
Number, Win \$20**

In each issue of *The Lakeview Light*, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at 584-6060 before the next newsletter is published and you'll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill.

Janice Calendine and Vaamu Lavea were winners last time.

*Good luck!*

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