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The Newsletter of Lakeview Light & Power

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Make Winter More Tolerable ~ Be Prepared for Storms and Power Outages

Winter has already brought bitterly cold weather, which means higher power bills and the possibility of power outages.

We all use more power in the winter to keep our homes warm. If you use plug-in heaters, use them properly: don't overload your electric outlets. Use properly-rated surge protectors and heavy-duty extension cords. If you're unsure about your heaters or extension cords, ask a professional electrician or bring the cord or heater to our office for inspection.

You can also take simple steps to be ready for storm-related power disruptions and other emergencies. Being prepared can make any power outage more tolerable.

Put together several emergency kits that contain the following: Canned or packaged food • Manual can opener • Bottled water • Blankets • Flashlight and battery-powered radio with extra batteries • Sanitation supplies • Medications and basic first aid supplies. Keep a kit in each vehicle and one at home.

If you have a backup generator, be sure it is properly installed and inspected. The safest way to run a generator is to plug lights and appliances directly into the unit. Don't run a generator in the house or in the garage. A free brochure on generator safety is available at our office and on our website.

For safety, use battery-operated candles or lanterns rather than flames. Don't use kerosene or propane heaters or barbecue grills indoors.

Protect your electronic equipment from power fluctuations with surge protectors. Be sure yours carry a warranty that will pay for replacement of any equipment damaged by a surge.

Remember, you are responsible for your own surge protection. Lakeview Light and Power is not liable for any loss, injury or damage resulting from any power outage.

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

LLP Brightens Holidays for Local Family

For the fourth year, LLP staff and board members joined together to brighten the holidays for a local family.

The family was selected by Clover Park Technical College through their Holiday House program. At least one family member must be a student at CPTC in order to participate.

"Lakeview employees contributed approximately \$700 in toys

away from downed power lines.

Winter storms increase the possibility of power outages, in spite of all our best efforts. Outages are much easier to endure when we're prepared.

We thank you for your cooperation.

and gift cards to our Holiday House family this year," said bookkeeper Derise Warner. "It was an absolute joy to provide Christmas items to this mother and her three children. We were able to fulfill most of their Christmas lists."

We hope they had a merrier Christmas with the gifts from our own LLP family.

Holiday Closures

Our office will be closed the following dates:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 20
and Presidents' Day – Feb. 17



Our Conference Room table was laden with gifts for a Holiday House family.

Call for Board Candidates ~ Annual Meeting Scheduled

LLP's 92nd Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2014 at the McGavick Conference Center, Bldg. 23, Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. Doors open at 6:30pm.

There are two openings on our Board of Directors as Tom McDonald and Bob Schibig are up for re-election. If you're interested in being a candidate for the LLP Board of Directors you must notify the Board Secretary in writing, at our office, by 6pm February 13.

LLP Members are Welcome at Board Meetings

LLP members are welcome at the monthly meetings of our Board of Directors. If you would like to attend a Board meeting, please call our office a week in advance. Upcoming Board meetings are tentatively scheduled for Jan. 13, 1pm; Feb. 24, 1pm; Mar. 10, 2pm.

The General Managers' Corner ~ Underground Cable Replacement

During a period of heavy rain and wind last fall, we had several power outages. One outage lasted for approximately 19 hours; another lasted for 12 hours. The outages were caused by failure of old underground cable.

Some of our underground cable is more than 35 years old and it has begun to deteriorate. We are working hard to upgrade our underground lines, even though we have reduced the size of our crew as a cost-saving measure. The new replacement cable is "in-conduit," which provides additional protection and will have a longer life. We believe this will help prevent power outages for many years to come.

Because approximately 65 percent of our lines are underground, we remind you to call us before you dig anywhere our power lines might be located.

All power outages are inconvenient and we try our best to prevent them. See the story on page one about storm preparation for tips on how to make outages more tolerable.

Attention High School Seniors • Scholarship Deadline: Jan. 30, 2014 •

To support the continuing education of high school seniors in our area, LLP awards up to five \$1500 scholarships each year.

Application deadline for Class of 2014 scholarships is 5pm Thursday, Jan. 30. To qualify, the student...

- Must be a graduating senior (Class of 2014).
- 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 Mar. 18, 2014.

Scholarship application forms are available from your school's guidance counselor or at our office during regular business hours: Monday thru Thursday, 7am-6pm. 94094-001

SCAM ALERT

Someone claiming to be an LLP employee has been calling our customers saying that the customer's account is past due and threatening to cut off the power unless the bill is paid within a few hours. The customer is instructed to meet at a specific location and to bring cash to pay their bill. – **This is a scam!**

If you receive such a threat, please call our office immediately to report it (584-6060) and to verify the status of your account.

Project Help

Cold weather means higher heating bills for everyone – including our less fortunate neighbors.

Project Help provides relief for many of these families by helping them pay their power bills. Through Nov. 30, we received \$2,727.69 in donations from our customers. LLP's contribution raised the total to \$8,183.07.

This is much less than in past years, but the need has not diminished. Please consider making a contribution to this program. Just fill in the box on your enclosed statement.

Every donation counts. *We thank you for your support!*



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.

Good luck!

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