

Between the Lines

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General Information

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Mail, Drop-box, Automatic Bill Pay, On-Line Bill Pay or just stop in our office Monday -Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Suggestions for Newsletter:

Newsletter@coldwater.org

Trick-or-Treating will be on Saturday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Have a safe and fun Halloween night!



The City and CBPU Offices will be closed November 25th & 26th in observance of the Holiday.

WINTER TAXES

Winter Taxes will be mailed December 1, 2010.



They are due on Monday February 14th, 2011

Tips on Saving Energy & Money at Home

Did you know that the typical U.S. family spends about \$1,900 a year on home utility bills? Unfortunately, a large portion of that energy is wasted. And each year, electricity generated by fossil fuels for a single home puts more carbon dioxide into the air than two average cars. And as for the road, transportation accounts for 67% of all U.S. oil consumption. The good news is that there is a lot you can do to save energy and money at home and in your car.

Start making small changes today.

The key to achieving these savings in your home is a whole-house energy efficiency plan. To take a whole-house approach, view your home as an energy system with interdependent parts. For



example, your heating system is not just a furnace—it's a heat-delivery system that starts at the furnace and delivers heat throughout your home using a network of ducts. Even a top-of-the-line, energy-efficient furnace will waste a lot of fuel if the ducts, walls, attic, windows, and doors are not properly sealed and insulated. Taking a whole-house approach to saving energy ensures that dollars you invest to save energy are spent wisely.

Energy-efficient improvements not only make your home more comfortable, they can yield long-term financial rewards. Reduced utility bills more than make up for the higher price of energy-efficient appliances and improvements over their lifetimes. In addition, your home could bring in a higher price when you sell.

Tips to Save Energy

- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Use CFL bulbs with the ENERGY STAR label.
- Air dry dishes instead of using the dry cycle.
- Turn off your PC and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics into power strips and turn the power strip off when not in use.
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

Visit www.coldwater.org for more tips on how you can conserve and on our Energy Rebate Programs.

Article contributed by the U.S. Dept of Energy.

City -Wide Flushing Fall Schedule

Beginning September 27th, the Water Department will begin its semi-annual hydrant operating program. Crews will be working around the clock to complete the program within one week. There will **not** be a set schedule of crew locations by day.

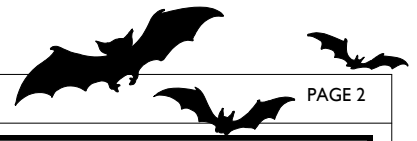
This is a good time for homeowners to remember to

flush hot water heaters, which will improve water quality and efficiency.

The Coldwater Board of Public Utilities recommends doing laundry once crews have flushed hydrants in their area. Customers living south of US-12 should do laundry later in the week and north of US-12 earlier in the week as a general rule.

Motorists are urged to use caution in and around areas where hydrant operation is taking place, especially in the evening and early morning hours.

For more information on the City Wide Hydrant Flushing Program, please contact Tom Spitzner, Water Superintendent at 279-4805 from 8:00a to 4:00p Monday through Friday.



Happy Hallo-GREEN!

Most of us are familiar with the four general rules of conservation - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink, but do you practice those theories every day? If you need a little help getting back on track, come to the CBPU the week of October 25th through the 29th and help us celebrate Hallo-GREEN!



information on our appliance rebate programs and lots of other goodies.

Over the last several years, 'going green' is all we hear about. What does 'going green' mean to you? We'd like to hear from you and see what you think it means. Please share your story with us. Tell us what you do in your home or business that you consider 'green' and you'll be entered in our contest for Hallo-GREEN giveaways. E-mail at newsletter@coldwater.org or Attn: Jodi Shook, One Grand Street, Coldwater, MI 49036. Good Luck!

If you're a CBPU customer, stop by and pick up a free CFL, a reusable bag and great tips on energy efficiency and conservation,

COME DOWNTOWN FOR THE COLDWATER JAYCEES HALLOWEEN PARADE!

THE PARADE WILL START AT 7:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

City-Wide Trash Pickup & Household Hazardous Waste in October

The City of Coldwater will conduct a citywide trash pickup on Saturday, October 9th and Saturday, October 16th.

On October 9th, trash will be collected on all streets EAST of Marshall/Division Streets including Marshall and Division Streets.

On October 16th, trash will be collected on all streets WEST of Marshall/Division Streets.

To maintain the appearance of neighborhoods during the trash pickup period, please place trash at the curb no earlier than two days prior to the scheduled pickup date for your address.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Discarded clothing, toys, box springs, chairs, dishwashers, mattresses, sofas, tires if cut up, wheel rims, small car parts, latex paints if dried up, washers, dryers, water heaters, storm doors and storm windows. Pickup will also include fridge, freezer (doors removed) or air conditioners that have been tagged by a certified appliance agent to be free of Freon.

Visit www.coldwater.org or call the CBPU for more information on our Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program including cash incentive for fridge/freezer pickup.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Yard waste, large plastic drums, liquid or hazardous waste, non-latex paints and varnishes, car batteries, motor oil and solvents, large car parts, Freon-containing appliances not tagged by a certified appliance agent, tires on rims, computers, monitors, printers and televisions.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

On October 23rd, HHW will be collected in Waterworks Park. More information to follow on your CBPU bill, in local media and at our website - www.coldwater.org.

November 2010 Election Information

All residents are encouraged to cast ballots in the upcoming November 2, 2010 Election. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day to register for the November General Election is October 4th.

You can see if you are registered to vote and view a sample of your ballot prior to going to the polls through the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote. You will also find a map to your polling place and information on contacting your local clerk. This is a convenient resource for all residents. City of Coldwater

residents vote at the Heritage Gym located in Heritage Park.

Voters who are eligible should note the absentee ballot option. Registered voters may obtain an absentee ballot if they are:

- Age 60 or older.
- Unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person.
- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day.
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons.
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of their precinct of residence.

Residents are reminded of the identification requirement. They will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at (517) 279-9501.