



Light Subjects

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Second Quarter, 2021

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978-531-5975

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HOURS:
Weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COVID-19 UPDATE:
When safe, PMLP will allow the general public into our offices. See our website or call for details.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
Online: Download mobile app for Android or Apple, or visit PMLP.COM

Over the Phone by Card:
Call our cashier at 978-531-5975.

Through your bank:
Arrange automatic payments by calling customer service.

Check By Mail:
PO Box 3199, Peabody, MA 01961

Drop Box Locations:
~ PMLP (7 a.m. - 11 p.m.)
~ City Hall (24/7)
Chestnut Street side
~ Torigian Senior Center
75R Central St
~ Peabody Institute Library
32 Main Street
~ South Branch Library (24/7)
78 Lynn Street
~ West Branch Library (24/7)
603 Lowell Street
Do not leave cash.

WEBSITE:
www.pmlp.com

MANAGER:
Charles J. Orphanos

COMMISSIONERS:
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Commissioners meet monthly during the school year in the PMLP McCarthy Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday, except in November and December when meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday.

Ways to Save! Residential and Commercial



PMLP is pleased to again offer energy incentives for residential customers through our HELPS program, and for commercial customers through the Green Opportunity initiative. We will continue to help you conserve electricity and save money!

Energy Star® Appliance Rebates

When you're in the market for a new home appliance, be sure to look for the Energy Star seal. (You can find a list at energystar.gov.) Your appliance will be energy efficient and you may qualify for a bill credit anywhere from \$30 to \$500 per appliance, depending on your purchase.

Cool Homes Rebate

When you're ready to upgrade your heating and cooling system, you may want to consider a whole-home heat pump or Central AC. To supplement heating and cooling in certain areas, mini-spits can be an efficient solution. You'll be happy when you're cozy on the cold days and cool on the hot days. Not only

that, you can get a bill credit of up to \$500, depending on the unit you purchase.

Wi-Fi Enabled Smart Thermostat

Imagine telling your smart speaker to "Set temperature to 68 degrees." With a wi-fi enabled device you can do that, and enjoy other programmable features that will automatically adjust your room's temperature depending on your home network and attached equipment. Make sure the thermostat is Energy Star rated so you'll qualify for a 50% credit up to \$125.

Apply Online

To receive your bill credit, visit pmlp.com and go to our Rebates & Conservation pages. You can either apply online or download a form and mail it in. Either way, allow 6-8 weeks for processing.

Get in on the action!

In 2020, many of your neighbors in Peabody and South Lynnfield took advantage of these programs. Over \$30,000 in bill credits were issued by PMLP to support the purchase and installation of energy-saving appliances and units.

2021 LED Bulb Sale

In addition to big ticket items, PMLP continues to encourage customers to re-

place incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs. LEDs use less electricity and are not hot to the touch like older lamps. Often these are encased in plastic instead of glass so dropping them may not have the same mess to clean up too!

In 2020, we ran our bulb sale a bit differently. As in the past, we allowed customers to order up to ten LEDs. Instead of collecting 50 cents each, we asked everyone to consider a voluntary donation to NSCAP. WOW. People were very generous and the people at NSCAP were very grateful. We actually collected more for NSCAP than we would have collected if we charged for the bulbs.

Businesses win too!

Peabody has a vibrant business community which we are here to support. Incentives are available for business customers to swap out older light fixtures with new LED fixtures. (All work must be pre-approved.)

Details of our business program are available through our Community Relations Department by calling 978-573-1150.

Then and Now



The PMLP home base is fairly new. Construction was completed around 1990. At 30 years old, the building has started to show its age, and when the front vestibule leaked during rainstorms, action was needed.

opportunity to make the repairs, and we are pleased that the job is almost complete.

When we are able to open to the public again, we hope that you enjoy the look of our new entrance.

During our COVID-19 closure, we had the ideal

Do's and Don'ts of Spring Cleaning

When you venture into the yard to clean up, water, trim trees, or plant scrubs, please be aware of overhead and underground cables, and equipment on your property or close to your property line. If someone else is working in your yard, it is especially important to make them aware of any hazards.

DON'T allow mulch to accumulate around a pad mount transformer.

Mulch around the metal parts of a transformer will cause moisture to accumulate which can lead to unplanned outages and expensive repairs.

DO: Keep leaves and other yard debris away from pad mount transformer.

A transformer should not be a collection point for yard waste. Safe and quick access to this equipment can be critical during an event.

DO: Call 8-1-1 for Dig Safe® when you plant trees or shrubs. (The service is free and not-for-profit.)

Before you put a shovel in the ground, consider the possibility of underground cables.

DON'T use extension saws too close to electric lines.

Use caution when trimming trees. Touching an exposed power line may result in electrocution.

DO: Follow the instructions on any piece of electric equipment.

The label/sticker on the transformer gives the specific distances that must be kept clear within the easement area.

DON'T spray water on the transformer. (You can't make them grow.)

Automatic sprinklers that spray water on a transformer on a daily basis will also cause premature deterioration and which may cause an unplanned outage.

DO: Call our office if you have any question or concern.

This applies to a downed cable, or any unsafe electric problem you see in the PMLP system. Call 978-531-5970.

Can you find the transformer?



When our line workers or engineers have to service transformers that are surrounded by shrubs, we must first remove the overgrown vegetation from the easement area.

Emergency situations can be made a lot worse when crews do not have free and clear access to our equipment.

