

BRIGHT IDEAS

A monthly newsletter for BELD customers, August 2007

BELD
Braintree Electric
Light Department
and
BELD Broadband

BELD does more than keep Braintree's lights on!

Including our annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes, we contribute well over \$1,000,000 in support to the Town of Braintree

As a public power utility, BELD has been providing low-cost, reliable and safe electric service to Braintree residents since 1892. But we do a lot more than keep your lights on.

Private power companies serve their stockholders, but the mission of public power utilities is to serve their customers and communities.

We measure our success by how much money stays within the community—through lower rates and contributions to the Braintree town budget.

BELD has a long tradition of contributing many services to the Town of Braintree, from hanging banners to planting trees to overseeing an MIS upgrade at the Police Station. We thought you might be interested in reading about just a few of them.

Police Station MIS work—Since 2004, we've overseen a complete upgrade of the Police Department Management Information System.

Braintree schools—We've worked with the Braintree schools for several years to



CONGRATULATIONS TO BELD'S 2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS! Pictured (l to r): **JAMES REDMOND**, a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School, is headed to Bridgewater State College; **BHS graduate ELIZABETH TARPEY** will attend Georgia Tech; **JIM REGAN**, Municipal Light Board; and **BRIAN MANNING**, also a BHS graduate, will study at Carnegie Mellon University.

improve the quality and speed of their computer systems.

GIS system—We created the town's web-based Geographical Information System.

Watson Library & Research Center—We replaced their antiquated electric system with a new, more efficient service.

Braintree Re-leaf program—Since 1992, we've planted nearly 3,200 maple trees in Braintree yards, at no cost to residents.

More MIS work—We've made improvements to the MIS networks at the Council on Aging and the Fire Dept.

Neighborhood Link—We sponsor the Braintree Neighborhood Link website.

Athletic fields—We've installed scoreboards and/or repaired circuits at several town athletic fields.

BELD is proud to be part of a well-established tradition of actively supporting the Braintree community.



Bottiggi is presented South Shore Chamber of Commerce 2007 Public Service Award

The annual award is presented to a local official who has contributed to the region's economic growth and has demonstrated an entrepreneurial approach to managing local government.

"Braintree Electric Light Department has been a leader in municipal power departments, not just here in Massachusetts, but nationally as well," said Chamber President Peter Forman.

Forman cited BELD's leadership in constructing a new 116-megawatt power plant to help expand the region's tight supply of electricity. "None of this happens without a strong team and a visionary leader. We are proud to honor Bill Bottiggi, the General Manager of BELD."

Pictured above (l to r): Chamber President Peter Forman, Bottiggi, Chamber Chairman Kenneth Quigley

Get a **FREE** month of HBO and Cinemax from **BELD Broadband**

Sign up for HBO and/or Cinemax in September and get a **FREE** month—plus **FREE** installation! Don't miss the new season of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and the all-new *Tell Me You Love Me*, both premiering September 9 on HBO. You'll also get access to **seven** HBO channels, **eight** Cinemax channels, and HBO and Cinemax On Demand—at no extra charge! Choose from a schedule of more than 140 HBO original series, movies, sports and specials, updated weekly. **To take advantage of this limited-time offer, please call BELD Customer Service at 781.348.BELD (2353) by September 30.**

Offer available 9/1/07 through 9/30/07, thereafter monthly service fees apply. HBO and Digital cable required for HBO on Demand. Cinemax and Digital cable required for Cinemax On Demand. A converter box is required. Monthly cable TV and equipment fees are additional. Service not available in all areas. Other restrictions may apply.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BHS Class of '57 holds 50th Reunion

Braintree High School Class of 1957 will meet at the Radisson Hotel on Water Street in Plymouth the **weekend of September 7-9**, to celebrate their 50th reunion. Join us for dinner, dancing, good conversation, and a good time! For more information or to make a reservation, contact Tom Jensen (781.380.2288), Bob Sullivan (508.238.4603), or Anne (Petze) Daley (508.279.2881). For room reservations at the Radisson, call 508.747.4900 and ask for the special rates.

Flaherty School's Annual 5K Fun Run

Please join us on **Sunday, September 16**, 10 a.m., for the Flaherty School's 4th Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk. Registration for the event—which starts and ends at Braintree High School—opens at 8:30 a.m., and the run commences at 10 a.m. In addition to the 5K run and a shorter distance walk, there will be kids' races, face painting, raffles, music, and more. We hope the community will support this family-friendly event benefiting the Flaherty School. Please contact Kathleen Doherty at flahertyroadrace@hotmail.com or call 781.848.0441 for more information.

AARP begins new season September 18

Braintree AARP Chapter #4042 will hold its first meeting of the 2007-2008 season on **Tuesday, September 18**, 1:30 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty Street, Braintree. Invitations have been extended to the mayoral candidates to appear as guest speakers, and each will present his views on the new position. Questions will be welcomed following the meeting. Call Frank Bocchino at 781.848.4293 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for **Saturday, September 29**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Robert Salvaggio Recycling Center on Ivory Street. This will be a full collection of all types of hazardous waste, tires and batteries, and electronics (TVs, computer monitors, etc.). If you need a **recycling bin**, they are available at the

center or at the Highway Department. We have large and small sizes—the first one and damage replacements are **free** (there is a \$5 charge for additional bins). Call 781.794.8237 for more information.

Forget-Me-Not Road Race

The 3rd annual Forget-Me-Not Road Race, in memory of Genevieve M. LaBier, will be held **Sunday, September 30**. Registration will open at 8 a.m. at Braintree Town Hall, and the 5K race/one-mile walk will begin at 9:30. The entry fee is \$17 prior to the race, \$20 on race day. A D.J., awards and refreshments will follow the race. All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Donations can be sent to The Forget-Me-Not Road Race, 150 Cedar Street, Braintree, MA 02184. For more information, call 781.843.2336 or email Linda at lal635@yahoo.com.

Braintree High School All-Class Reunion is October 13

The 7th Annual Braintree High School All-Class Reunion is planned for **Saturday, October 13**, at the Sons of Italy Hall in Braintree. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner by Fasano's will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call Barbara Norris at 781.335.7567 for reservations.

Do you know a female veteran?

If you're a female veteran or you know someone who is, we'd like to hear from you. We have information on veteran's services and events that we'd like to pass on to you. Call June Newman, Veterans' Services Officer, Braintree Town Hall, at 781.794.8217 or 781.248.5239 (cell).

Quincy Community Action Head Start Program accepting applications

Quincy Community Action Head Start Program is now accepting applications for our Toddler Program in Quincy and our Pre-school Program in Braintree. Applicants must be low- to moderate-income. Call Nancy Dean at 617.479.8181, ext. 152, for information or an application.

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BROADBAND HELP DESK

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat-Sun: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Public Meetings are usually held monthly. Call 781.348.2353 or check www.beld.com to confirm time and date.

COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Reynolds, Chair
Anthony Agnitti, Vice Chair
James Regan, Secretary

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Monday, September 3
Labor Day



Always ask for IDENTIFICATION!

All Braintree Electric Light Department personnel carry photo identification cards.

Never let anyone claiming to represent your utility company enter your home without first showing his or her I.D. If you have a question about a BELD I.D., call our office at 781.348.BELD (2353)