

Brighter lights, lower bills at the BHA

When the Braintree Housing Authority was looking for ways to reduce their electric bill, they called BELD for assistance

The Braintree Housing Authority wanted to use electricity more efficiently, so they asked BELD to conduct a detailed site survey and recommend some changes.

The survey showed that their lighting needed an extensive upgrade—the old lamps and fixtures were inefficient, and many areas were dark or underlit.

The BHA oversees the William F. McRae and Marjorie L. Crispin housing developments, as well as the William H. Dykstra House, so an upgrade would be no small feat! But with BELD's financial assistance, new energy-saving lights were installed inside and out.

The residents were thrilled. BHA Executive Director Lauren Murphy reported nothing but positive responses. "Everyone is extremely happy with the new lights. Some people have stated they feel safer because the new outside lighting is so much brighter."

After her apartment was retrofitted, Jean McGloin couldn't believe the difference. "I have a vision problem, and I used to have four extra lights on in my kitchen. Now I just use the new fixture. And the porch lights are absolutely fabulous!"



TOP: BHA staffer Richard Cushing puts the finishing touches on a new lighting fixture in Lawrence Arsenault's kitchen. BOTTOM: Dorothy Thompson installs a new high-efficiency Compact Fluorescent Lamp.

If you're considering making energy improvements at your business, contact BELD before you begin. Our Energy Advisor can get you started the right way in our *Lighten Up Program*.

And don't forget about your house. To schedule a free energy audit in your home or get more information on how to save dollars and conserve energy, contact BELD's Energy Advisor at 781.348.1032. We'll evaluate your lighting as well as your heating and hot water systems, shell insulation, appliances, and windows & doors. Once conservation

work has been completed, we'll send an inspector to your home to make sure the job was done correctly. Call us today!

Do your lights sometimes go to half-power or flicker?

October brings us an abundance of creatures that go bump in the night...along with their own special effects.

Scary ghosts and goblins aside, however, half-power or flickering lights are usually the result of a loose connection in the service entrance cable or equipment.

There are several points where these connections can become loose due to expansion and contraction of the metal or movement caused by weather conditions.

If you're experiencing a problem, call BELD customer service at 781.348.BELD (2353) and we'll come out and investigate!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Real Estate taxes due November 1

Braintree taxpayers are reminded that Real Estate Taxes for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008 are due on **November 1**. These bills, mailed on or before July 1, must be paid by November 1 in order to avoid late charges. If you have questions or wish to obtain a copy of your bill, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 781.794.8130. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is a drop box in front of Town Hall for your convenience.

Holiday Fair November 2 & 3

South Congregational Church ("The Church by the Lake") invites you to a Holiday Fair **Friday, November 2**, 5-8 p.m., and **Saturday, November 3**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A German Fest will be served on Friday, 5-8, Breakfast (8:30-11) and lunch (11:30-2) on Saturday. There will be a silent auction, raffles, gift baskets, baked goods, candy, holiday gifts, white elephant, and much more! Call the church at 781.843.5155 for more information.

Giant Craft Show November 3

The Braintree Women's Club will hold its 14th Annual Craft Show on **Saturday, November 3**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Braintree High School. The event benefits the BWC scholarship fund; admission is \$1. Browse through 50+ tables and handcrafted items by seasoned South Shore crafters. Contact Nan Walsh at 781.843.2593 for more information.

Veterans' Memorial Service

The Braintree Lodge of Elks 2622 will hold our First Annual Memorial Service at the site of the Veterans' Memorial, Plain Street Cemetery, on **Sunday, November 4**, 10 a.m. All are welcome. Contact Georgia Pratt at 781.843.5721 for more information.

PIP's Taste of Braintree November 4

PIP's 4th annual Taste of Braintree is **Sunday, November 4**, 12-4 p.m., at the Sheraton Braintree. This is a family-friendly event featuring the delicious food and desserts of area restaurants, caterers and bakers. Food, fun, education and entertainment for *one low price*. Private chef demos for holiday ideas, pictures, hands-on robotics studio, clowns, balloons, raffles and more. Booth and advertising space for business vendors available. Event tickets are \$45 family and \$18 individual. Call 781.843.2454 or visit www.parentinvolvementprogram.org

Liberty School's Casino Night

Please join us on **Friday, November 9**, 7 p.m., at Braintree Sons of Italy, for the Liberty School's Casino Night and Silent Auction. Butch Stearns, Fox 25 News sports anchor, will emcee the event. Try your hand at blackjack and the Wheel of Fortune or place bids in the live and silent auction. There will be a nominal admission fee. A light buffet will be served by Fasano's. Contact Joanne Martin at martintjrk@beld.net or 781.356.8119.

Annual Holiday Craft Fair

The Archbishop Williams High School Craft Fair will be held **Sunday, November 18**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. All handmade crafts, 50/50, chance tables, great fun. Serving lunch all day. Admission \$3, seniors \$2.50. For additional information, contact Wendy Castonguay at 781.326.2355.

AARP meeting November 20

Braintree AARP Chapter #4042 will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, November 20**, 1:30 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 788 Liberty Street. Guest speaker will be a representative Pilgrim from the Plimoth Plantation. Call Frank Bocchino at 781.848.4293.

Veterans' Thanksgiving Dinner

The Braintree Lodge of Elks 2622 will hold our annual Veterans' Thanksgiving Dinner on **Tuesday, November 20**, 6 p.m., at the lodge. All local veterans are welcome! **Please R.S.V.P. by November 9** to Georgia (781.843.5721) or Debbie (781.848.4300).

BHS Athletic Association Road Race

Join us on **Thanksgiving day, November 22**, for our annual 5K Road Race—a great family event, walkers welcome. Starting/stopping at Braintree High School, it's a flat 5K course around Sunset Lake. Registration opens at 7 a.m., walkers start at 7:45, runners at 8. All proceeds will go toward BHS athletics. (Participation is a good excuse for an extra dessert after Thanksgiving dinner!) Applications are available at www.GoWampls.com. Send questions to billd104@beld.net.

20th Reunion for BHS Class of 1987

The BHS Class of 1987 will hold its 20th Reunion on **Saturday, November 24**, 7-12 p.m., at the Braintree Sons of Italy. Appetizers all night, plus dessert and coffee. DJ Vinnie DiRusso. Cost is \$35/person or \$60/couple. Contact Mary Ellen Coffey (maryellen724@yahoo.com), John Hume (hume@beld.net), or Joanne Teliszewski (telisj@comcast.net).

Gardeners' Guild House Tour

The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree will hold a "Christmas Around the Town" house tour on **Sunday, December 2**, 1-5 p.m. Three Braintree homes will be decorated for Christmas—the Johnson home at 17 Brewster Avenue, the Jackson home at 891 Liberty Street, and the Pasman home at 132 Cedar Street. Tickets will be sold at the houses, the boutique at Hollis School, and Braintree Town Hall.

Annual fall leaf pickup

Leaves and grass clippings will be collected by Waste Management **the same day as trash pickup for six weeks**—the weeks of October 15 & 29, November 13 & 26, and December 3 & 10. No plastic bags, please! Need more information? Call the Highway Department at 781.794.8950 or Waste Management at 800.262.5633.

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372 Washington St.
Direct Payment
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Online payments
www.beld.com

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 CLOSINGS

Monday, October 8
Columbus Day
Monday, November 12
Veterans' Day (observed)



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