

# 06855 CONNECTION

October/November 2014

### **News**

#### **TTD Rate Structure**

In an effort to continually improve the department's infrastructure to benefit its customers, TTD is in the process of updating internal and external policies and procedures. One area impacted by these efforts is the retail rate design and associated rate structures.

As approved by the Commission of the Third Taxing District, TTD is changing the method by which electric bills will be calculated, effective October 1, 2014. (The current TTD electric rates have been in effect since 1985.) The change will bring our rate structure in line with best practices across the industry, and is considered "revenue neutral." This means that a customer, on average, will not see a change in their bill amount. For residential and commercial rate examples, please visit ttd.gov, My Account, Rates, or come to the office for a printed copy of the new rate schedule. TTD is happy to address any questions you may have about the new rate structure and welcomes your feedback.

#### **Electric Vehicle Now in TTD Fleet**

TTD recently purchased a 2014 Chevy Volt, which will be used for meter reading and other customer-related assignments. The electric car will replace TTD's 2005 Chevy Aveo, which is being donated to the Wright Technical School in Stamford, with coordination from Treasurer, Dr. Michael Intrieri. TTD may purchase additional electric vehicles as other vehicles in the fleet are retired and replaced.

### **Coming Soon: Charging Stations**

By the end of the year, TTD customers will notice the installation of two Electric Vehicle charging stations either near the East Norwalk Association Library or near the East Norwalk Railroad Station, bringing CT's total to over 150 charging stations.

### Spotlight On: Mike Adams



Mike Adams was recently promoted to the position of General Line Foreman at TTD. Mike started with TTD in June of 2008 as a

Lineman. Throughout his time with the utility, he has been involved with all of the field departments, including line work, meter reading and working in the substations. In his new role, Mike works closely with General Manager Jim Smith to manage multiple components of the utility's infrastructure, including construction and repair of overhead and underground lines. He also handles coordination and hands-on management of his team's emergency response procedures. Please join us in congratulating Mike on his new position.

### New Meters Being Installed

TTD is currently working to replace approximately 1,000 old TTD meters with new Itron Radio read meters. The new meters will help reduce meter reading time. If you have a question about meter installation, please contact the TTD office at 203-866-9271.

# **Community Corner**

### **TTD Holiday Closings:**

Monday, October 13: Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11: Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28: Day After Thanksgiving
To report outages after-hours, weekends,
and holidays, please call 203-663-6875

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Monday, Oct. 6: Commission Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 5: Commission Meeting Monday, Dec. 1: Commission Meeting

#### **District Commissioners**

Charles L. Yost 203-853-0837 Chairman
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# LED Streetlight Program Update

To date, 109 LED streetlights have been installed in East Norwalk, which represents 16% of all streetlights in the district. TTD plans to continue purchasing and changing out the streetlights to help promote responsible energy use.

# **Energy Incentives for Businesses**

Depending on your company's overall energy usage, and working in conjunction with Connecticut's Conservation and Load Management State Guidelines, talk to TTD about how to partner on retro-fit lighting projects and incentive applications. More information can be found at energizect.com

### Substation Enhancement Scheduled

A 10 MVA power transformer at the East Avenue Substation is scheduled to be replaced within the next few months. The new 10 MVA transformer will be one of the largest single infrastructure purchases for TTD for the next several years, and is part of TTD's mission to continually improve the system's reliability and efficiency.

## Celebrating Public Power Week



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### Keep Safe This Fall

When working in your yard this Fall, beware of power lines and poles. Serious injury can result if lawn or pruning equipment touches live power lines or support poles.

### Chowdafest Comes to East Norwalk



TTD is proud to be a sponsor of this year's Chowdafest, New England's Best Chowder & Soup Competition, which takes place on Sunday,

October 12th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. This is the festival's first year at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk, and thousands of Chowdafest fans attend the event to sample and judge the best chowder, soup and bisque in the area. Visit Chowdafest.org to purchase advance regular admission tickets. VIP ChowdaHOUR tickets are also available online on a first-come, first-served basis\*.

\*Quantities are limited.

# **Did You Know?**Emptying your lint filter in

Emptying your lint filter in your dryer after every cycle will help reduce energy usage, and can extend the life of your dryer.

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