

# April 2017 Issue:

| Spring Into Safety                      |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Contact Info and 2018 Board of Trustees |   |  |
| Customer Contribution Fund              | 2 |  |
| Complaints Resolution                   | 2 |  |
| Automatic Withdrawal Payments           | 2 |  |
| Energy Star Rebate Program              |   |  |
| Energy Crossword Puzzle                 | 2 |  |



THE MONTH OF MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

**SPRING INTO SAFETY** 

However, it is important to always be safe around electric appliances, equipment, and power lines. May is National Electrical Safety Month, and it's a great time to raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards. By taking simple precautions, everyone can avoid electrically related fires, fatalities, injuries, and property loss.

Every day, we rely on electricity to power our homes and offices.

I'M NOT FEELING WELL.
I'M BURNING UP!

Here are some safety tips:

#### **Indoors:**

- Check electric cords for fraying or cracking. Replace cords that may be damaged, and don't overload electric outlets.
- Remember extension cords are intended to be temporary; they are not intended as permanent household wiring.
- ♦ Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.
- ♦ Keep electric appliances and tools away from water. Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water; instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- ♦ Never put anything other than an electrical plug in an outlet. Use outlet covers or caps to protect children.
- ♦ Keep your home's electrical system in good repair. Contact a licensed electrical contractor if you have flickering lights, sparks, non-functioning outlets, or need wiring repairs or upgrades.

## **Outdoors:**

♦ Never touch downed power lines!



Know what's **below.** m

Call before you dig. ◊

- Always call your local utility or 911 if you see lines down.
- ♦ Watch for overhead lines every time you use a ladder, work on roofs, trees, or carry long tools or loads. Keep kites, model airplanes, and metallic balloons away from power lines.
- ♦ Know what's below before you dig. At least 3 days before starting any digging or excavating project, call 811, the <a href="http://www.iowaonecall.com/">http://www.iowaonecall.com/</a> to have underground utility lines, pipes, and cables marked for free.
- **1.**♦ Avoid planting trees underneath power lines or near utility equipment.

Whether you're trenching in a field, planting a tree or digging a foundation, Iowa law requires everyone to locate underground utilities before digging. First, notify Iowa One Call to begin the process, then wait 48 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) BEFORE any digging begins. Call or click before you dig. *This service is FREE and it's the law.* 



# Coggon Municipal Light Plant

http://www.coggonlightplant.com

131 W Main Street PO Box 80 Coggon, IA 52218

Office: 319-435-2436 Fax: 319-435-2190 Emergency: 319-213-0501

mrundle@coggonlightplant.com jrecker@coggonlightplant.com

# **2018 Board of Trustees**

Travis Heins, Chairperson Vaughn McClelland, Treasurer Steve Hart, Secretary Sharon Reiter, Trustee Bill Vosdingh, Trustee

## **CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTION FUND**

Did you know that YOU along with the Coggon Municipal Light Plant can help your less fortunate neighbors pay their heating bills? Coggon Cares is a Customer Contribution Fund that allows you to help by adding a regular contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to the fund. These funds are distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs. Those individuals who qualify for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Coggon Cares to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitable and efficiently. Your contribution is voluntary, flexible, and tax-deductible. If at any time you would like to contribute to the fund, either call the office or complete and return the ticket below to the Coggon Municipal Light Plant. Thank you.

**Dear Coggon Municipal Light Plant:** I would like to help a neighbor in need with a contribution to the Coggon Cares Fund

| Coggon<br>ares | Name                          | Phone   |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
|                | ontribute \$<br>enclosed a \$ | per month to Coggon Cares. I understand this amount will be added to my bill. donation to Coggon Cares. |  |

### COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION PROCESS

If you have a complaint that is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and the Coggon Municipal Light Plant does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling (515) 725-7321, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to:



1375 E. Court Ave,. Rm. 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or by E-mail to customr@iub.iowa.gov.

# **Automatic Withdrawal** Payments Available

Enroll in our Automatic Withdrawal Payments Plan and simplify your electric bill payment process. For the ACH form, please visit our website at www.coggonlightplant.com



or call the office today!

Coggon Municipal Light Plant offers customer rebates on certain Energy Star rated appliances. Information on the rebates offered can be found on our website at http://www.coggonlightpl ant.com or call the office for more information.



Money Isn't All You're Saving

#### ACROSS

- (unit of 1. Electronenergy)
  - Manage to avoid
- Letters after E
   Poverty-stricken
- Energy (situation in which available energy sources are not sufficient to meet the demand)
- gol \*Either he goes 2 wids
- 2 was. 16. Energy sources that generate electricity directly from the 61-Down: 2 wds.
- Tennis match division

  Eco-\_\_\_ (more

  environmentally friendly
- vehicle)
  Large African antelope
  On the ocean
- Energy transferred per unit of time
- 25. Carbon (amount of carbon dioxide produced by a person or group in a given time)

  27. "\_\_-ching!" (cash register
- noise)
- ederal org. concerned with fuel economy
- 30. Israel's national airline: 2
- wds.
  Opposite of longitude:
- Cable sports network Hit BBC comedy, for short:
- 2 wds
- Gallery exhibits System of connected cells that produces electric
- energy Sport-\_\_\_ (fuel-vehicle, briefly) (fuel-inefficient
- can do 2 42. That's the \_\_\_
- Lee (frozen dessert brand)
- Centuries upon centuries
  "I'm so hungry I could \_\_\_\_
  horsel": 2 wds.
  Genetic stuff

- Trio before O What Samuel Bodman is in relation to the U.S. Department of Energy Untidy Secret plan

- Actress Carrere
  "Hold on just a \_\_\_!"
  Stimpy's cartoon pal
- Like energy that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs



- 66. The Hoosier State: otherwise specified

- 67. \_\_\_ otherwise specified 68. Uses one's eyes 69. Greenhouse \_\_\_ (contributor to the warming of the earth's atmosphere as carbon dioxide or methane)
- 70. Has to have
- External energy that causes a rise in temperature

- Al Gore and Dan Quayle,
- once: Abbr.
  Winning tic-tac-toe row
  Chat room chuckle
  Copy through a
- transparent sheet
- 5. Notable time period
- hooks" (warning on a shipping crate): 2 wds Water down Suffix with lion or host

- 10. Energy sources formed in the earth from organic remains, as coal or oil: 2 wds.
- Advocating ecological
- awareness Try to swat: 2 wds
- 14. Paramedic's skill, for short
- One-in-a-million Iraqi, Saudi or Kuwaiti
- Students' high-tech workplace: 2 wds.
   Chicago airport

- Units of energy equivalent to one joule: Hyph 25 Refrains from eating
- Frolic Vegetable in a pod
- 33. School org.
- Dweebish Tiny energy sources

- Comedian Jack of early radio and TV
   Sink one's teeth into
- 40. Jogged

- 43. Like lemons and vinegar
  43. Like lemons and vinegar
  47. Bring into harmony
  49. "You said it, preacher!"
  51. Piece of parsley
  52. Tennis player Dementieva
  or actress Verdugo
  53. Bride's wallway.
- 53. Bride's walkway 54. Gave a PG-13 to, for example
- 56. Money available as an electronic account: Hyph.
- 59. Bro's sibling 61. Energy source for life on
- Earth
- 62. Donkey 63. Nectar-collecting insect
- Meadow
- Suffix used frequently in the "Guinness Book of Records'