



Dispatch

a bi-monthly news update for CWLP customers

Timothy J. Davlin, Mayor • Todd Renfrow, General Manager

City adopts new PURPA standards

On June 22 of this year, the Springfield City Council moved to adopt six of seven new Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) standards resulting from the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The adopted standards, some modified to better meet local needs and concerns, address the City's commitment to:

- ensuring future electric rate structures will be such that investing in energy efficiency resources, energy conservation, and other demand-side management measures to meet new demand will be reviewed as cost-effective alternatives to investing in new generation and transmission and distribution equipment;
- making cost-effective investments to ensure the energy efficiency of CWLP's power generation and supply equipment;
- considering the effects of wholesale power purchases (although, given CWLP's excess capacity, the need to undertake such consideration is not expected until at least 2030);
- evaluating and considering the cost and system reliability, security, performance and efficiency impacts of investing in smart grid technologies;
- making customer access to certain smart grid

information—including time-of-use data for qualifying commercial customers—available via the use of wireless meter accessories (for which customers would bear responsibility for the cost and installation); and

- making rate design modifications that will promote investments in energy efficiency.

In lieu of adopting the seventh PURPA standard, which dealt with integrated resource planning, the City decided instead to continue its pursuit of energy efficiency programs outlined in a 2006 ordinance.

PURPA was originally enacted as part of the National Energy Act of 1978. At that time, PURPA consisted of six standards designed to encourage conservation and efficiency in the supply, distribution and consumption of electricity and natural gas, as well as to encourage equitable retail rates for electric customers. Since then, PURPA has been amended three times to add a total of 16 new standards, including those added in 2007.

Utilities are not bound by PURPA standards, but, rather, are expected to consider them and decide whether to adopt them as-is, adopt them with modifications, or reject them.



Temporary repairs planned for bumpy Long Bay Drive

Long Bay Drive, the lake-area road that runs in front of Henson Robinson Zoo, Center Park and the Beach House, is in store for some much-needed repair work this July, as a result of an agreement between CWLP General Manager Todd Renfrow and Public Works Director Mike Norris. CWLP will use Public Works crews to make temporary repairs to the dilapidated roadway to help tide things over until more extensive—and expensive—replacement work can be done at some later date.

Long Bay Drive, a nearly mile-long stretch of road connecting East Lake Shore Drive to the Vachel Lindsay Memorial Bridge, falls under the jurisdiction of CWLP. It has been in



need of significant rehabilitation for some time. In its 2008 water rate increase proposal, CWLP included \$500,000 per year for road and bridge work, including the Long Bay surface-replacement project. However, the City Council voted to remove those monies from the rate increase. Since then, the condition of the road has continued to deteriorate until it has become one of the worst roads in Springfield, according to Mayor Tim Davlin.

CWLP expects to reimburse Public Works for up to \$120,000 for the cost of materials needed to asphalt the roadway. This is approximately 20% of the estimated cost of a complete resurfacing project.

Around Springfield . . .

■ **Free Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Activities.** All events take place at the Presidential Museum in Downtown Springfield. Call 782-5764 or visit www.alplm.org for more information about these and other special museum events this summer.

My Front Porch – Civil War 1863. July 1, 15 and 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A Springfield woman discusses life and the Civil War in 1863 in the Museum's Union Theater.

One Destiny. July 1, 2, 8, 22, 29 and 30, call for show times. "Harry Hawk," the actor on stage at Ford's Theatre the night President Lincoln was assassinated, revisits the night and the days following.

Sandra Fitz as "Mrs. Wade," in Ford Theatre's Exhibit. July 3 and 17, 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. "Mrs. Wade," whose brother was in Ford's Theatre the night President Lincoln was assassinated, discusses what things were like in Washington, D.C., after the horrific event.

The Prairie Aires. July 5 and 18, 1-3 p.m. 19th Century music is performed in the Museum Plaza.

Mike Anderson. July 11, 12 and 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Anderson performs 19th Century music in the Museum Plaza.

Abraham Lincoln in Song. July 24, 11 a.m. Chris Vallilo performs in the Museum Plaza.

■ **Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield.** Fridays through August 13, 4:30 p.m., Great Western Depot. Free. A reenactment of Lincoln's goodbye speech to his hometown as he leaves to assume the presidency. 544-8695. <http://extras.sj-r.com/t/depot>.

■ **Capital City Celebration.** July 3-4, 2nd and Capitol Streets. Free. Celebrate the July 4th weekend in Downtown Springfield with music, food, drink and family fun. Fireworks at dusk on Sunday. 553-2082. www.springfieldjaycees.org.

■ **Little Turtle Family Series Puppet Show.** Saturdays through August 14, 10-11 a.m., Old State Capitol. Free. The DePriest Puppets present *Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp*. 785-7960. www.illinoishistory.gov/hs/old_capitol.htm.

■ **Fireworks Extravaganza.** July 4, 9:30 p.m., Knights Action Park. Free. Celebrate July 4th with one of the area's most popular fire-works displays. 546-8881. www.knightsactionpark.com.

■ **Governor's Mansion Concert Series.** Wednesdays, July 14-August 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Governor's Mansion. Donations accepted. Performers include Troubadours Troupe, the Springfield Municipal Band, and Vintage Brass Band. 782-2525. www.illinois.gov/mansiontour.cfm.

■ **Free Events in Union Square Park.** All events take place in Union Square Park, on Jefferson

Street in Downtown Springfield. Unless otherwise noted, information is available at 782-5764 or www.alplm.org.

The 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band. July 17, 10:30-11:45 a.m. A Civil War band from Bloomington will perform.

Family Movie Night. July 24, 7:30-10 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy *Madagascar* under the stars. 558-8934. www.presidentlincoln.org.

Songs of the Civil War. July 30, 7:30-7:45. Bob Welch performs.

Banjulele. July 30, 8:30 p.m. This old-time string band performs.

■ **Vintage Baseball Games.** July 31, 1 p.m., and August 28, 1:30 p.m., Center Park at Lake Springfield. Free. Springfield's Long Nine competes against other regional vintage baseball teams in games that use 1858 rules, equipment and customs. 622-1977; www.springfieldlongnine.com.

■ **Customer Appreciation Day.** August 20, 3-8 p.m., Nelson Pool, Lincoln Park. Free. Spend the afternoon/evening in a free swim, complete with DJ and prize contests. 753-2800.

■ **Old Capitol Blues & BBQ.** August 28, 5th and Washington Streets. Admission (proceeds benefit Downtown Springfield, Inc.). A full day of great blues music and BBQ favorites provided by over 20 vendors. 544-1723. www.downtownspringfield.org.

■ **Music in the Park.** August 29, 4-7 p.m., Iles Park. Free. In Town Ho Down, the River Ramblers, and Tom Irwin perform. 544-1751. www.springfieldparks.org.



Information

WASTE & RECYCLING



Did you know? Your paid residential garbage service entitles you to:

- **Weekly curbside recycling** (available to one-to four-unit homes); AND
- **One free large item pickup** per year (up to three items). This service is available only to residents living in single or duplex homes with can pickup (not dumpster service). To schedule a pickup, call 522-7797.

Unless otherwise noted, programs described above are available for all Springfield city residents. Also unless otherwise noted, more information about these programs can be obtained by contacting the Waste and Recycling Program Coordinator at 789-2327 or wynne.coplea@cwlp.com.