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Get ready for Member Appreciation Day

Chugach members are invited to join us for a hot dog BBQ and visit with Chugach staff and co-op friends between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6.

Stop by to learn about various topics from emergency preparedness to renewable energy. Take the kids on a bucket truck ride or hop on the energy bike.

Learn about the most fuel-efficient power plant in Alaska! Southcentral Power Project tours will be at 10:00am, 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Registration for the tours

is required. Tour space is limited. Sign up for a tour on Chugach's website: www.chugachelectric.com.



A drawing will be held for a chance to win a \$250 Chugach gift certificate, which may be used to pay any Chugach account. Members can enter the drawing at the event or online starting on October 6. The winner will be contacted during the week of October 9.

Streetlights getting LED upgrade

Chugach has approximately 5,000 street and area lights in our service territory, and we have launched a program to convert them all to LED by the end of 2019.

Utilities around the world, including those in other communities in Alaska, are switching to LED lights to save money and improve lighting. LED fixtures use less than half the power to produce the same amount of light as conventional high pressure sodium (HPS) fixtures and also cost less to maintain. Chugach started its first LED conversion project working with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) at Bayshore Subdivision, where it replaced 65 HPS fixtures with LED in 2011. In December 2015, Chugach stopped purchasing HPS bulbs and made the commitment to move to 100% LED for street and area lighting. {191267801}

Chugach annually responds to over 1,000 reports of street and area lights being out of service. As we respond to each of those calls, the crew is replacing an old HPS fixture with a new LED fixture. In addition to LED installations, Chugach is replacing old street light poles and will have the majority completed by year end. Old fiberglass wrapped street light poles are being replaced with new metal poles, and lights installed on the top



New streetlight pole and a more efficient 54 watt LED fixture being replaced by Chugach crews.



of a pole will be retrofitted with a new mast arm to accommodate the new LED fixtures.

Other benefits of LEDs

LED fixtures generally produce less light pollution than other lights because their light is more directional and focused. Chugach uses cobra-head LED fixtures that comply with International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) standards for shielding, which minimizes glare and light spillage. The LED fixtures are also compatible with the control technology used by MOA which can allow street lights to be dimmed, turned off or flashed during emergencies to assist police and first responders.

Volunteers Needed!



Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws, and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2018. For more information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com. Applications are due Oct. 27, 2018.

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Construction update



Chugach crews put in a power pole and relocated guy wires on the east side of Minnesota Drive to mitigate conflicts with the road extension project underway this summer.

Rate changes

In August, Chugach submitted its Simplified Rate Filing based on the June 30, 2017 test year to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for proposed changes to system demand and energy rates effective November 1, 2017. In the filing, Chugach requested approval to increase retail demand and energy rates by 2 percent. Because the rate change is applied to only demand and energy rate components, the impact on a total customer bill basis is significantly less. On a total bill basis, which includes fuel and purchased power rates, the

impact to a residential customer using 600 kWh will increase by 1.2 percent.

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Employees support Coats for Kids

Students at Mountain View Elementary School will have a few more coats to keep them warm this winter thanks to the efforts of Chugach Electric employees. As part of the 15th Annual DiTomaso Peach & Nectarine Sale, Chugach employees bought 65 cases of peaches and nectarines bringing in more than \$500. All proceeds go to Mountain View Elementary School for their "Coats for Kids" program. Chugach contract specialist, Lisa Reed, heads up the fundraiser with employees each year. Reed was thrilled to see sales at Chugach nearly double over last year, raising a lot more money for the coats program.



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