



## One year later, a look back at the Chugach acquisition of ML&P

As we mark the one-year anniversary of the Chugach acquisition of Municipal Light & Power, much has been accomplished in the last 12 months. On Oct. 30, 2020, the papers were officially signed, closing on an idea that had been discussed in Anchorage for decades.

Combining the infrastructure and workforces of two established and well-run electric utilities in

Alaska's largest city is no small feat. It took more than two years of planning and preparation to get to the finish line. We are proud to say the integration occurred with minimal impact on the communities and the members we serve, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, without an interruption in electric service.

None of this could have happened without the experience

and skill of our employees and the patience and understanding of our members.

There's still a lot of work to do as we continue to integrate people, systems, and programs. What we know for certain is ratepayers are better off as a result of the acquisition with lower costs and significant savings being realized with more to be achieved in the years ahead.



## Celebrating members

October was a busy month as we celebrated both National Cooperative and Energy Awareness month. Festivities included free LED light bulbs and other giveaways in the South lobby and North drive-thru. We also hosted the northernmost event for National Drive Electric Week with an electric vehicle (EV) show at our South Campus. Several local EV owners brought their vehicles and shared their EV experience. There were also weekly trivia questions on our social media channels throughout the month with members who submitted the correct answers entered into a drawing for gift certificates to local businesses. {1186973}

## Chugach ranks among Top 49ers

Chugach is proud to once again be among Alaska's Top 49ers in business. Ranked by



revenue, Alaska Business Magazine annually lists the top 49 Alaska companies that are 51% or more Alaska-owned and have operations in Alaska. In the 2021 listing, Chugach comes in at #21. We are very proud of our all-Alaska workforce and the opportunity to serve nearly 93,000 members with reliable, affordable power.

# Battery-powered tools mean less maintenance, noise

Over the last couple of years, there has been a marked improvement in the capability and power capacity of battery-powered tools. The improvements in technology are quickly making battery-powered yard tools, such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, trimmers, and hedgers, comparable to gas-powered tools.

Battery-powered tools have no gas, oil, spark plugs or clogged carburetors to worry about or replace, thus requiring less

maintenance. Battery-operated yard tools are lighter, easier to lift and operate, and produce less noise than gas-powered tools. In addition to emitting large amounts of pollutants, it's estimated that 17 million gallons of fuel are spilled annually when refueling gas-powered lawn equipment.

According to Consumer Reports, the average battery-powered lawn mower will run 30–45 minutes per charge. There are even battery-powered snow



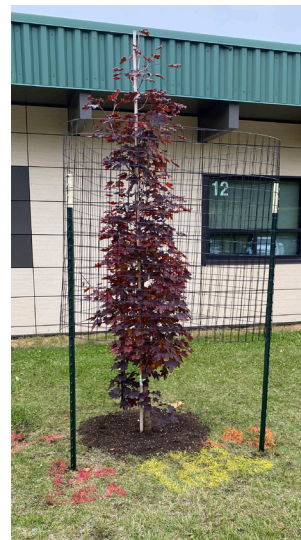
blowers that can stand the test of Alaska winters.

With the many advantages and improved power and performance, it's worth considering a battery-powered tool the next time you make an investment in yard tools.

# A tree-mendous day at Rabbit Creek Elementary School

A new tree is growing at Rabbit Creek Elementary School after the planting of a 9-foot tall Crimson Sentry Maple. Chugach partnered with the school, Carlos Tree Service, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, and Arthur Campbell Nursery to plant the tree as part of the Tree Line USA program.

Each year Chugach and partners plant a tree at a local school as part of our commitment to positively impacting the urban canopy, engaging with the community, encouraging tree-based energy conservation, and celebrating Arbor Day Alaska-style.



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