

# Water and Light News



## EAST GRAND FORKS WATER AND LIGHT

January 2020

### Water Operator James Beeman retires after 21 years

Even after 21 years, James still was sharing his passion and enjoyment of his services as an East Grand Forks water operator at the retirement party our department hosted. It all started with his biking adventures. James enjoyed biking and traveling through towns where he drew fascination of every water tower he witnessed, looking at how they are structured and wondering how they worked. This attracted him into our industry and we could not be more thankful. Based off of that story, one of our talented operators surprised James and crafted a water tower in appreciation of his services. Thank you, James for your 21 years of service and dedication!



Commissioner Grinde presents James Beeman his plaque to represent our department's appreciation



Water tower replica crafted by fellow water plant operator, Seth Baune. A surprise gift given to James.

## 2020 Electric & Water Rates

The 2020 electric and water rates were approved by the Commission as follows:

### Electric Rates per kWh

Res General.....10.659¢/kwh  
 Res Elect Heat...10.085¢/kwh  
 Off Peak.....7.314¢/kwh  
 Small Comm.....8.476¢/kwh  
 Large Comm...Call 773-1163

### Electric Fixed Charges

Res General .....\$7.75/mth  
 Res Electric Heat ....\$7.75/mth  
 Off Peak.....\$7.75/mth  
 Small Comm.....\$9.75/mth  
 Large Comm...Call 773-1163

### Water-Residential Rates

1st 4000 gals. \$.66/1000  
 Excess..... \$8.45/1000

### Water-Apartment Bldg Rates

1st 4000 gals per unit-  
 .....\$6.60/1000  
 Excess.....\$8.45/1000

### Water-Commercial Rates

1st 36000 gals. \$.66/1000  
 Excess..... \$8.45/1000

### Water Fixed Charges

5/8" Meter.....\$9.00/mth  
 3/4" Meter.....\$9.00/mth  
 1" Meter.....\$14.46/mth  
 1 1/2" Meter.....\$28.92/mth  
 2" Meter.....\$46.27/mth  
 3" Meter.....\$86.77/mth  
 4" Meter.....\$143.04/mth  
 6" Meter.....\$289.27/mth

## Happy New Year

The EGF Water and Light staff and Commissioners would like to say Thank you! It's been a pleasure serving you this past year. We hope you and your family have a happy & healthy 2020!

### Employees:

Seth Baune  
 Seth Brown  
 Michael Coauette  
 Jamey David  
 Brianna Feil  
 Todd Grabanski  
 Kevin Hatcher  
 Jeff Holbeck  
 Michael Holweger  
 Brian Johnson

Randie Johnson  
 Veronica Kostrzewski  
 Kris Kovar  
 Lori Maloney  
 Mel Metz  
 Keith Mykleseth  
 Alan Neer  
 Jeff Olson  
 Ray Rakoczy  
 Lance Riel  
 Thomas Schneiderman  
 Kristen Shipes

David Solarski  
 Maren Swingen  
 Corey Thompson  
 Tyler Tretter

### Commissioners:

Josh Grinde  
 Doug Gregoire  
 Mike Quirk  
 Marc DeMers

### 2020 Energy Assistance Program

THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PAY A PORTION OF THEIR HEATING & ELECTRIC BILL. PAYMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSEHOLD'S UTILITY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL TRI-VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL IN CROOKSTON-1-866-264-3729.

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## Recipe - Tater Tot Hot dish

1 1/2 lbs ground beef  
1 bag tater tots  
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1 can green beans, drained  
1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Brown beef, drain.
3. Mix browned beef, salt, pepper, soup and green beans. Pour in casserole.
4. Place tater tots on top of beef mixture. Then top off with cheddar cheese.
5. Cover with foil and bake 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes.
6. Serve immediately.



## 'Tis the Season for Energy Audits

With the cold weather of winter upon us, now is a great time to seal up those air leaks in your home. A Home Energy Audit will help you to figure out where those leaks are and also identify other areas where energy efficiency measures might help with the heating of your home. The Water and Light offers subsidized Home Energy Audits.

We will send a Certified Home Energy Auditor to your home.



The auditor will use equipment such as blower doors, which measure the extent of leaks in the building envelope, and infrared cameras, which reveal hard-to-detect areas of air infiltration and missing insulation

A Standard Energy Audit including a blower door test will cost \$100, and an audit adding an infrared scan will cost \$150.

If you have questions or want to sign up for a Home Energy Audit call 218-773-1163 or go to our website [www.waterandlight.info](http://www.waterandlight.info) and click on Energy Audits to fill out an "Energy Audit Request".



## MMUA/EGF Water & Light Scholarship Available

Once again, it is time for high school seniors to apply for scholarships. As we know, a college education can be expensive.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) is offering a scholarship (\$5,000—split 4 ways) to deserving students through local Minnesota municipal utility companies.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the parents and/or guardians of the students must be customers of the EGF Water and Light.

The Water and Light Commission will select one essay and award a \$500 scholarship. This essay will be entered into the state contest. A committee of MMUA staff and members will select the winners and MMUA will announce those winners in mid-May.

Criteria and applications are available at each high school's career guidance departments.

For more information, contact the Water and Light Business Office at 218-773-1163.

