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**November 1, 2017**

*NAED is one of only forty (40) municipal electric departments within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are committed to promoting the interests of "Public Power" on behalf of the citizens of this community*

**Monthly Update of North Attleborough Electric Department's Activities**

Dear Friends:

This month's newsletter offers the opportunity to update you about the planned change in our community's street lights during the forthcoming year.

**I. 2018 CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS HONORED**

The Board of Electric Commissioners on October 25, 2017 hosted the winners of NAED's annual calendar contest. The annual event is held in October because the month of October is designated as "Public Power Month" and NAED is one of approximately 2,100 public power organizations in the United States.

Annually, NAED sponsors, in conjunction with the North Attleboro School Department and St. Mary's Sacred Heart School (SMSH), an annual calendar contest. Third and Fourth graders create drawings about the importance of electricity and the selected winners, per the review and votes of NAED staff members, receive certificates, gift cards and recognition at an October meeting of the Board of Electric Commissioners.

The theme for this year's contest was, "Creating a new Logo for NAED". The winning drawings will be featured in NAED's "2018 Energy Smart" calendars, which will be available in December, 2017. In addition to the members of the Board of Electric Commissioners (Chairman Brett Langille and members Steven Cabral and Dale Langille) the quality of the art work by the children was recognized by State Representative Elizabeth Poirier, State Senator Richard Ross, School Superintendent Scott Holcomb and Board of Selectmen Michael Lennox, Patrick Reynolds and Keith Lapointe.

This year's winning artists are:

<u>Amvet</u>	Sai Siddharth Magham Diya Solanki Myles Flores Ben Cormier Dhimahi Shah	<u>Roosevelt</u>	Dylan Brousseau Neve Constantine Aria Young
<u>Martin</u>	Jessica David	<u>Community</u>	Kristian Marshall Kaeden Brown
<u>SMSH</u>	Madison Iwuc Anna Freeman		
<u>Falls</u>	Kayal Nandakumar		

## II. LED Street Light Replacement Program Begins

Brett Langille, Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, announced that NAED's "LED Street Light Replacement Program" will begin the last week of October, 2017. The replacement program will replace more than 1,960 High Pressure Sodium street light fixtures with new LED fixtures and controllers. "LED" is an abbreviation for "Light Emitting Diode".

The department has contracted with Pine Ridge Technologies, Inc. to install the LED fixtures and controllers. Pine Ridge Technologies is expected to begin its efforts before the end of October, 2017 and hopes to have the replacements completed by the end of January, 2018, weather permitting. NAED has committed \$640,000 to the replacement effort and received a \$236,000 grant from the Commonwealth to offset the cost of the installation. NAED is also planning on replacing "Leased Lights" with LED fixtures.

The four (4) main benefits of LEDs according to the American National Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting are as follows:

- Reduction in night accidents;*
- Aid to police protection and enhanced sense of personal security;*
- Facilitation of traffic flow;*
- Promotion of business and the use of public facilities during the night hours.*

Mr. Langille noted that the new street lights will result in lower annual street light costs for the Town of North Attleborough. Governor Charles Baker noting the value of LED technology stated, "Investing in LED streetlight conversions will lead to reduced energy costs and better road safety for motorists and municipalities across Massachusetts". Information about the "LED Street Light Replacement Program" is available on the NAED web site, [www.naelectric.com](http://www.naelectric.com), or by contacting NAED at 508-643-6300.

## III. Winter Protection Starts November 15, 2017

Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, Brett Langille, noted today that NAED's "Winter Protection" period will begin on November 15, 2017 and continue until March 15, 2018, inclusive. Winter protection is afforded during this period of time to NAED customers unable to pay due to financial hardships and whose current service is not currently shut off for nonpayment. NAED is required to provide "Winter Protection" to individuals and families based upon state income guidelines. Applicants for "Winter Protection" must provide appropriate income information to NAED prior to being "protected". Any questions may be directed to Ms. Marie McCabe at NAED (508-643-6376), or the NAED main number (508-643-6300)

## IV. RATE 5 - NAED's "LOW INCOME RESIDENTIAL RATE" – UPDATE/REMINDER

NAED offers a "Low Income Residential Rate". We want to bring to your attention that, effective **October 1, 2017**, that Rate 5 will be available, "...to customers based upon notification from Self Help, Inc. of eligibility for the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), or its successor program." LIHEAP eligibility is based upon the "**Fiscal Year 2018 LIHEAP** income eligibility requirements. Also, please note that rate eligibility must be renewed annually. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Marie McCabe at NAED (508-643-6376), or the NAED main number (508-643-6300).

Please continue to remember our fellow citizens who are defending our country throughout the world.

As always, should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact me at 508.643.6300.

Sincerely,

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General Manager