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Electric & Water Bills Combining in July

LELWD electric and water customers will receive one monthly bill that includes both services starting in July. Customers will be able to make one payment to cover both services.

Also, water customers will now be billed monthly instead of quarterly. The \$20 quarterly use fee will be \$7 monthly.

The new bills will include a record of the electric and water meter readings, usage history and billing details. Customers with questions or who continue to receive separate bills should call 978-540-2222.

Boxborough Water Project Forum

LELWD will host an online forum in July regarding the Boxborough water extension project. Littleton Town Meeting in May endorsed the extension of Littleton water service to Boxborough for properties impacted by PFAS and road salt in their private wells.

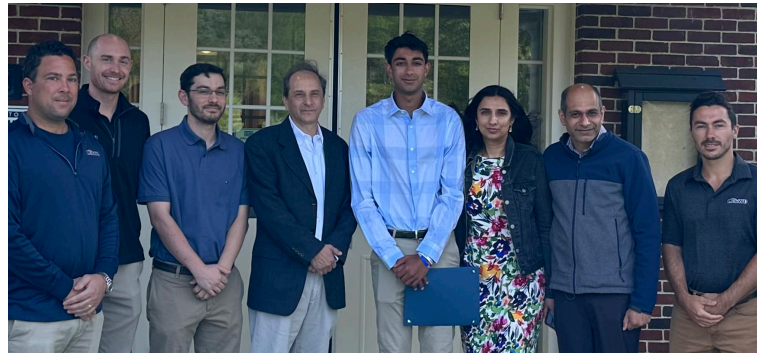
The Boxborough Water Extension Public Forum is planned for 6:30 p.m., July 26, online or LCTV. To watch online, visit lelwd.com on July 26 and follow the link on the homepage.

Open Space Survey

The Town of Littleton is conducting an online survey about open space and recreation. The 5-minute survey will help develop the vision and goals for a seven-year Open Space and Recreation Plan. Scan the QR code to take the survey.



Scholarship Winner Plans Cybersecurity Career



Scholarship winner Arav Arora with (left to right) General Manager Nick Lawler; Assistant General Manager David Ketchen; Michael Pagacik; Commissioner Ivan Pagacik; his mother, Aarti; his father, Arun; and Connor Reardon, Energy and Sustainability Manager.

LELWD awarded the 2023 Denise M. Pagacik Scholarship to Arav Arora, a Littleton High School graduate who will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue cybersecurity.

"We congratulate Arav on his success at Littleton High School, and we are pleased to award him this scholarship to continue his studies. His interest in cybersecurity is particularly relevant for public utilities which are challenged by cyber-threats," said Nick Lawler, LELWD's general manager.

The annual, merit-based scholarship is awarded to a Littleton High School senior who is highly motivated and interested in engineering or environmental sciences. The scholarship honors

Denise Pagacik, the late wife of LELWD Commissioner Ivan Pagacik, recognizing her positive impact on the community by helping Littleton students achieve their career goals.

In his scholarship essay, Arav wrote of his drive to help others through volunteering as an assistant soccer coach and a mentor with Littleton Robotics, while earning a 5.0 grade point average.

"In my eyes, helping those around you can strengthen communities, build an individual's sense of purpose, and improve people's well-being," he wrote.

Arav is the fifth scholarship winner. See the reverse side for an update on the first winner's plans after graduating college.

Sewer Line Construction Starts This Summer

Installation of sewer and water mains as part of the expanded Littleton Common Sewer System kicks off this summer. The work will require digging in the roadway, but every effort will be made to reduce the impact on drivers and residents.

On June 1, LELWD hosted a preconstruction meeting with the contractor, engineering firm, state officials and town departments, including fire, police, public works, and schools. Work on residential streets will be done in the daytime and work on state roads will primarily occur at night.

The project will impact King, Russell, Shattuck and Steven streets and Great and Meetinghouse roads. The sewer collection system is expected to be completed by November 2024. Updates on the sewer project are available at lelwd.com.





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First Scholarship Winner Graduates from Engineering College



In 2019, Littleton High School senior Sreenidhi Chalimadugu received the first Denise M. Pagacik Scholarship from LELWD.

"Hearing about Denise and her story, it's really special being the first recipient of the award," said Sree, who recently graduated from the Olin College of Engineering in Needham.

A Littleton resident for more than 25 years, Denise was a loving mother who is remembered for her selfless commitment to the community and helping others.

After graduating from one of the top engineering programs in the nation with a degree in electrical and computer engineering, Sree will start a full-time job in July at

Ford Motor Co., in Michigan, joining the Ford College Graduate Program. It provides recent college graduates opportunities to experience various roles at Ford.

Sree interned at the company two years ago and fell in love with the culture and opportunities. As the only girl on her Robotics team and in engineering class in high school, she is eager to work in a diverse environment.

"They really value people," Sree said. "Being a woman pursuing STEM, having fellow comrades and people to look up to is so important. Mentors were a big reason why I wanted to go back."

See the reverse side for the 2023 scholarship winner.

Community Effort to Prepare & Respond to Emergencies

Planning, preparing, and responding to an emergency is a community effort.

LELWD's Assistant General Manager David Ketchen recently spoke with members of the Littleton Volunteer Corps & Boxborough Emergency Reserve Corps about the town's electrical distribution system, how LELWD prepares for a storm, and the municipal electric mutual aid program.

The LVC and its counterpart in Boxborough are volunteer groups who help local officials prepare for and respond to emergencies, said Director Alex McCurdy, a former Littleton fire chief.

LVC and LELWD are exploring ways to work together in the event of a power outage and how to recruit and train volunteers. McCurdy said this partnership is a natural extension of the work it already does in the community.

LVC helps set up shelters in town when needed, works with the Board of Health to organize vaccination clinics, and provides support to public safety agencies during an emergency.

Just recently, members distributed drinking water to firefighters battling a brush fire.

"You don't need anything special other than the desire to help," McCurdy said. "We take all walks of life. There is a place for everybody."

For more information about joining LVC, email littletonvolunteer corps@gmail.com.

