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Back by Popular Demand: Discounted Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are available for purchase at the discounted price of \$89. Littleton Water customers can save an additional \$20 with the coupon code LWD25 - while supplies last. Order online by May 18th, and pick up the barrels on May 31st at the LELWD, 39 Ayer Road, Littleton. Order online at <https://www.lclwd.com/rain-barrel/>

Elementary Schools Receive New Teaching Technology



New teaching technology is in the classrooms at the Russell Street and Shaker Lane Elementary Schools, funded by grants from the LELWD. The new learning devices include 3D printers, virtual and augmented-reality headsets, and Makey Makey inventor kits.

Light Commissioners Melissa Hebert and Ivan Pagacik, joined by Nick Lawler, general manager, and David Ketchen, assistant general manager, recently visited the Russell Street Elementary School for a demonstration. The LELWD is committed to supporting the Littleton Public Schools especially in the areas of science and engineering.

Safety & Reliability Records Nationally Recognized

Of all the accolades, this one is the most important. The LEWLD has earned the Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2024.

With 89,470 worker-hours, the LELWD earned the top-tier Diamond Award in the category for utilities with 60,000 - 109,999 worker-hours per year. The awards are annually bestowed by the American Public Power Association. More than 200 public power utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2024.

The safety award is a testament to the commitment of all employees to prevent work-related injuries. The LELWD's safety protocols and procedures have helped limit the number of workplace injuries. The internal safety committee involves people from each department addressing the latest safety needs and putting plans into action.

"Harnessing electricity to keep our communities powered is vital work that can be dangerous, even deadly, if the proper attention isn't paid to tried-and-true safety practices," said Jon Beasley, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Vice-President of

Electric Cities of Georgia. "This award honors utilities that hold fast to these practices and – in doing so – put the safety of their personnel and their customers above all else."

The APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The LELWD's general manager, Nick Lawler, is the current chairman of the APPA's Board of Directors.

Reliability

The LELWD's customers lost electricity for a total of 30 minutes on average in 2024, compared to 149 minutes for consumers nationwide. The LELWD has been recognized for Excellence in Reliability by the APPA for eight consecutive years.

The reliability starts with dedicated line crews who respond on a moment's notice to restore power in all kinds of conditions. It also starts with planning and maintenance. The installation of sturdier tree wire and squirrel guards across the system are major contributors to outage prevention.





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Paving & Planting Scheduled to Complete Sewer & Water Main Projects

Installing new sewer and water mains this year and last has taken its toll on Littleton's roads and the front lawns along the route. Both the Littleton Common sewer project and the Littleton portion of the Whitcomb Avenue water main extension project are wrapping up soon. Paving roads and repairing lawns will follow. (The water main extension project is ongoing in Boxborough on Beaver Brook Road, with Swanson and Codman Hill roads to follow.)

The paving schedules are subject to change, but they offer an estimate of when to expect smooth pavement. Final paving must wait at least three months, if not longer, to allow for the trench patch to settle.

The contractors are required to repair and seed damaged turf at the end of the project – typically after the final road paving. The project specifications call for any planting to occur between April 15 and June 1 or between August 15 and October 30. Planting done in the summer must include irrigation at the contractor's expense.

Great Road

- End of Stevens Street and Great Road to Robinson Road – Permanent trench patch starting April 15.
- King Street to 220 Great Road – Permanent mill and overlay starting on September 17.

- Shattuck Street to Great Road – Permanent mill and overlay starting June 16.
- Great Road to Partridge Lane – Permanent mill and overlay starting September 22.

King Street

- Village Lane to Partridge Lane – Permanent trench paving starting May 29.
- Littleton High School to Russell Street – Permanent mill and overlay starting June 8.

Stevens Street

- King Street to Great Road – Permanent mill and overlay starting September 15.

Whitcomb Avenue

- From Taylor Street to the town line – Permanent mill and overlay starting August 11.

Seniors Welcome to Annual Luncheon



The 33rd Annual Senior Luncheon was Tuesday, April 22nd, at Littleton High School. The LELWD customers from Littleton and Boxborough enjoyed a full turkey dinner and gift bags for the guests, all served by the departments' employees. Senior citizens are eligible for a \$5 credit on electric bills and a \$3.50 credit on water bills. Customers can call (978) 540-2222 or email cssupport@lelwd.com to request the credit on their next statement.