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24 hour Utility Emergency # 928-2345

With cold weather settling in for the season and bigger utility bills following right along with the temperature drop it may be time to consider taking some measures to increase your home or businesses energy efficiency. For online tools to help determine what you can do to up your energy efficiency or to see what rebates are offered through Hartley Municipal Utilities go to www.brightenergysolutions.com. For any additional information contact City Hall.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program established to help low income families with their heating bill by providing a one-time payment to the heating utility. For more information contact Upper Des Moines Opportunity at 888-886-1598 or City Hall at 928-2240



As snow begins to make its presence known for the season, keep in mind a couple of City codes. City code requires “*property owners shall remove natural accumulations of snow and ice promptly from sidewalks*”. If snow or ice is not removed within 48 hours of the occurrence the City may do so and assess the property owner the fee. Keeping your sidewalks clean will help keep children walking to and from school and other pedestrians safe.

Also, no vehicles are to be parked on City owned streets or parking lots from the beginning of a snow event until the streets or lots have had the snow removed. Cars left on streets during a snow event will be ticketed or towed.

Utility staff will begin trimming trees around powerlines as part of the annual maintenance program. It is important to trim trees back away from lines to ensure proper safety and reliability. Trees are trimmed in the winter months because the leaves have fallen off and the trees have gone dormant which ultimately causes less stress on the tree.

It is also easier to get onto customers property without damaging their yard when the ground is frozen. Sometimes proper trimming may result in the tree having an uneven appearance.

The City electric utility is getting some upgrades done on the main substation infrastructure in the coming year. Harold K. Sholz Co. was awarded the contract to replace the south half of the switchgear in the substation as well as installing new controls/relays on the north half of the switchgear. The work will also include utility staff working on installing new underground cables to feed two of the main feeders in town.

The switchgear that is getting replaced was originally installed in the mid 1970’s so it has served its purpose well for over four decades and it is time to update as the old equipment is not nearly as reliable or precise, as well as the fact that it is obsolete. The other half was updated in the mid 1990’s and only requires some electronic control updating to bring it up to spec.



City Hall closed December 24th and December 25th in observance of Christmas and January 1st in observance of New Year’s Day.

Due to the Christmas Eve holiday Tuesday morning commercial garbage pickup will take place on Monday, December 23rd

Recycling Schedule: December 19th, January 2nd, 16th, 30th, February 13th and 27th

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Missouri River Energy Services has scholarship opportunities for high school seniors, see information on back. Additional information and application information can be found at www.mrenergy.com, click on the services tab then go to scholarships.



Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

Missouri River Energy Services (MRES®) has established a scholarship program to assist high school seniors residing in one of Missouri River Energy Services' municipal utilities services areas and students who are applying or already enrolled at pre-selected technical colleges and majoring in a Powerline/Lineman Program.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program must meet all criteria in one of two areas-

- High school seniors who reside in a household receiving electric service from a Missouri River Energy Services member utility. Residence eligibility may be clarified by calling the city utility office. Eligible high schools are designated by Missouri River Energy Services.
- Planning to enroll in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school no later than the fall of 2019.

OR

- Students who are applying or already enrolled at a pre-selected technical colleges majoring in a full-time* Powerline/Line worker Program no later than fall of 2019. Applicants do not need to reside in a household receiving electrical service from a Missouri River Energy Services member utility.
- Eligible technical colleges include the following: Dakota County Technical College – Rosemount, MN; Minnesota State Community and Technical College – Wadena, MN Campus; Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Jackson, MN; Mitchell Technical Institute – Mitchell, SD; Northwest Iowa Community and Technical College – Sheldon, IA

**Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

AWARDS

Up to ten (10) \$1,000 awards may be granted.

Up to five (5) awards may be granted to high school students who reside in a Missouri River Energy Services service area. These awards may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in a full-time course of study and continuation of the program by Missouri River Energy Services.

Up to five (5) awards may be granted to students applying or already enrolled in a Powerline/Line worker Program. These awards are one-time only and not renewable.

Students planning to train as an electrical line worker, electrical engineer or in a closely related field will be given preference, within reason.

All awards are for undergraduate study only.