

Your Energy Connection

Rocky Mount Public Utilities' Monthly Newsletter



September 2016

CELEBRATE PUBLIC POWER AND PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK!

During Oct. 3-7, 2016, Rocky Mount Public Utilities (RMPU) is celebrating Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week! RMPU is proud to serve the citizens of Rocky Mount with locally owned and operated electric and natural gas services. Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week is an opportunity to celebrate all the advantages of having a public utility service, such as:

- Safe, reliable service
- Quick responses to outages
- Excellent customer service
- Employees who live in the community they serve
- Local control of policy and rates

Plus, publicly-owned utilities help the local economy and provide a reliable energy supply for the community.

Don't miss out on all the activities to celebrate Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week!

Activities during the BBQ Throw Down

Free Concert: On Friday, October 7, RMPU is a sponsor of the BBQ Bash free outdoor concert by Trial by Fire from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the train station.

Plinko, prizes and more! The BBQ Throw Down festivities continue on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., including vendors, family activities, live music, and barbeque. RMPU will also have family activities on the corner of Hammond and S. Church streets, including:

- Plinko: You could win \$100 off your utility bill!
- Electric and Natural Gas safety demonstrations
- Pole-climbing and hurt man rescue demonstrations
- Kids activities, including pole-climbing and an 811 Dig
- Prizes and giveaways
- Raffle drawings
- Plus, find out how to save energy in your home!

The BBQ Throw Down and Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week activities are free to the public. A schedule of events is provided on the back of the newsletter. For more information, visit www.bbqthrowdown.net.



WATT'S COOKING RECIPE CONTEST

There are so many ways to save energy throughout the home! Every effort – both large and small – will help you save money on your energy bill. This fall, RMPU is hosting a recipe contest to encourage customers to save energy in the kitchen. To enter, you must take an original recipe that typically requires the oven or stovetop and instead use an electric appliance that uses less electricity, such as a microwave or toaster oven. All customers who submit a recipe will receive a free potholder and chef's hat (while supplies last).

1st place prize – \$150 off your utility bill

2nd place prize – \$75 off your utility bill

3rd place prize – \$50 off your utility bill

The contest is open to city of Rocky Mount residential customers only. One recipe may be submitted per household. The deadline to enter is October 31. For contest rules or to submit a recipe online, visit www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities. To request an entry form by mail, call (252) 972-1269.

FIRST 100 VISITORS RECEIVE FREE CFL!

RMPU is celebrating Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week by giving away free CFLs to the first 100 visitors to the RMPU display during the BBQ Throw Down. Visitors must be 18 years old or older to participate. The limit is one bulb per household while supplies last.

When: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: RMPU display on the corner of Hammond St. and S. Church St. during the BBQ Throw Down in Downtown Rocky Mount

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN \$100 OFF YOUR UTILITY BILL?

Come to the BBQ Throw Down on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and stop by the RMPU display located on the corner of Hammond St. and S. Church St.

Bring this newsletter and you'll automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$100 credit off your utility bill.

Plus, play Plinko for a second chance to enter the drawing!

Please note that only the account holder may enter the drawing for the utility bill credit.



CONTACT US

Customer Service(252) 972-1250
 Bill payment1-866-288-7608
 Start/stop services(252) 972-1250
 Utility emergencies(252) 467-4800

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.;
 Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities



Please recycle!



9TH ANNUAL EASTERN CAROLINA BBQ THROW DOWN

Schedule of Events (Rain or Shine)

Friday, October 7th (12 - 8 pm):

12-8:30 pm: Starting at noon in front of the Rocky Mount Train Station get your pulled pork, ribs, brisket, chicken and more from our on-site BBQ vendor!

5-8:30 pm: Beer Garden (in front of train station)

6-8:30 pm: BBQ Bash (live music on the Main Stage in front of the train station); concert by Trial by Fire sponsored by Rocky Mount Public Utilities in celebration of Public Power & Public Natural Gas Week

5-8:30 pm: Family Activities (in front of Station Square); includes inflatables and more!

Saturday, October 8th (10 am - 6 pm):

11:30 am: Home Brew Competition judging and meet the brewers

11 am -6 pm: Beer Garden (in front of train station)

12-4:30 pm: BBQ Bash featuring live music on the Main Stage in front of the train station

1:30-3 pm: Pepsi's People's Choice- Smell it. Taste it. Judge it.

Purchase BBQ Bucks (\$1 each/\$10 minimum) on-site to buy sample size portions from competing BBQ cook teams and vote for your favorite. Limited supplies.

4:30 pm: Eastern Carolina Home Brew Competition winners announced

5-6 pm: BBQ Throw Down Awards Ceremony

10:30 am-6pm: Family Activities including inflatables, games, and more! Plus, stop by the RMPU display for prizes, demonstrations, kids activities and Plinko!



TRIVIA - ANSWER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

TRIVIA QUESTION: What RMPU website features fun facts, games and activities to teach kids how to be "smart" around energy?

Submit answers to trivia@rockymountnc.gov or by calling (252) 972-1269 by Friday, October 14. Include your name and address. Five randomly chosen customers with the correct answer will receive an LED night light.

August trivia question: "What program offers cash rebates to eligible RMPU customers to help improve home weatherization?" Answer: Energy Share