

Your Energy Connection



September 2015

Celebrate Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week

During Oct. 4-10, 2015, 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 happening in October to celebrate Public Power and Public Natural Gas Week!

Watt's Cooking Recipe Contest

RMPU is hosting a recipe contest during the month of October to encourage customers to save energy in the kitchen.

To enter, customers must simply enter a recipe that uses a kitchen appliance (e.g. toaster oven, crockpot, microwave) **instead of** the oven or stove. All customers who submit a recipe will receive a free potholder and chef's hat (*while supplies last*). The contest is open to City of Rocky Mount residential customers only. The deadline to enter is October 31. One



Prizes:

- 1st Place:**
\$150 off your utility bill
- 2nd Place:**
\$75 off your utility bill
- 3rd Place:**
\$50 off your utility bill

recipe may be submitted per household. For contest rules or to submit a recipe online, visit www.rockymountnc.gov/utilities/recipe. Recipes may also be emailed to energyspecialist@rockymountnc.gov or submitted in person or by mail to Rocky Mount Public Utilities at 331 S. Franklin Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27802. For customers without internet access, please call (252) 972-1269 to request an entry form.

Activities during the BBQ Throw Down

Free Concert: On Friday, October 9, RMPU is a sponsor of the BBQ Bash free outdoor concert by Spare Change from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the train station.

Cornhole Tournament: Also on Friday night, RMPU is hosting a Cornhole Tournament on the corner of Hammond and S. Church streets to raise funds for the Winter Assistance for Rocky Mount (W.A.R.M.) Program. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. First place prize is \$300.

Plinko, prizes and more! The BBQ Throw Down festivities continue on Saturday, October 10 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 Nash 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.



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8th Annual Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down

October 9-10, 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (RAIN OR SHINE):

Friday, October 9th (12 - 8 pm):

12-8:30pm: Starting at noon in front of the Rocky Mount Train Station, Prime Smokehouse will be selling pulled pork, ribs, brisket, chicken, and more!

4-8:30pm: **Beer Garden** (in front of train station)

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

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

6:30pm: **Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser** to benefit the WARM Program (located on the corner of Hammond and S. Church streets)

Registration begins at 5:30pm, tournament starts at 6:30pm. 1st place wins \$300, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$50. For info. or to pre-register, visit www.bbqthrowdown.net/cornhole.html.

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

1:30-3pm: **Pepsi's People's Choice - Smell it. Taste it. Judge it.** Purchase BBQ Bucks (\$1 each/\$10 minimum) onsite to buy sample size portions from competing BBQ cook teams and vote for your favorite. Limited supplies.

BBQ Bash (live music):

Main Stage (in front of train station):

12-1:30 pm: The Tams; 3-4:30 pm: Perfect 10

Second Stage (Nash St.)

10:30 am-12 pm: Rhythm Express

1:30-3pm: Doors Wide Open

12-6pm: **Beer Garden** (in front of train station)

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

5-6pm: **BBQ Throw Down Awards Ceremony**

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

The EnergySure Coalition: Standing Up for Reliable Energy

The EnergySure Coalition is a group of businesses, organizations and individuals across North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and beyond that is standing up for reliable energy in our region. Increased demand for energy is expected to continue growing in both Virginia and North Carolina. The approximately 550-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline is designed to make our region energy sure by connecting us to an abundant supply of affordable, cleaner-burning natural gas.

With the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, we also will benefit from cleaner air, lower energy costs and job creation. EnergySure's goal is to educate, share facts and participate in informed discussions about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and its vital role in meeting the region's energy needs.

For more information on EnergySure or to find out how to contact your elected officials in support of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, visit www.energysure.com.

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

Come to the **BBQ Throw Down** on Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and stop by the RMPU display on the corner of Nash Street and S. Church Street.

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.

It all happens on Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 8th Annual Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down in Downtown Rocky Mount!

