

# MW&L WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR CUSTOMERS



Dear Customers,

Prior to becoming MW&L's General Manager in April 2020, I worked in accounting for over 30 years. While the past two years as General Manager have provided me with many challenges and opportunities, they also helped me realize my passion is in accounting. MW&L lost its financial controller late in 2021 and I have decided to return to that role. I will continue as General Manager until a new General Manager has been hired.

I want to thank everyone for supporting me as General Manager and for your continued support of MW&L. During the last two years we have continued to serve our customers, keeping the lights on, the water running, and maintaining our rates through a global pandemic. We have been able to do all of this in large part because of our dedicated, hardworking employees. Our linemen work around the clock to restore power after storms. Our water staff work tirelessly to fix or thaw water lines when necessary. Finally, our office staff have managed the billing and been responsive to customers when they call. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with such dedicated employees and work in such a caring community.

I look forward to continuing to work with the MW&L community in the role of Financial Controller.

Thank You,

Penny Jones  
General Manager

## GREEN RIVER ICE WARNING

The Village of Morrisville Water and Light Department is warning all persons planning to use Green River Reservoir for winter recreation that, due to the Department's use of the water for power generation, there can be a gap between the ice and actual reservoir water level of up to 10 feet. Persons going out on the ice should only do so with extreme caution.

## MW&L WELCOMES PETE CROWLEY

MW&L is thrilled to welcome Pete Crowley as our new Electric Plant Superintendent. Pete joined MW&L in the beginning of January.

Pete worked at GMP as a line worker from 1984 to 2002. At that time Pete moved to the Burlington Electric Department where he quickly became a foreman. At BED, Pete earned his associate degree of applied science in power technology and taught many teaching apprentices. He took great pride in passing his knowledge to the young men who wanted to become linemen.



In 2015 Pete began work for Northeast Public Power Association as a trainer and instructor, traveling to different utilities throughout the northeast for almost seven years. At NEPPA Pete became an OSHA instructor and first aid/CPR trainer.

## GREEN RIVER HYDRO UPDATE

The Green River Reservoir and its State Park is a special place for Vermonters, anglers, paddlers and the wildlife that make it home. MW&L recognizes and greatly appreciates the value of this unique place. Unfortunately, due to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Water Quality Certificate conditions on our hydroelectric generators, we will no longer be able to economically operate the dam.

Recognizing the impossible financial reality of continuing to operate the dam as well as the value of the reservoir and the State Park, MW&L has formally asked the State of Vermont to purchase the Green River Reservoir dam. By doing so the state would be able to avoid decommissioning and preserve both the reservoir and its park. In the months ahead the state will be performing a dam safety assessment analysis to help determine how they will proceed. We are hopeful that they will ultimately decide to purchase the dam and preserve the reservoir and the park.

## VILLAGE MEETING POSTPONEMENT

The trustees have voted to postpone the village meeting until August 10, 2022. The trustees are planning to hold the meeting in the Community Room of the Tegu building starting at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

## ANNUAL TAX INFORMATION

If you are in need of your annual electricity costs for your taxes, you can go to your on-line account to get this information. If you don't have on-line access you can sign up at <https://myaccount.mwlv.com/eCARE/login.asp>. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

## DON'T FLUSH IT

Just a reminder for all MW&L customers connected to the sewer system, we do our best to keep and maintain the sewer collection system so clogs and backup don't adversely affect our customers. The pumps in these stations are designed to handle water, human waste, and tissue paper only. Clogged pumps and sewer lines lead to sewer backups which can back up into homes and are expensive to clean and repair.

## UTILITY REBATES & INSTANT DISCOUNT

Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) announced that member utility customers can get an instant price cut when they purchase or lease an electric vehicle from a participating dealership. The discount is a new offering in VPPSA's rebate program designed to reduce fossil fuel consumption.

VPPSA member customers can get:

- \$1,000 for a new all-electric vehicle
- \$500 for a new plug-in hybrid
- \$500 for a used all-electric vehicle
- \$250 for a used plug-in hybrid

Income-qualifying customers can receive an additional \$400 for a new electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid.

Customers who purchase/lease an electric vehicle from a non-participating dealership can still receive the rebate afterwards. To learn more and see the full list of participating dealerships, visit <https://vppsa.com/2022-electric-vehicle-rebate>

VPPSA continues to offer rebates and instant discounts on several products and technologies that reduce fossil fuel use, including heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, electric vehicle charging stations, electric yard care appliances, and much more. Visit <https://vppsa.com/resources/rebate-forms> for the full list of offerings.