

BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

BOARD MEETING NOTES

THE BTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

TOUR OF MOBILE COMMAND POST

The Board was given a tour of Bryan Fire Departments Mobile Command Post. The MCP has been used in many activations, both emergency and non-emergency. Some of these include severe weather events, missing persons searches, wildland fires, police standoffs, chemical and structural fires, hurricane evacuation support, TAMU helicopter crash, exercises by the National Guard, Brazos Valley Child Abduction Response Team (BVCART) and Regional Communications groups. Non-emergency activities include the TAMU Big Event, Texas Reds, BCS Marathon, Nutrabolt Half Marathon, and the St. Joseph Gran Fondo Bike Ride.

OPERATIONS

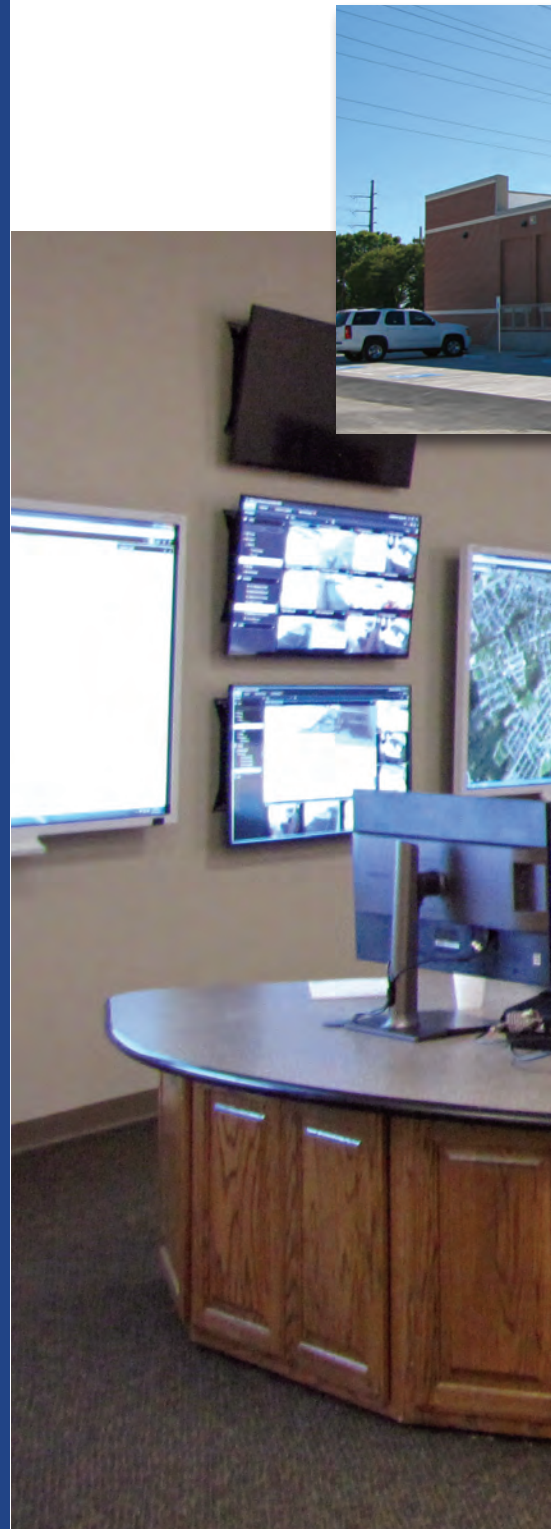
Gary Miller presented the safety statistics for the previous month, stating BTU had one recordable incident and no vehicle incidents for the month of September. Continuous Improvement Team Three will focus on incident review.

FINANCIAL

Joe Hegwood presented the financial report. BTU's 2017 Fiscal Year began October 1 and the Board approved several contracts associated with material and supplies needed for normal operations. Net revenue is over budget to date this year due to the elimination of power plant construction financing, lower departmental O&M, and the reclassification of an Atkins 7 improvement to capital.

BTU's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) spending in the City system is currently under budget due primarily to the timing of transmission and distribution feeder work. BTU's CIP spending in the Rural system is slightly under budget due to project timing.

SAFETY: For Work. For Home. For Life.





TOUR OF THE NEW TRANSMISSION BUILDING

The Board was given a tour of BTU's new Systems Operations Center (SOC) located at 2200 Fountain Street. The SOC is expecting certification from TRE/NERC in the next few weeks, and that will allow the Control Center to move from its current location to the SOC.



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Billing/Collections/Connects (979) 821-5700

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LET'S SHED ON THESE COMM

Misconceptions about energy use
of your home, and they can

MYTH: *The higher the thermostat setting, the faster your home will heat.*

REALITY: You might think that walking into a room and raising the thermostat to 85 degrees will make the room warm up quickly. Not true. Thermostats direct a home's heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system to heat or cool to a certain temperature. Drastically adjusting the thermostat won't make a difference in how quickly you feel warmer - or cooler - than if you set it at a reasonable level. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat to 78 degrees during summer months and 68 degrees during winter.

MYTH: *Opening the oven door to check on a dish doesn't really waste energy.*

REALITY: Although it can be tempting to check the progress of that dish you're cooking in the oven, opening the oven door does waste energy. Every time the door is opened, the temperature inside the oven is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, delaying the progress of your dish - and costing you additional money. Try using the oven light and peeking through the window instead.

MYTH: *Closing the vents in rooms you're not using saves energy.*

REALITY: Closing a vent doesn't actually save any energy and it could have negative effects on your heating and cooling system. Restricting air at one vent just means it will be redirected to another, or it might even escape through leaks in your duct system. Your system will end up using the same amount of energy no matter how many vents are open. Furthermore, closing your vents may cause additional pressure on your system, causing it to work harder, wear out faster and consume more energy in the long term.

SOME LIGHT ON ENERGY MYTHS

are hiding around every corner
take a toll on your utility bills.

MYTH: *Leaving lights, computers and other electric devices turned on is a good idea. Switching them on and off wears them out more quickly and produces sudden power spikes that negate any energy savings.*

REALITY: If there were ever any legitimacy to this idea, there isn't anymore. Switching modern appliances and electrical devices on and off frequently will not reduce their life span, and any power surges that might occur are likely to be miniscule. The bottom line is that if you aren't using an electrical device, it should be turned off.

MYTH: *Reducing my energy use is too expensive.*

REALITY: Many consumers believe that reducing energy use requires expensive upfront costs, such as purchasing new, more efficient appliances or making construction upgrades to an older home. The truth is, consumers who make small changes to their efficiency habits - like turning off lights when not in use, sealing air leaks and using a programmable thermostat - can see a significant reduction in energy consumption.

MYTH: *Installing foam gaskets in electrical outlets will significantly reduce air leakage.*

REALITY: Though this is often cited as a quick fix in many media reports, measurements have shown that less than one percent of a home's air leakage is due to outlets. While sealing outlets may save energy in a home with lots of them, bigger fixes include insulating attic floors and doors as well as basement ceilings to keep warm air in and cold air out.

REMEMBER: Energy efficiency doesn't have to be difficult.
Focus small to save big.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE

**“ONE out of FOUR kids in the
Brazos Valley is at risk of hunger.”**

*Theresa Mangapora, Executive Director,
Brazos Valley Food Bank*

**BTU will once again start
the day on Wednesday,
December 7th by volunteering
at the 21st Annual Food for
Families Food Drive. We hope
you'll join us in doing what we
can to help reduce hunger in
the Brazos Valley this holiday
season and beyond.**

The KBTX Food for Families Food Drive is the largest annual food drive in the area. We encourage everyone to pitch in to help stock the Brazos Valley Food Bank warehouse. All donations regardless of size will be appreciated by grateful families throughout the Brazos Valley.

Food donation drop-off sites:

Brazos Center in Bryan from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Kimbrow Center in Madisonville from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mid-South Synergy Office in Navasota from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All the goods collected that day from across the Brazos Valley will be distributed to the food pantries in these donating communities. The many thousands of pounds of food expected to be received will be distributed to those in need through Food Bank partner agencies throughout the Brazos Valley.

Monetary donations can be made at: www.kbtx.com/foodforfamilies.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY & DISPOSAL

The City of Bryan's Public Works Department and Fire Department offer help with cleanup and safety.

Decorating the Christmas tree is always a lot of fun, and for most families, a yearly tradition. But cleaning up after the holidays can be a little less fun. Bryan Public Works wants to help by picking up your tree at curbside at no charge! Be sure the tree has been cleaned of all decorations, lights, tinsel, and metal and plastic stands.

The Bryan Fire Department reminds you of the fire danger with natural Christmas trees. Though tree fires are rare, a very dry Christmas tree can present a fire danger. A dry tree can burn very quickly, leaving little time to escape.

Here are some tips:

- When purchasing a natural tree, cut 1/2" off the trunk so that the tree can soak up the water.
- Keep a constant supply of water in the stand. Natural trees can "drink" a lot of water, especially when first set up.
- Keep any heat sources away from the tree.
- Use only UL listed light strings if you do decorate the tree with lights.

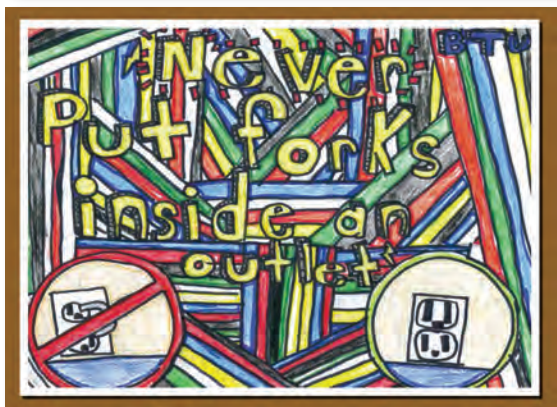
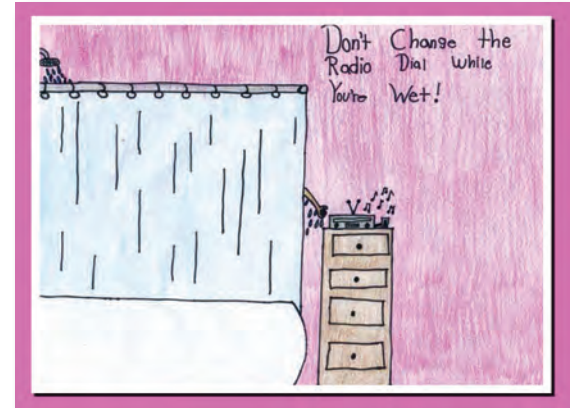
**Tree Removal
will be available
curbside on
normal brush/bulk
pick up days.**

2017 KIDS ART CALENDAR

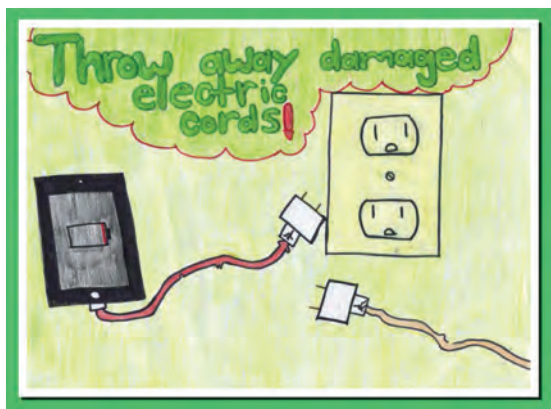
BTU is proud to announce the completion of the 2017 Kids Calendar! We received hundreds of submissions from school children throughout the BTU service area, and had the difficult task of narrowing it down to just 28 for the final calendar. The theme for the 2017 calendar is "How To Be Safe Around Electricity", and the kids did an excellent job of creating pictures that promote safe habits!



STAYING SAFE ARO



BTU customers are welcome to pick up a copy of the calendar, free of charge, from the main BTU office located at 205 East 28th Street in Bryan. We thank each and every child that participated, and the schools, teachers, and parents that helped them to create this fantastic artwork!



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