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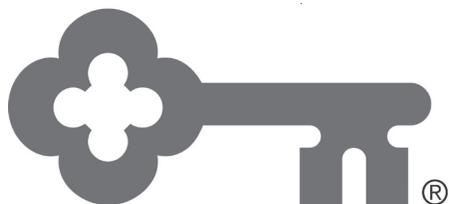
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May, 2018



Cents for St. Susan's Fund Drive: May 1st through July 4th



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The BPU celebrates 19 years of our annual "Cents for St. Susan's," drive to raise funds to feed people in our community. **Since 2000, the BPU has raised a total of \$195,481.25 for the soup kitchen.**

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Please drop change in our brightly colored coin canisters in local businesses until July. Add a gift to your BPU payment, bring it to Customer Service or mail it to: Cents for St. Susan's, BPU, P.O. Box 700, Jamestown, NY 14702-0700.



- Other ways to give:**
- Bring empty redeemable bottles and cans to BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street; Don's Car Wash; or the Southside Redemption Center.
 - Buy a hot dog in front of our Customer Service Office from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Thursday, June 7.
 - Contribute at Brigiotta's on May 19 & June 16; and at Walmart on June 9. "Tag Day" hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Go to our Cents for St. Susan's "Go Fund Me" page on FACEBOOK.

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2018 Yard Waste Site Hours

The BPU Yard Waste Site, located on 1001 Monroe Street, the dead-end off 8th Street, is open for the spring-fall season. Hours of operation are from:

9 a.m.—3 p.m. Saturdays through November 10
4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September 26.

The Site accepts residential leaves, grass clippings and brush (up to 8" diameter). No trash is accepted at the Site. Metal, lumber, wood, tires, rocks, concrete, sod, dirt, drywall and other construction materials are not accepted.

You'll need a yellow 2017-18 Yard Waste Site Sticker to enter the Site. The sticker for 2018 is the same yellow sticker that was used in 2017. Stickers are available free-of-charge at BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday-Wednesdays; and from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Thursday-Fridays. One sticker is issued for each solid waste account.

Lost stickers will not be replaced. Please affix your sticker to the rear driver side window of your vehicle immediately to prevent loss. If you sell your vehicle, please remember to save your sticker.



Dual Meters Available to Reduce Wastewater Bills for Outside Watering Needs



The BPU's residential dual meter program is under way, to help reduce sewer bills for outside watering needs. The utility furnishes this service for water/wastewater BPU customers whose accounts are current.

We use the water meter in your home to determine charges for sanitary sewers. Most of the water used in your home is assumed to eventually flow into a sanitary sewer (for showers, toilets, dish washing, laundry, for example). As a result, the BPU has two rates, one for water and one for sewer/wastewater.

Water used for outside projects, however, usually goes right into the ground instead of into the sanitary sewer. If you use a lot of outside water, then you are paying sewer charges for water that doesn't end up in the sewers.

The dual meter program runs in monthly increments for ease of billing from May 1—September 30. An initial deposit of \$50 is required when the customer picks up the meter. The deposit will be refunded to the water account after the program ends on September 30 and after the meter has been returned in good working order to BPU Customer Service by October 12.

The dual meter attaches to your outside spigot on one end and to your hose on the other end. When your water and sewer bill comes, the sewer rate only will be charged on the water used separately from the outside meter.

Full details on the dual meter service may be obtained at the BPU Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street.

Chautauqua County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days - Free Disposal

9 a.m.—2 p.m.:

June 9: City of Dunkirk

Dept. of Public Works, 19 Lukas Ave.

July 14: Mayville

Town of Chautauqua Highway Garage
50 Patterson St.

September 8: Village of Falconer

County DPF Bldg.
454 North Work Street

Call 985-4785 for information.

Yard Waste Bags (with Collection) for Sale in Customer Service Office:

\$12 Price includes Four 30-gallon Bags & Curbside Collection



The BPU offers an easy alternative to the Yard Waste Site for customers who don't want to put yard waste into their vehicles or who don't want to lift yard waste into their cars.

The BPU Customer Service Office sells packets of four 30-gallon, biodegradable paper bags for \$12. The cost includes collection service at the curb. After your bags are filled, call the Garbage Hotline before 3 p.m. on a Monday and our Solid Waste employees will collect the bags from your curb on a Tuesday. You may fill all the bags at one time or call for collection, one bag at a time. The Garbage Hotline number is 661-1651.

This is a simple way to tidy your yard without having to hurt your back lifting yard waste and without having to put yard waste into your clean car.

BPU Customer Service office hours are: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Mondays-Wednesdays; and 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 92 Steele Street.

The 2017 BPU Annual Water Quality Report has been issued and is posted on the utility website: www.jamestownbpu.com.

The report also is available at www.jamestownbpu.com/about/news/AWQR2017.pdf, with one click. The link may be found under "Publications" on the right side of the homepage. Clicking on the link takes you straight to the report which is prepared each year to inform our customers about the quality and testing compliance of BPU water.

Customers may request a hard copy of the report or a copy with larger print by calling BPU Communications at 661-1680.



Free Home Energy Audits through New York State: Rebates from the State and the BPU



Now is a great time of year to set up an energy audit of your home—to see what changes you can make to your residence to bring down energy bills!

If you earn less than \$104,000 a year, you probably are eligible for a free home energy audit through the "Green Jobs, Green New York" program sponsored by the New York Energy Resource and Development Authority (NYSERDA). BPU electric customers who earn more than

\$104,000 a year can have an audit subsidized by the BPU, with the BPU paying \$200 of a \$300 audit and the customer paying \$100.

Both the BPU and New York State offer rebates on work completed on projects recommended by the audit, as long as the audit and the energy efficiency work is performed by a BPI-certified contractor.

BPI stands for the Building Performance Institute that trains and certifies contractors in energy efficiency work.

For a list of BPI-certified contractors in our electric territory, contact BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds at 661-1646 or by email: dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com during regular office hours. Information on home energy audits also is available at www.jamestownbpu.com by clicking on the white rectangular "Energy Efficiency Opportunities" icon on the homepage.