

## Holiday Closings

Our offices at the City Municipal Building, both Customer Care and Project Management, will be closed for the following upcoming holidays:

### Monday, October 11

Columbus Day

### Thursday, November 11

Veterans' Day

### Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day

### Friday, November 26

Post-Thanksgiving Day

Our operations crews for both water and electric are available on an emergency basis during holidays. If you experience an electrical outage or a water main break, call us at 446-4000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Normal business activity for all three Groton Utilities' Divisions, including electric, water and cable television, is conducted Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Customer Service is open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The office is closed on Sundays and holidays.

Groton Utilities hopes you and your family have enjoyable holidays. But, please drive safely. **And, yes, don't forget to buckle up!**



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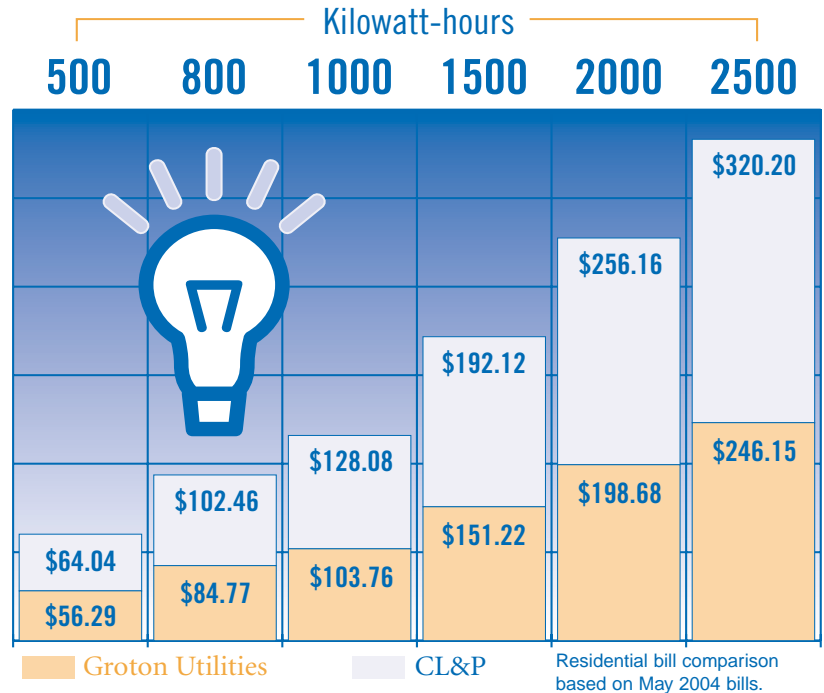
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# Low and stable rates

As a municipal utility, nonprofit and locally controlled, GU is committed to low and stable electric rates. After all, we have no outside stockholders to satisfy, so all utility benefits flow back to our customers and the community. How much are you saving? Here is a recent bill comparison:



## Project Management moving to new site

Groton Utilities will move our Project Management Department to a new Water Operations Building on Poquonnock Road on or about October 1. All telephone numbers will remain the same. The move includes Groton Utilities personnel in both the electric and water Project Management sections.

For more information on the transition plan and the move from the Municipal Building at 295 Meridian St. to the new building at Poquonnock Road, please watch for advertisements in "The Day" and for updated information on our website at [www.grotonutilities.com](http://www.grotonutilities.com). The website will have directions and a map to the new location.

The new Water Operations Building is located at our Water and Electric Operations Complex opposite the Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church at Poquonnock and South Roads. We remind our customers and vendors that our Operations Complex is a secured facility with restricted access.



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## *New community service award*

# Earle Williams honored

Earle A. Williams was recently honored at GU's Centennial Community Picnic with the first Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award. The award was established by GU this year to annually recognize a member of the community who has contributed his or her time, energy and resources to make the community a better place to live and work.

back to the community, even though a rare degenerative neurological muscle disease has left him totally disabled. His major community involvement through the years has been in Scouting —both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, including Cub Scouts and Brownies. He has used his various skills and experiences to make Scouting a better experience for those whose lives he touched.

Williams recognizes the need for his Scouts to get involved with community service, and understands that giving back to the community can be both fun and rewarding for them. An example of this philosophy is a six-year-old project through which the Scouts decorate City Hall for Halloween.

Beginning next year, The Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award will be presented at the City of Groton's Annual City Day, which is traditionally held the first Friday of August. Candidates eligible for the award must live in Greater Groton, including the City, the Town, any of the subdivisions or fire districts.

The award's namesake, the late Jacqueline B. Nixon, operated a food pantry in her residence for the past 24 years, distributing food on a regular basis to many needy families. Jackie passed away July 6 after a brief battle with cancer.

The new award is aimed at honoring those whose contributions to the community make other citizens describe them as generous, committed, and other similar admirable qualities, which exemplify "service." In short, they must possess all the qualities suggested by Groton Utilities' centennial theme, "Giving back to the community."

Williams has a long history of giving

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## Cable TV and Internet services

# Thanks for the great start!

Please accept one big thank you from your friends at Groton Utilities and its Thames Valley Communications Division. Your acceptance of our cable television and high-speed Internet services since our May 25 startup has been most gratifying. TVC is committed to becoming your quality home-town cable and Internet connection, and we appreciate your response to our new services.

If we haven't reached you yet—please be patient, as we are on our way. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have reached most of the City of Groton. We will be serving other parts of the Town of Groton and beyond as we get further into the fall.

As a sign of our commitment to you, our loyal local customers, TVC guarantees to maintain the \$36.95 price for our expanded cable television package, which offers 74 channels, until December 31, 2006. Our guarantee includes

free installation, a free month of digital basic service, a free month of any premium service, and Internet service as low as \$15 per month.

TVC offers three levels of Internet service to meet a variety of customer needs. The entry-level Internet package offers dial-up customers a great alternative to experience the always-on feature of Internet access. Try it for one year for only \$15 per month!

Call for more information at 446-4009 or stop by TVC's Customer Care Center in the Municipal Building at 295 Meridian St. in the City of Groton. We're open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Thursdays when office hours are extended until 7 p.m. and Saturdays when our hours are 8 a.m. to noon. Our office is closed on Sundays and holidays. You can also check out TVC on the Web at [www.tvconnect.com](http://www.tvconnect.com).



### Hours expanded

GU's Customer Service Center has added evening and weekend hours for all services, including electric, water, cable television and high-speed Internet.

Our office is now open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with Customer Service open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Our office is closed on Sundays and holidays, but you can always reach us for emergency service by calling 446-4000. Cable television and Internet customers should call 446-4009.

## Festival by the Sound awaits you

October means fall in New England and festival time at the Avery Point Branch of the University of Connecticut. This year's event is Festival by the Sound: Sea, Science & Swashbucklers, and is set for Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23.

Jointly sponsored by the University of Connecticut at Avery Point and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, the festival will benefit The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and a UCONN scholarship.

Friday will feature The Swashbucklers Ball, a black tie/masquerade affair at the Branford



House including a silent auction at the mansion, along with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing in a heated tent overlooking Long Island Sound.

Saturday will feature Marine Science exhibits and interactive learning experiences hosted by Avery Point's Coastal Studies and Maritime Studies programs.

There'll be mock pirate battles staged from "pirate ships" anchored off shore, while roving swashbucklers sword-fight on land. Visitors can also enjoy fencing, rapier and dagger demonstrations, a pirate movie, Coast Guard rescue demonstrations, music, food and much more. Don't miss it!

# Two new Commissioners sworn in

The City of Groton Utility Commission has two new members, Shirley Dunbar-Rose and Edward DeMuzzio. Dunbar-Rose replaced Jay S. Buckley, a 16-year veteran of the Commission, and DeMuzzio fills the post left by the departure of five-year Commissioner Richard J. Stark.

Dunbar-Rose is a retired procurement analyst from Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical manufacturer and research company. She is a 28-year City resident and lives with her husband, David, at 75 Baker Ave.

Dunbar-Rose is also a new member of the Thames Valley Communications Board. She was appointed to the City of Groton Utility Commission on May 3, 2004, and serves as the Commission's treasurer. A former city councilor and City of Groton deputy mayor, she is the moderator of the Town of Groton Representative Town Meeting.

Her distinguished record of community service and volunteerism includes co-founding the Ledge Light Health District, which serves the Town of Ledyard, the Town of Waterford, the Town of Groton, and the City of Groton. She is the sitting chairperson of the Board of Directors and has been a Board member for 11 years.

She is the past president of the Friends of Fort Griswold and



*Shirley Dunbar-Rose*



*Edward DeMuzzio*

is the immediate past governor of the Soroptimist of the Northeastern Region. She is also a former vice president of the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut and is currently president of the Friends of the Bill Memorial Library. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University.

Edward DeMuzzio is the self-employed owner of a computer business. He lives at 32 Westwood Drive in the City of Groton.

DeMuzzio is the newest member of the TVC Board. He is also serving his first full term on the City of Groton Utility Commission, having joined the Commission in July.

He is a volunteer for the Southeastern Connecticut Mental Health Association and the National Association for the Mentally Ill. Retired from the U.S. Coast Guard, he is a member and a fund-raising volunteer for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, Inc.

DeMuzzio earned an engineering degree from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. He also holds a master's degree in computer science from Purdue University and a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

## GU supports lighthouse restoration



In a major commitment to the Avery Point Lighthouse restoration project, Groton

Utilities will fund a brick in the Avery Point Lighthouse walkway for every individual who has served on City or

Utility Commissions, or as an elected official during its 100-year history.

"This is our way of giving back to the community during this, our centennial year, and recognizing individuals who have volunteered over the years," said Director of Utilities Glenn M. Wilson. "By recognizing these citizens,

it is our way of saying thank you for a job well done, while supporting the restoration of a significant Connecticut landmark."

The name and years of service of each individual will be engraved on a brick to honor their service to the city and the utility.