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Everyone wants more value from every precious dollar spent in today's competitive business environment. Groton Utilities, through our cable division, Thames Valley Communications (TVC), can help you stretch those dollars with our package of broadband services.



a very competitive product for taverns and restaurants.

- Commercial music for a productivity-enhancing environment without the headache of license fees to ASCAP and BMI. Our 45 commercial-free music genres can fit any business need.

We have flexible packages to meet your needs, and you can even choose from among three speeds of Internet service. The entry-level Internet package offers dial-up customers a great alternative to experience always-on access.

You are only a call away from quality local service from local people and a local company. For more information, call 446-4009 or stop by TVC's Customer Care Center in the City Municipal Building at 295 Meridian St. in the City of Groton. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except for holidays. We are open until 7 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. You can also visit TVC on the web at tvconnect.com

TVC now offers music for your business, cable television and high-speed Internet services throughout the City of Groton and the Town of Groton. Look for us soon in Gales Ferry and Stonington, south of I-95. Once our network is extended to your business area, we will contact you so you can start saving.

You can choose:

- High-speed Internet service through a state-of-the-art ISP for security and reliability.
- Cable television service to monitor fast-breaking business news or as an amenity to customers who are waiting patiently for service. TVC also has

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Nominations due for community award

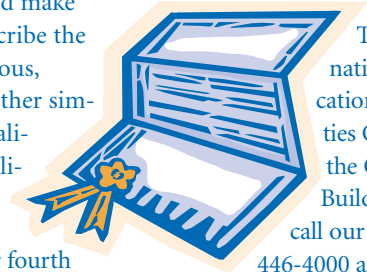
Groton Utilities is now accepting nominations for The Jacqueline B. Nixon Community Service Award for 2007. The purpose of the award is to honor a member of the community who has contributed his or her time, energy and resources to make the community a better place in which to live and work.

Persons eligible for the award should live in Greater Groton, which encompasses the City, the Town, and any of the subdivisions or fire districts. The person should exemplify all the qualities suggested by Groton Utilities' slogan of "giving back to the community."

The nominee's contributions to the community should make other citizens describe the nominee as generous, committed, and other similar admirable qualities, which exemplify service.

We will honor our fourth annual winner of this award during City of Groton Day 2007 on August 3 at Washington Park. Past winners have

included Earle A. Williams in 2004, Robert "Bob" Leeney in 2005, and Mimi Orkney in 2006.



The closing date for nominations is July 13, 2007. Applications are at the Groton Utilities Customer Care Center at the City of Groton Municipal Building, 295 Meridian St., or call our Customer Care Center at 446-4000 and request an application be mailed to you. The application is also available online at grotonutilities.com.

GBA sets 2007 meeting schedule

The Groton Business Association (GBA) of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

Its Spring on the Road Business Tour continues May 17 at the Ella T. Grasso Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School. The spring tour concludes June 21 at the Quick & Clean Car Wash in the Groton Shopping Plaza.

The Summer on the Road Business Tour begins July 19 at Mystic River Acupuncture, LLC on Broad Street in the City of Groton. The National Consumer Association will sponsor the August 19 meeting at Fairview, and Gabrielle's Kick Boxing in the Groton Shopping Center will sponsor the September 20 meeting.

The Fall on the Road Business Tour begins October 18 at a site to be

determined. Comcast will sponsor the November 15 meeting at the Hampton Inn, and the DeMarinis Family Italian Restaurant at the Groton-New London Airport will host the December 20 meeting.

Businesses interested in hosting future GBA monthly meetings should contact GBA co-chairs Bud Fay at 625-2323 or Lorraine Sanborn or Tricia Barkley at 572-9578.

Chambers to honor local students



The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce will honor area high school valedictorians and young communi-

ty leaders at their annual Education Breakfast in June. This year's event, sponsored by Groton Utilities and People's Bank, will be held June 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Groton Inn & Suites.

All local business people are invited to attend, regardless of Chamber membership. This is a great time to come and bring a friend, since the students will be speaking on the importance of community interaction with educational institutions.

Invited speakers are the valedictorians from the senior classes at East Lyme High School, Robert E. Fitch High School, the Ella T. Grasso Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School, Ledyard High School, New

London High School, Stonington High School, Waterford High School and The Williams School.

One junior class member from each school who has exhibited a strong sense of community involvement has also been invited to receive a "Community Spirit Award" certificate.

The cost for the breakfast buffet is \$15. For reservations, call the Mystic Chamber at 572-9578 or the Eastern Chamber at 464-7373.

Promote your business

Don't miss Groton's Fall Festival 2007

If you missed Groton's first Fall Festival in 2006, don't miss out this year. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Organized by the Groton Business Association of the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, the festival offers local businesses a great opportunity to connect with customers and



promote your products and services.

The primary site will be Poquonnock Plains Park, centrally located in the middle of Groton, where there will be a major arts and crafts show, displays, exhibits and food facilities. Other sites will be Sutton Park and Grasso Tech.

You don't have to be a big business to

become a sponsor and help spread the word. Watch your mail for information, including a form for sponsorship support at all levels. You can also help by distributing festival posters and displaying one at your business. Members of the Festival Committee will contact major sponsors individually.

For more information, call 572-9578 or visit us online at grotonbiz.com. All forms are available on our website.

Check out higher rebates on new equipment

Groton Utilities has improved its rebates for high efficiency motors and central air conditioning, and has expanded the types of equipment eligible for cash incentives.

Rebates are now available for new, premium efficiency, three-phase 1-200 HP open drip-proof or totally enclosed fan-cooled 1200, 1800 or 3600 RPM motors. Eligible motors must be three-phase induction motors, NEMA Design A & B, 1-200 HP, ODP or TEFC. Certain central air

conditioning systems and heat pumps are also eligible.

Rebates are available to industrial, commercial, institutional and agricultural electric services customers for products purchased and installed or placed into stock on or after January 1, 2007.

For complete details on rebate amounts and program requirements, visit our website at grotonutilities.com, click Energy Conservation Programs on the home page,

and then click the Commercial & Industrial button. In general, the most energy-efficient choices earn the highest rebates. In some cases, the rebate can double if you choose the most energy-efficient unit.

Due to possible funding constraints, all rebate applications must be pre-approved before purchasing any equipment. For any questions not answered by the website, please feel free to call Customer Care at 446-4000.

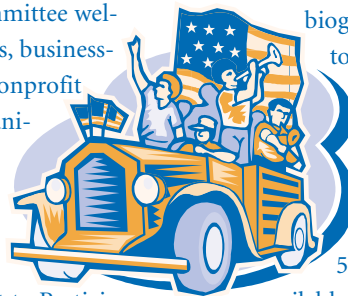
Be part of the Fourth of July parade

Now is the time to register for the annual Fourth of July parade sponsored by the Town of Groton. "An Ol' Fashion July 4th" is the theme for this year's event, set to begin on Wednesday, July 4 at 10 a.m.

The parade will move along Route 1 from Poquonnock Plains Park to the Groton Shopping Center at Drozdyk Drive. The reviewing stand will be at

the Chelsea Groton Bank.

The Parade Committee welcomes merchants, businesses of all kinds, nonprofit community organizations, marching groups and bands. Please return your "Notice of Intent to Participate"



forms no later than Friday, June 15. Don't forget to include a short biography for your marching unit to be used by the announcer on the viewing stand.

If you need a form, call the Town of Groton Parks and Recreation Department at 536-5682. The form is also available online at grotonrec.com.

Holiday Closings

Our offices at the City Municipal Building, including Customer Care and Thames Valley Communications, our Cable Television Division, and Project Management and our Operational Sections, located at The Julio H. Leandri Operations Complex on Poquonock Road, will be closed for these upcoming holidays:

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4
Independence 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 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Customer Service is also open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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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Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) statement

Federal and State law prohibits employment discrimination. It is the policy of the City of Groton to comply with the laws which prohibit discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, ancestry, veteran status, history of mental disorder, mental retardation or any other legally protected class.

Water rates up April 1

Water rates for all Groton Utilities' water customers increased effective April 1. All bills rendered on or after this date will be at the new rate.

Higher revenues are needed to eliminate the Water Division's operating deficits, caused by increased costs in expenses and compliance with stricter state and federal water regulations.

"It is important that we maintain the financial integrity of our Water Division," said Director of Utilities Glenn M. Wilson. "While we pride ourselves on the highest quality water at the lowest possible price, we are faced with the economic realities of today's water industry.

"Looking to the future, our sale of surplus water in connection with the regional water initiative, will help slow

the financial impact of future operating expenses," he added.



Groton will sell surplus water to surrounding communities through the water transmission line constructed under the Thames River as a result of the regional water initiative.

Wilson explained that the Water Division has saved substantial dollars through the years by applying innovative solutions to potentially expensive water quality problems.

"I cannot emphasize enough how the employees in our Water Division have been creative, committed and successful in their approach to water quality problems," Wilson said. "Without their initiatives, we would be facing even higher costs of doing business."

Always call before you dig

Planning a spring construction project? Before you or your contractor begin any project that includes digging, you must first call 1-800-922-4455 to find out where underground utilities are located. It makes sense for safety's sake and it's also the law.

The toll-free number connects you to Call Before You Dig, a one-call notification system aimed at trouble-free excavating. This statewide clearinghouse will contact

member utilities to come to the site and mark the location of underground utilities. You can also visit cbyd.com for more details and online options.



The law requires you to notify Call Before You Dig at least two full working days before you begin, excluding weekends and holidays. Don't take chances – some underground lines are just a few inches below the surface. Call 1-800-922-4455 before you dig!