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Groton Utilities electric vehicle pilot rebate program

Groton Utilities has started a limited time, pilot program for electric car rebates. How does it work, you may ask?

The program provides a \$2,000 rebate for the first 20 electric vehicle purchases by Groton Utilities and Bozrah Light & Power customers, and a \$1,000 rebate for the first 20 electric vehicle leases by Groton Utilities and Bozrah Light & Power customers.

The program also provides an additional \$600 rebate for an approved charging station.

Customers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Provide a copy of the most current Groton Utilities electric bill paid in full, i.e. showing a zero balance.

- Provide a proof of purchase of either an electric hybrid plug-in vehicle or an electric plug-in vehicle.

- Provide proof of a dedicated 240V circuit installed by a Connecticut licensed electrician and signed off electrical permit from the governing building inspector.

- The vehicle MUST plug into the Groton Utilities Distribution System.

- The customer must also pass a Groton Utilities post installation inspection.

Groton Utilities is, as always, at your service.

Customers can always go to the Groton Utilities web site at grotonutilities.com to review the program highlights and requirements.

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Gift Ideas from Groton Utilities

Are you looking for a different idea for a holiday gift? Why not one of our services?

You couldn't make a smarter selection than a gift certificate for one of our services, either electricity or water.

These gift ideas are especially nice for the seniors on your gift list. It gives some of our older customers a sense of security and wellbeing, knowing that they have a credit towards a month or two or more to cover their electric and water needs.

So why not come in to our Customer Care Center at the Municipal Building or call us at (860) 446-4000 to discover the many comfort giving gift ideas you can find at your local utility.

Thank you for caring

Groton Utilities' customers have donated several thousand dollars to the Energy Assistance Fund since it began. Thank you for caring! You have helped many families who are less fortunate and needed assistance in paying their utility bills.

We are entering that time of year when some of your neighbors will be finding themselves in a money squeeze as their energy usage increases in the cold

months ahead and their cash decreases.

If you're in a position to give again or perhaps you're thinking about giving for the first time, we urge you to donate to the fund. This is the season for giving, that time of year when people seem more likely to help others.

The year is ending. A New Year is in sight. Let's help some of our neighbors get off to a better New Year. Send your donation to:

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C/O GROTON SOCIAL SERVICES
2 FORT HILL RD
GROTON, CT 06340-4723

Make checks payable to GU/EAF.
Please do not send cash through the mail.

On behalf of those who benefited from your generosity, Groton Utilities says, "Thank you for caring."

See faulty street lights? Call us



If you see a faulty street light, please call us at (860) 446-4000 so that we can replace it. This includes lights which are completely out and lights which flicker on and off. We will need the pole number and the street name.

Please be advised this request is for Groton Utilities electric service area only. We do not service poles in Eversource's area.

Thank you for helping us make our service area safer!

Groton Utilities water rates increase January 1

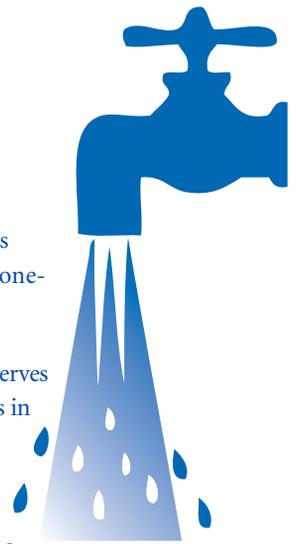
Groton Utilities Water Division's rates will increase four (4) percent on January 1, 2019. This is the second of three four (4) percent increases. The last of three consecutive hikes will be official on January 1, 2020. The increase applies to all classes of customers – residential, commercial and industrial.

The typical household using 800 cubic feet of water per month will see a monthly increase of approximately \$1.90 on January 1, 2019.

The new rates help pay the \$54 million water bond issue approved in 2017, which is financing the renovations at

the Water Treatment Plant. This project has been underway for one-and-a-half years.

Groton Utilities Water Division serves more than 6,000 water customers in the City of Groton, the Town of Groton, and the Bel Air section of Mystic, Noank, and Groton Long Point. Water is also sold on a sale-for-resale basis to the Towns of Ledyard and Montville via the regional water distribution and transmission system.



Robert “Bob” Zuliani appointed to City Utilities Commission

Robert “Bob” Zuliani, a retired accountant, former City Councilor, and a former member of the Board of Education, has begun a new career as a policy maker for the City of Groton’s electric, water, and sewer businesses.

He is now a member of the City of Groton Utilities Commission, which sets policy for Groton Utilities’ three major businesses—electric, water and sewer services. Together their revenues are budgeted for fiscal year 2019 at 70 million dollars.

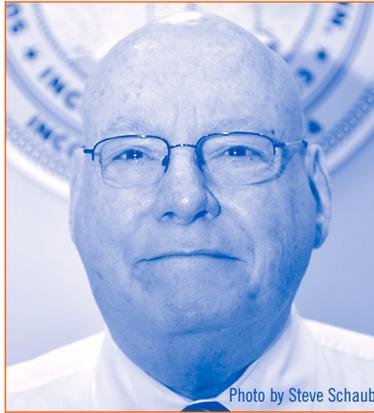
Zuliani is truly a local. “I never left,” he quips. “I’m home grown. I was educated here, married here, retired here. I lived all my life here in Groton.”

Local also translates to commitment. Zuliani has been active in the Greater Groton Community since his graduation from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

Early on after his return home from college, he became involved in the community, serving two terms as a City of Groton Councilor from 1975-79.

He noted the Zuliani name was quite recognizable locally, because his father operated an Italian restaurant called Vic’s at the edge of what is now the Groton Shopping Plaza for a decade in the 1940s and 1950s. Zuliani laughed when telling the tale, because he says that he was not sure whether the people were voting for him or his dad, since his father had a respectable reputation in the restaurant business.

“This first local political experience started me out learning about local government,” he explained. “I learned about the relationship between the City Council and the utilities, and then about the City-Town relationship.” He explained that it helped that he was an accountant, as he educated himself about the workings of local government. This was especially



Robert “Bob” Zuliani

relevant in trying to understand the city’s annual request to the Town of Groton for highway and police funding.

Zuliani’s career as an accountant lasted 30 years. He worked 15 years in the public accounting field, and then 15 years in corporate accounting. Then he left his working days behind, retiring at 55 in 2000.

His appointment to the City of Groton Utilities Commission is interesting in that he is a Republican, and City Mayor Keith Hedrick, who chairs the commission, is a

Democrat. “I think the mayor was interested in that I had a long career in finance,” Zuliani explained. “I believe the mayor is looking to bring a variety of critical skills, backgrounds and experiences to the Utilities Commission.”

He was a member of the Groton Board of Education from 1995-2003, serving as chairperson of the Board’s Finance Committee.

He also served as Business Education Program Chairman for the Mystic Oral School Advisory Committee. He is also a past member of the Groton Jaycees and the Town of Groton Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee.

Zuliani and service extended beyond the local borders. He was in the U.S. Army from 1966-68, serving in Saigon, Vietnam.

His service to the community also includes serving on the Board of Trustees of the Bill Memorial Library and the Colonel Ledyard Cemetery Association, both in the City of Groton. You guessed it. He serves as treasurer for both groups.

Zuliani also is on the City of Groton Ethics Board and is its sitting chairperson.

Local is again relevant, as he is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church of Groton.

Holiday Closings

Our offices at the City Municipal Building, including Customer Service, and our Operational Sections, including Project Management, located at The Julio H. Leandri Operations Complex on Poquonnock Road, will be closed for these upcoming holidays:

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas Day Observed

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
New Year's Day Observed

Monday, January 21, 2019
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

Monday, February 18, 2019
Presidents Day

Our operations crews for both water and electric are available for emergencies during holidays. If you experience an electrical outage or a water main break, call us at 860-446-4000, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Customer Service lobby hours are Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 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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City Cabaret celebrates its fourteenth concert season

Come hear the music play! The schedule for City



City Cabaret

2019



plays everything from "Bach to Broadway." The trio

Cabaret 2019 has been finalized. The fourteenth season kicks off in January.

All City Cabaret concerts are held in the City of Groton Auditorium at 295 Meridian Street in the City of Groton on Sundays at 3:00 p.m., January through March.

The City Cabaret concert series is co-sponsored and co-produced by Groton Utilities and the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mass-Conn-Fusion Duo will kick off the City Cabaret 2019 season on Sunday, January 13. The Duo pairs the up-right bass, played by Jim Healy, with saxophone, played by Liz Roberts. This unique combination separates them from the crowd. "All styles of music are fair game from Take 5 to Maroon 5," the Duo says. "We enjoy bringing a sense of humor and a touch of class to all we do."

The O'Brien String Trio will be featured February 10. The classical string trio

consists of Kate O'Brien on the violin, Lydia Leizman on the viola, and Corinne Cunha on the cello. The group will play a variety of music, including classical and Kate O'Brien's original arrangements of popular, ethnic and fiddling styles.

Whisky, Wine and Coke will perform on March 10, 2019. The band is a musical trio with two lead singers, Renee Morehouse and Dave Warner, and guitarist, Dean Cardinale. In addition to the Coyote River Band set list, the trio does cover songs by The Beatles, Carly Simon, James Taylor, The Eagles, Etta James and much more.

Dessert, coffee and bottle water will be available for purchase from the Fitch High School Alcohol and Drug Free Party Committee.

The concerts are free. No alcohol is allowed. The concert info line is (860) 446-4129.

Snow removal around fire hydrants

As the winter season begins and the chances for big snowfalls increase, Groton Utilities Water Division is asking for your help. Please keep fire hydrants on the sidewalks near your property free of snow and ice.

With frequent winter snowstorms, we cannot always clear all of the more than 700 area fire hydrants as quickly as we would like. And, in the case of fire, it is vital that firefighters have access to the fire hydrants.

And remember, don't shovel or plow snow on top of or around fire hydrants.

Local fire chiefs have requested that we also ask you to keep the hydrants clear of vehicular parking so that their firefighters have access to them.

If you were one of our many thoughtful customers who helped keep the fire hydrants free of snow and ice in the past few years, Groton Utilities appreciates your cooperation and

thanks you.

If you have a contractor for snow removal for your business or apartment complex, we ask you to remind your contractor to keep snow away from the fire hydrants.

Simply keep in mind that there is no sense like common sense. Keep fire hydrants free from snow. It will be a safer winter for you, your family, your neighbors and the entire community.

