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# ENERGY EXTRA

The Grand Valley's Energy Newsletter

## New Year's Resolutions

It's that time of year again; dig those running shoes out of the closet, dust off those weights and remove those storage boxes from the treadmill. For some, this ritual has become as predictable as growing one year older on your birthday. To others, this is the start of a new year or a new beginning. Regardless of what the New Year means to you, it is an opportunity to change the calendar and look forward to a new year.

For us, this means not only making sure that when you flip the switch the lights go on, but also working to keep your rates as low as possible and offering assistance to save even more. Our New Year's resolution to you (the Member) is continuing to provide the most reliable power possible while holding the line on operating costs. We also recognize that external forces beyond our control can impact rates; therefore we will continue to provide sensible programs that assist the Members while having a minimal impact on the bottom line.

Grand Valley Power evaluates energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy assistance, and youth programs on a yearly basis. Since we do not pass along the cost of these programs through the addition of a line item surcharge on your monthly bills, Grand Valley Power believes it is in the best interest of the company and membership to evaluate these programs on a yearly basis according to impacts on the budget.

As a result of the 2015 operating budget, Grand Valley Power will offer the following programs for 2015:

- H.E.L.P. – Home Energy Loss Prevention is a program designed to provide a walk-through analysis of your residence year round, with the assistance of an infrared camera during the winter months (December – February).
- Solar Farm – Members can receive monthly energy credits produced from a local renewable energy resource by making a one-time payment or monthly installments.
- SmartHub – Bills may be paid through our website, [www.GVP.org](http://www.GVP.org), using credit or debit cards.
- SmartHub App – Convenient account access and bill payment options from your mobile device.
- Budget Billing – Budget billing allows you to pay the same amount on your bill for 11 months, leaving the 12<sup>th</sup> month as a credit or catch up month depending upon actual usage.
- Electronic Funds Transfer – A method of bill payment which, upon authorization, allows GVP to automatically deduct funds from a checking, savings, or credit card account.
- Payment Drop Boxes – Located at all City Market stores in the Grand Valley as well as the Albertson's store on 12<sup>th</sup> street and the Safeway stores on 29 road and Horizon drive.
- Surge Protection – Located at the meter, this device provides an additional level of protection.
- Safety Demonstrations – GVP provides live wire demonstrations to school, civic, or any other groups that would like to see a presentation regarding safety around power lines.
- Scholarships – 8 scholarships will be awarded to area youth along with 3 scholarships being renewed from previous recipients.
- Youth Camp & Youth Tour – Two high school juniors will be awarded the opportunity to attend a leadership camp near Steamboat Springs held in July. One additional high school junior will be awarded the opportunity to attend the Washington, D.C. youth tour held in June.

If you would like more information about any of these programs being offered by Grand Valley Power, please contact our office at 242-0040. More information about each program can also be found on our website, [www.GVP.org](http://www.GVP.org). Let's work together to not only keep those New Year's resolutions, but also to hold the line on controllable expenses. Happy New Year!



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