



The Flash

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Providing Power and information to the Alameda Community

New Year, New Look

Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) is pleased to ring in 2012 with a brand new, more efficient, eco friendly version of your trusted newsletter, *The FLASH!* We are also excited to introduce our 125th anniversary logo, which will help us celebrate our big birthday this year, on July 11. We hope you enjoy! ☺



AMP Invites You to Our Annual Planning Workshop

With the New Year comes AMP's Annual Planning Workshop with the Public Utilities Board (PUB). The workshop provides an opportunity for discussion with the PUB and presents critical issues, risks, opportunities and initiatives. Discussion revolves around a planned direction from which AMP will align our budget and work plan for the coming year. The workshop is scheduled for January 30th at 4:00 p.m. at AMP's Service Center and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information and meeting materials, visit www.alamedamp.com. ☺

Apply Now for a Green Powerstar Award



Show how environmentally aware you are by applying now for AMP's second annual GREEN POWERSTAR Awards. All Alameda-based businesses, homes, and classrooms are invited to apply in one of four award categories, Small Business, Large Business, Home, or Schools.

Awards will be given for all around efforts to support energy efficiency and greener power use. Special consideration will be given to new,

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Save Money, Get Rebates and Earn Money for Your School!

Join us this January for a workshop to check out Energy Upgrade California—the statewide program that offers homeowners rebates of up to \$6,000 (through mid-February 2012, \$4,000 thereafter) for making energy-saving home improvements. This is in addition to the rebates provided by AMP. Additionally, a \$300 rebate toward an initial home energy assessment is now available. Energy Upgrade California has also just launched a new fundraiser for schools. When you sign up for an Advanced or Basic Package, Energize for the



Prize will award \$100 to Alameda Go Green Schools Challenge (district-wide partner in Alameda)—just for you participating in the program! Plus, the school organization that signs up the most households between now and April will earn an additional \$5,000.

To learn more join us for the free homeowner workshop on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners Association (3195 Mecartney Road Alameda). For details and to RSVP, visit www.alamedamp.com. ☺

Refrigerator Rebate and Recycle—

AMP wants to help you save money and be more energy efficient! You can get a \$100 rebate for replacing your old refrigerator with an Energy Star labeled fridge and recycling your old fridge with AMP's recycler. Additionally, if you have an old,



\$100 Rebate

second refrigerator that you need to dispose of, you can get a \$35 rebate just for having it picked up and recycled properly! Visit our Save Energy page at www.alamedamp.com and click on Save Energy at Home. 🌱

Stay Safe and Warm this Winter

Cold, winter weather brings with it some special safety concerns. Use the following tips to stay safe and warm when using portable electric heaters and extension cords this winter:

- Damp or wet surroundings introduce risk for electric shock. Never use any portable heating device in bathrooms or kitchens or near any potential source of water.
- Don't place portable heaters in high-traffic areas such as hallways or staircases and keep heaters at least 3 feet away of any type of combustibles materials such as drapes.
- Never allow children or pets to play with our around any portable heaters.
- Use electrical cords, power strips and surge protectors that have polarized plugs with one blade slightly wider than the other, or grounded three-pronged plugs to reduce the risk of electric shock.
- Extension cords used outside should be specifically designed for such use to guard against shock.
- Insert plugs fully so that no parts of the prongs are exposed when the cord is in use.
- Never cover any part of an extension cord with rugs or other objects while it is in use.
- Make sure cords do not dangle from the counter or table tops where they can be pulled down or tripped over.
- If a cord feels hot to the touch, stop using it and throw it away. 🌱

125 Years of Fun Facts!

On July 11, 2012, AMP will turn 125! As we approach the big day, we will be sharing fun facts from our many years of service.

Did you know... of the 4,200 streetlights installed between 1911 and 1916, about 100 remain on the island. These small, globe-lamped lights can be viewed along Sterling Avenue, Dayton Street (between High and Post Streets) and Buena Vista Avenue (between Tilden Way and Versailles Avenue).

CLIP and KEEP!

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innovative strategies. Efforts should have been accomplished in 2011.

Applications are due 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2012. An awards ceremony is being planned for April to be held in conjunction with the City's Earth Day festivities. Applications and more details on award criteria are available on the AMP website, www.alamedamp.com. 🌱

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