

# DONATE

## to Hometown Helping Hand

and spread the word about how this important program assists local families in need who are struggling to pay their past due electric bills.



100% of the funds collected are distributed to qualifying GHBLP customers through the Salvation Army's assistance program. In FY2018, \$21,187 was donated to GHBLP customers in need.

### Please consider a tax deductible donation to Hometown Helping Hand.

For a one time donation, simply include a separate check with your utility bill stub written to:

#### HOMETOWN HELPING HAND

To make a monthly contribution, mail or drop off the completed form below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Bill me monthly. \$1.00 \$3.00 \$5.00 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle or write in amount)

**Thank you for your helping hand!**  
**Grand Haven**  
Board of Light & Power

Come visit our booth during  
**Fire Prevention Week**  
**October 7-13, 2018**



We will be giving away  
FREE Halloween Bags and  
fun promotional gifts!



**Spring Lake Fire Department &  
Crockery Fire Department**  
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6-8pm

**Ferrysburg Fire Department**  
Monday, October 8, 2018, 6-8pm

**Grand Haven Township Fire/Rescue**  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 5:30-8pm

**City of Grand Haven Department of Public Safety**  
Saturday, October 13, 2018, 11am-1pm



#### Your Board of Directors:

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# PLUGGED IN

News and Information from your Community-Owned Electric Utility  
**Grand Haven Board of Light & Power**



**September &  
October 2018**



## Michigan Public Power Agency

There are approximately 2,000 "Public Power" entities in the United States, which are primarily community-owned, local electric utilities. These utilities supply about 15% of the electricity sold in the United States annually.

The vast majority of these Public Power entities are members of Joint Action Agencies (JAAs). JAAs provide smaller utilities the opportunity to combine certain operations and buying power to share costs, pool resources and expertise, gain efficiencies, and obtain the necessary economies of scale that none of their members could accomplish individually.

Michigan has three Joint Action Agencies that were formed in the late 1970's; the Michigan Public Power Agency (22 members), Michigan South Central Power Agency (5 members) and WPPI Energy (a Wisconsin JAA with 6 Michigan members in the Upper Peninsula). Grand Haven Board of Light & Power is a member of the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA), the State's largest JAA. 33 of Michigan's 40 public

power systems are members in JAAs.

MPPA's members supply 85% of the public power load in Michigan, and approximately 8% of all load. MPPA's annual power sales exceed \$200 million. MPPA provides an essential conduit among and between its members and the power supply markets. Its core function relies on complex data processing and management, automation and most importantly knowledge and expertise of the marketplace. MPPA owns generation assets on behalf of many of its members and enters into power purchase agreements collectively for its members. When GHBLP is not producing electricity locally, it is not buying "from the grid" as many suggest, but actually purchasing its power from MPPA. MPPA is operated not-for-profit and is governed by a 22 member Board of Commissioners, one from every municipality it serves.

As a member of MPPA, the Board of Light & Power additionally gains power supply planning expertise and assistance with regulatory compliance matters. As the complexity of the power supply marketplace has evolved in recent years, the dependency of smaller municipal members on JAAs has increased and the relative value added by these organizations to their membership has expanded.

# PUBLIC POWER WEEK

OCTOBER 7-13, 2018

Powering Strong Communities

**October 7-13, 2018 is Public Power Week...and we have reason to celebrate!**

- Low rates
- High reliability
- Customer responsiveness
- Community focus
- Local control

**Celebrate the benefits of Public Power with us! Stop by our office at 1700 Eaton Drive the week of October 7 to pick up your free treats and gift!**



Get \$50



## Is it time to replace your older refrigerator?

Do you have a second freezer that you're not really using? These appliances are wasting money and taking up space. Older refrigerators and freezers typically use twice as much electricity as new ones, replacing these appliances is a great opportunity to save energy and lower your electric bill. Units must be in working condition to receive the rebate. Dehumidifiers/Window Air Conditioners: Receive \$15 extra dollars if picked up at the same time as a refrigerator or freezer. Let us pick them up for **FREE** – and send you a \$50 rebate check! Schedule your free pick-up by calling **866-341-8729** today.