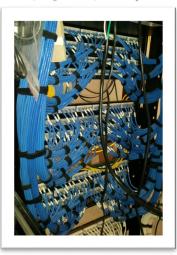
## AUSTIN UTILITIES Connections for Better Living™

### Fun Fact



Approximately 25 miles of network cable has been installed in the Austin Utilities building currently under construction.

#### **Office Hours**

Mon - 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tue - Fri - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat and Sun - Closed

Austin Utilities Office will be closed Monday, July 4th for Independence Day.



Austin Utilities has been a proud sponsor of Freedom Fest since 2007.

# Connections

June 2016
Customer Newsletter

## It's Easy to be a Hero

Have you ever wanted to be a hero? Now you can be an **ENERGY HERO**. **ENERGY HEROES** help keep the cost of energy for our community low by

reducing their electric load during peak times. We send notices to **ENERGY HEROES** during peak electric usage so they can take action! There are so many easy ways to help. No action is too small and the cumulative effect becomes substantial.

- Turn off non-essential lighting
- Turn off task lighting at desk
- Turn off restroom and closet lighting
- Turn off unnecessary fans
- Turn off radios
- Turn off televisions
- Turn up AC Thermostat 2+ degrees
- Close doors to unconditioned spaces
- Turn off any computers or monitors not in use

To become an **ENERGY HERO** just send an email to

Save the community from high energy costs by becoming an...







Call or go online to become a hero today!

**AUSTIN** UTILITIES

507.433.8886 AustinUtilities.com

**peakalert@austinutilities.com** and type "Add me to your list" in the subject line. For information on Business signup - see our website **AustinUtilities.com** 

### Did you know...

Regular maintenance of your water softener is important to keep your water smelling and tasting its best? Although relatively low maintenance, water softeners are vulnerable to solids building up and preventing them from working properly. Bacterial growth can also cause your water to smell bad. Check with your softener's manufacturer for information on properly maintaining and cleaning your home water softener.

Help Austin Utilities
Stuff the Bus

Please help us Stuff the Bus with school supplies for local students and win a chance at a Mall of America Family Fun Pack worth \$196 or a 4 pack of Crayola Experience tickets valued at \$100.



All types of school supplies are needed. Drop your donations off at Austin Utilities office before 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 21st and sign up for a chance to win one of these great prizes.

All supplies will be distributed by the Salvation Army to local children in need. *Cash donations are also accepted.* 

Congratulations to Austin Utilities Scholarship winner **Rachel Quandt.** 

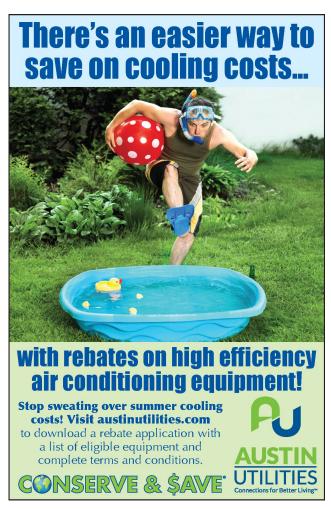


She will receive a \$500 scholarship award for her essay, "Municipal Utilities: Good for All of Us."

#### **NOTICE**

In compliance with the Code of Federal regulation #49, Part 192.16, Austin Utilities must notify each customer who owns buried natural gas piping after the meter.

- 1. Austin Utilities does not maintain the customer's buried piping.
- 2. If the customer's buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
- 3. Buried gas piping should be:
  - (a) periodically inspected for leaks.
  - (b) periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic.(c) repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered.
- 4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.
- Austin Utilities can assist in locating the customer's buried piping. Austin Utilities can also provide names and contact information of contractors who can inspect and repair the customer's buried piping. Contact Austin Utilities at 433-8886. You can also find information at www.austinutilities.com.



### Compressed Natural Gas

Vehicle

Rob Gleason, gas service supervisor, performs the first fill on Austin Utilities new natural gas fueled vehicle at Kwik Trip on



10th Place NE. Vehicles fueled by natural gas emit over 90% less carbon monoxide - which helps us all breath a little easier!

### **Austin Utilities**

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