

## Acting General Manager's Letter



I am pleased to write this letter as Acting General Manager of the Georgetown Municipal Light Department, and I am honored that the Board of Light Commissioners has entrusted me with

the responsibilities such position holds. I take great pride in calling Georgetown my hometown and will strive diligently to maintain the superior service our department provides to the community. As retired General Manager Dave Schofield noted in his farewell message, Georgetown Light has completed many significant projects under his leadership, and I am excited to see what the future holds for the department and its ratepayers as we move forward under new leadership.

It has been an exceptionally busy few months at Georgetown Light with Dave's retirement and the election of a new Commissioner in April. We congratulate Commissioner Mike Anderson and look forward to working closely with him. Although the warm weather was slow to arrive, the first days of summer were hot and humid, serving as a reminder that we can all help reduce the peak when a heat wave is predicted. Peak hours in our region are from 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. If we are all mindful of our energy usage, especially during peak times, it helps stabilize the electricity grid, lower energy costs, and reduce the environmental impact of electricity generation. Our safety consultant Ray Gouley was at the Penn Brook School during the spring to demonstrate how the students can stay safe around electricity this summer. As we spend more time outdoors, I want to remind everyone to be careful, especially during thunderstorms, when working with power equipment, and when working or playing around water and electricity. Lastly, we would like to thank the Georgetown Kiwanis for helping to organize the Veteran's Banner program. Our linemen are honored to take part in this project in placing the banners throughout town.

Have a happy and safe summer!

*Mary E. Snow*  
Mary Snow

Acting General Manager



## A Farewell from Retired General Manager Dave Schofield



At the beginning of March 2013, I walked through the doors of 94 Searle Street to assume the duties of General Manager. Until then, I had worked for the Hingham, Taunton, and Peabody light departments as an apprentice Lineman, Lineman / Troublemaker, and Assistant Distribution Superintendent respectively. While working as a Lineman for the city of Taunton, my US Army Reserve unit was called up to serve a tour of duty in Iraq. As a team leader of this Army Engineering Detachment, my team of Army Linemen did their best to restore power to the war-torn electrical distribution system in our area of operation.

On my first day as General Manager, retiring General Manager Wayne Snow was there to greet me. He had been the General Manager for 21 years. He worked with me for the next few months to fill me in on what it takes to run an entire Light Department as the General Manager.

The day he left, I walked around the property and thought about the millions of dollars in equipment and buildings, the staff, and the 3500 customers. I immediately felt the weight of it all. As municipal light departments go, Georgetown is small, but it was big to me.

Ever since I was an apprentice lineman, I aspired to manage a Light Department. I wanted to create a stress-free environment focusing on safety and the needs of the ratepayer. I hope that I have succeeded in that goal to some degree.

Being the General Manager of a municipal light department is the same as it is in many municipal departments. The leaders often work directly for an elected body, therefore, there is no door to knock on if you need immediate guidance or help. The department heads must make the best decision they can at the time, drawing on their own experience.

Over time, like most, I settled in and became comfortable. I was green and often called some of my more seasoned colleagues from area municipal light departments to bounce questions off them. In time, newer General Managers would be calling me.

Over 12 plus years at the Georgetown Municipal Light Department, I have hired all but one member of the staff. We have completed many projects and upgrades such as converting our streetlights to LED to improve quality and environmental impact, implemented an advanced metering infrastructure to perform better system analysis and outage management, installed EV charges throughout the town, and added the first electric vehicle to our fleet, worked through many violent storms to restore power as quickly as possible, and assisted the town with a multitude of civic projects as varied as hanging wreaths and Xmas lights to helping the highway department with a fence post.

During my tenure, we have also been recognized nationally with the American Public Power Association's RP3 designation awarded to utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. In addition, we have also been awarded APPA's Excellence in Reliability Award multiple times.

After 35 years in the electric utility business and with a heavy heart, I announce my retirement from the Georgetown Municipal Light Department. The years I have spent working here have been some of the most rewarding of my life. I cherish the relationships I have formed and immensely appreciate the support of the ratepayers.

It has been an honor.

Farewell

*Dave F. Schofield*

Dave Schofield



General managers from local municipal light departments wished outgoing General Manager Schofield well as he retired from 12 years as General Manager at GMLD.

State Representative Kristen Kassner, (second from left), presented a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to outgoing General Manager Schofield on his retirement from GMLD. Mary Snow, Acting GMLD General Manager (left) and GMLD Commissioner Chair (right) offered congratulations to Dave.

### Location:

Georgetown Light Office  
94 Searle Street  
Georgetown, MA 01833  
Tel: 978-352-5730  
Fax: 978-352-5733

### Customer Service hours:

Monday - Thursday  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
info@georgetownlight.com

### Emergency number:

978-352-5730

### Payment Options:

Walk in payment  
94 Searle Street

Payment online  
www.invoicecloud.com/georgetownlight

Drop Box payment  
Water Dept. parking lot -  
W Main St at Moulton

Light Dept parking lot at  
94 Searle Street

### Holiday Closings:

July 4 – Independence Day  
September 1 – Labor Day  
If you have an emergency, call  
Georgetown Light at (978) 352-5730.

### Commissioners:

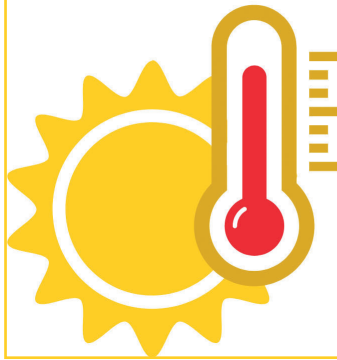
Peter Dion, Chairman  
Mike Anderson  
John Smolinsky

### Acting General Manager:

Mary Snow



## REDUCE THE PEAK



The GMLD asks its customers to reduce their electrical usage during peak hours in the summer. Reduce your energy consumption between the hours of 5p.m. and 8p.m.

- Close your window shades during the day to save on air conditioning costs.
- A ceiling fan can help make your room feel 10 degrees cooler while using only 10% of the energy of a central air conditioner.
- You can save energy by using appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and dryers early in the morning or later in the evening.
- You can save on air conditioning costs during the hot weather by grilling outside or by using your microwave.



## Georgetown Light in the Community

Georgetown Lineworkers, Jesse Cote on the ground and Joe Laperchia in the bucket, were busy hanging banners in the downtown area in the days leading up to Memorial Day.

## GMLD School Safety Program



Georgetown Light recently conducted a safety program at the Penn Brook School to teach children in kindergarten through grade 2 how to stay safe around electricity. Safety consultant Ray Gouley, center, presented the program to the classes with the help of Georgetown Light Lineworkers Mike Correale (left) and Joe Laperchia (right).



Acting General Manager Mary Snow (back row, second from right), joined Lineworkers Mike Correale and Joe Laperchia at the recent safety program conducted by Safety consultant Ray Gouley at the Penn Brook School.