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A newsletter from Middleborough Gas & Electric Department June 2007

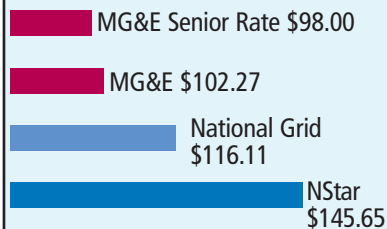
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## New paper for a new world

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## Residential Electric Typical Bill Comparison 750 kilowatt-hours



## What you need to know: bill comparisons

Even though our Electric Adjustment Factor increased on May 1, our typical bills are still lower than those of investor-owned utilities around us. Our commercial bills are also lower. Visit our website at [MGandEonline.com](http://MGandEonline.com) for more bill comparisons, including natural gas.

## Important notice for current Budget Customers

The Budget Payment Plan is now easier than ever! You will now be *automatically* renewed – no sign-up required for the coming year. Your new Budget payment amount will be calculated and sent to you before the Budget season begins in September.

For non-Budget Plan customers, this notice has no effect. However, if you want to join the Budget Payment Plan, you must sign up by August 1. Call our office for details – 508-947-1371.

## Sidebar stats:

# 30

 years ago

Homes *without* dishwashers:

# 53%

Homes *without* dehumidifiers:

# 72%

Homes *without* central air conditioning:

# 96%

Homes *without* personal computers:

# 81%

Source: MG&E appliance saturation survey of Middleborough and Lakeville, 1987.



## HomeWorks: carbon dioxide costs

Your room air conditioner not only averages \$17.82 to run each month, the energy it uses also adds 183 pounds of harmful carbon dioxide, or CO<sub>2</sub>, to the atmosphere.

An average two-person home adds 41,500 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, according to the website EPA.gov/ClimateChange. Recycle aluminum cans, and you can reduce that load by 332 pounds. Recycle plastics and save another 93 pounds per year. That may offset your summer air conditioning use.



**The Appliance Calculator** at MGandEonline.com now shows an appliance's CO<sub>2</sub> impact. Use it to find the "other" appliance operating costs and what you can do to save money and the air we breathe.



## Town Times: museum opens

The Middleborough Historical Museum at 19 Jackson St. is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 11 through September. A highlight is its collection of memorabilia on General and Mrs. Tom Thumb. For details, call 508-947-1969.

## Do you do this?

Do you forget about your natural gas furnace until the first freeze of the heating season and then rush to get it serviced with everyone else?

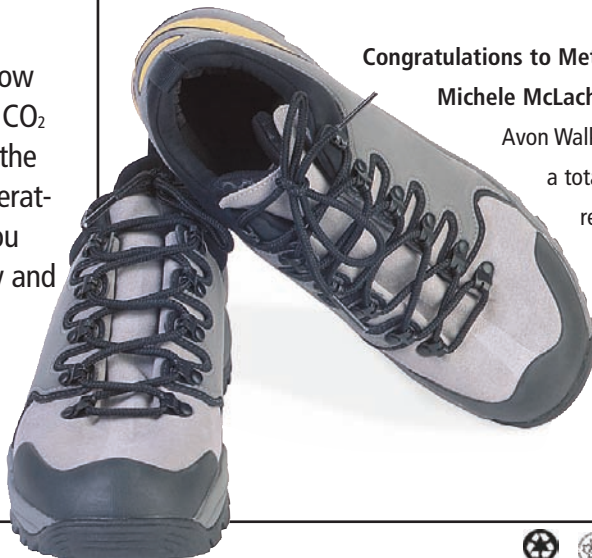
## Do this instead:

Call MG&E's Gas Division right now to schedule a clean-out before September 1 and **save \$10** off the \$45 regular cost. Then you'll save energy and money the minute the temperature drops.

## What uses more energy?

<b>Hot tub</b>			
175 hours per month	263 kWh*	\$35.44	
<b>Swimming pool pump</b>			
1 HP, 350 hours per month	261 kWh	\$35.25	
<b>Bathtub spa</b>			
30 hours per month	22.5 kWh	\$3.04	

Source: MG&Eonline.com > Appliance Calculator \*kilowatt-hours



## Congratulations to Meter Reader

**Michele McLachlan**, who completed the

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer –

a total of 39 miles – on a

recent weekend. We salute

Michele and her blistered

feet that helped raise

over \$6.7 million.

## DIRECTORY

### Customer Service & Billing

508-947-1371

### Gas Service Questions

508-947-1535

### Electric Service Questions

508-947-3023

### Emergency:

**Gas** 508-947-1535

**Electric** 508-947-3023

### Payment locations:

#### Main office:

32 S. Main St.,  
Middleborough  
8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### Pay Boxes:

#### Main office parking lot

32 S. Main St.,  
Middleborough

#### Oak Point

Middleborough

#### Savas Plaza

Route 18, Lakeville

#### Stop 'N Shop Plaza

Route 28,  
Middleborough

### Holiday Closing:

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day

### Commission Meetings:

Meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices at 32 S. Main St., Middleborough. Please call 508-947-1371 to confirm dates and times.

