



Mayor Says It's a Win/Win Situation



Mayor Jodie McLeod

With winter finally gone and nice weather settling in, we can all enjoy mild temperatures for a while, until the hot part of summer comes around. And like everybody else in town, I look forward to getting a break on my electric bill the next couple of months.

But wouldn't it be nice if we could get a break like this every month? Well, we can. And,

it's easy.

All you have to do is give us a call at 553-5002 and join the town's Load Management program. The town will pay a few dollars

of your electric bill every month as an incentive.

Plus, every time another

person joins the program, it lowers the cost for everybody by helping level out our demand. A win/win situation for the whole town.

Last year we had around 400 new people join the program, and they divided \$24,000 in incentive payments. And, just having them join cut another \$31,000 off the electric bills

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of everybody. The more people who join, the more we all save.

You can get all the details on the program by checking out the

articles on the back page of the newsletter. But, the bottom line is this- do you want to save on your electric bill?

If so, then

join us. If not, then don't fuss about the high price when rates go up, since you could have helped lower them.

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Thanks for your support.

Chief Announces 2007 Officer of the Year

Police Chief Glen Allen has announced the police department's *Officer of the Year* for 2007.

Officer R.B. (Rob) Lipscomb was nominated and selected based upon his responsible service to the community and dedication to the police department.

After retiring from the Coast Guard, Lipscomb completed Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET). He joined the

Clayton Police Department three years ago.

Lipscomb devotes much of his off-duty time tutoring children who have difficulty with end-of-grade testing. His tutoring has helped numerous young people in the community in the completion of their scholastic goals.

Officer Lipscomb is married and has a son who graduated from Clayton High School last year.



American Legion Post Commander Mike Arrington presents Officer Lipscomb the award for Officer of the Year at a law enforcement appreciation dinner sponsored by the American Legion.

Load Management Program: More Citizens Saving Money by Signing Up

Through enhanced incentives for participation in the *Load Management Program* the town has added more than 400 subscribers over the past year to the list of those with electricity-saving devices installed. This means a gross savings of more than \$31,000 in purchased power cost.

Although everyone's rates benefited from the drop in electric demand, those with the new devices received \$24,000 in direct credits on their power cost.

These figures are not for the entire load management program, but just reflect savings based on recent, new subscribers. The Town decided to market the program last winter and spring and the numbers are based on the switches installed as a result of the recent campaign.

Load management devices are now mandatory on all new construction and it is the

responsibility of the builder to install them.

Residential Load Management is a means of controlling the amount of electricity being consumed in the home, especially during periods of high electric

Load Management does not require load control on a daily basis. Load Management averages 8.6 hours of applied controls per peak month.

(peak) demand. Load management is used to reduce electric demand and lowers the utility's and the customer's cost.

Customers who wish to participate in the *Town of Clayton Load Management Program* must have a load management switch installed on their electric water

heater, electric heat strips on the heat pump, and/or air conditioner compressor to receive credits on their monthly power bill.

During periods of heavy demand for power, radio signals to the load management switch cycle the controlled units off. The more switches the Town has in place, the greater savings on the cost to purchase electricity.

Customers with a switch must actively decide to opt out of the program, or they will be subscribed. The customer service department has reported that few customers choose to opt out, with more people subscribing to the *50 Percent A/C Control Program* rather than to the *25 Percent A/C Control Program*.

For more details on the *Load Management Program* contact the customer service department at 553.5002 or come to their offices at *The Clayton Center*.

Load Management-How it Works

ELECTRIC WATER HEATER CONTROLS

Electric water heaters are cycled off during brief load management periods. Controlling water heaters does not usually affect the amount of hot water available due to the inherent thermal storage capacity of water heaters. Monthly credits are given January through December (\$5/month).

ELECTRIC HEAT STRIP CONTROL

Heat strips are controlled during the winter load management periods. Compressors continue to provide heat. Control of heat

strips is generally for one hour during the usual three hours of load management control during winter months (on days of load management and Monday through Friday only). Credits are given December through March (\$12/month).

AIR CONDITIONER

COMPRESSORS CONTROL

Under regular air conditioner control, the compressor is cycled off for brief periods. The circulating fan continues to run and comfort levels are not usually affected. Cycling off only occurs the few days each summer when both the demand for electricity and our load are the highest. Depending on your

lifestyle, sign up for *25 Percent A/C Control* or *50 Percent A/C Control* for maximum savings. *Twenty-five Percent Control* cycles for 15 minutes every hour, and *50 Percent A/C Control* requires 30 minutes—every hour during the usual three hours of load control during summer months (on days of load management and Monday through Friday only). A radio-controlled switch on the thermostat cycles your air conditioner compressor when it receives a signal. Credits are given June through September (\$6/month for the *25 Percent Control Program* OR \$10/month for the *50 Percent Control Program*).