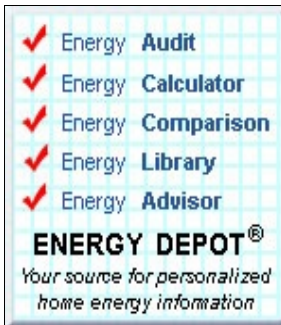


BPU Offers New Service to the Public to Assist Customers with Energy Savings

City Councilmen Vince DeJoy & Gregory Rabb Join BPU Board



The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) offers a new, free energy conservation service available to the public on the BPU website.

“Energy Depot for Homes” is a new link located on the BPU home page at www.jamestownbpu.com. The Energy Depot for Homes link is an internet energy information “tool box,” filled with software tools designed to meet energy information needs.

An online do-it-yourself home energy audit is a major service provided by the BPU’s Energy Depot for Homes. The user may choose to complete a questionnaire in the detailed “full audit” or the abbreviated “ez audit” form. Regardless of choice, the audit produces a personalized report on annual and monthly energy costs for each energy system and appliance in the home. The audit specifically recommends how energy can be used more wisely in that particular home, with estimated savings for each. The audit is password-protected, should the homeowner wish to update the audit in the future.

An Energy Library that gives home energy information in easy to understand terms and illustrations is available on the site. Answers to the top 100 frequently asked questions about home energy use are included. The Energy Comparison Tool is useful when one considers replacing home heating or cooling systems or water heaters. This software allows quick comparison of existing systems with a range of new systems. For instance, if one enters an installed price from a contractor’s bid, the software will estimate the pay back period it will take to recover the cost of more efficient systems through energy savings.

A fourth feature of the BPU service is an Energy Saving Calculator that quickly estimates the annual energy use and costs for individual electric or natural gas home systems and appliances. Finally, the site includes an e-mail link to a BPU energy advisor who can answer questions about energy efficiency or about the personal home energy audit reports.

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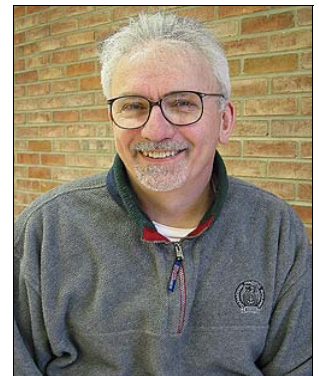


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It is already addressed to us and fits our mail machine. Second, please enclose only the BOTTOM portion of your bill with your payment. Third, please try not to fold your bill or your check. It helps if you don’t staple, paper clip or tape them together. Fourth, it is better if you do not write on your bill. Remember to write your account number on your check. Fifth, if you have a change of address or telephone number, please inform our Customer Service at (716)661-1660.



Vince DeJoy



Gregory P. Rabb

Newly-elected Jamestown City Council Chair Gregory P. Rabb and Councilman Vince DeJoy have been appointed to the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Board of Directors by Jamestown City Mayor, the Honorable Sam Teresi, effective January 1, 2008, as Council representatives.

A former Assistant Dean of the Division of Business and Social Sciences for the Jamestown and Cattaraugus County campuses of Jamestown Community College (JCC), Rabb is a JCC professor of government, politics, economics and law. He also serves as Coordinator of Global Studies at the college and received the JCC Faculty Award for Excellence in 1987.

Rabb is a consultant to Educational Testing Services and the Middle States Office of the College Board and is a revision author of an American government text book entitled “People and Politics.” He has been a visiting professor in economics at SUNY Fredonia.

In public service, Rabb has chaired the Jamestown City Planning Commission since 2000 and has served as Vice Chair of the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency. He served from 1998-2007 as a member of the Chautauqua County Planning Board.

A Canisius College graduate, Rabb earned a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois and a Law Degree from the University of Buffalo School of Law.

DeJoy is a biology graduate of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo. He has undertaken post-graduate work in recombinant gene technology at SUNY Fredonia and in biomedical computing at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

For most of his career, DeJoy has worked in the pharmaceutical sales field and is currently a Professional Pharmaceutical Representative for the Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical company.

A Jamestown High School graduate, DeJoy, in the early 1990s, also developed, owned and operated Stage Left Bistro, formerly located adjacent to the Reg Lenna Civic Center in Downtown Jamestown. He managed and marketed Jamestown Open MRI on Fairmount Avenue.

The new City Councilman and BPU Board member has participated in the community as a board member of the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation in 1991-93. He served on the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency from 2001– to 2002. He is also a former president of the Greater Jamestown AM Rotary Club of which he is a charter member.

DeJoy is a member of the St. Luke’s Church Vestry.

Take care to avoid frozen pipes! For sinks located against outside walls, keep cupboard doors open to keep the pipes warm.

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) WORKS WITH SKF AEROENGINE NORTH AMERICA (SKF) TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS

The Jamestown BPU is working with SKF to reduce energy costs at the SKF facility in Falconer.

The BPU and SKF have signed a three-year flex rate tariff agreement. The two companies also have recently participated in an energy audit program in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

"We are pleased to announce that the Jamestown BPU and SKF have reached a three-year electric rate agreement under our economic development service classification," stated David Leathers, BPU Interim General Manager.

Martin Fernlund, Operations Director of the Falconer SKF noted, "We are thankful for this initiative. Not only will it lower our cost of doing business but also it shows that the BPU is very involved in maintaining the competitiveness of Chautauqua County. Our business is growing and we are investing and hiring."

According to Leathers, the unique flex rate tariff was developed by the BPU and approved by the Public Service Commission to help the Jamestown area community attract new industry and support existing BPU commercial and industrial customers. In exchange for reduced energy costs, participating manufacturers commit to retain a certain number of jobs and continue to invest in their facilities in order to foster economic preservation and development within the BPU service territory.

"The flex rate allows companies such as SKF to continue manufacturing in our local area while at the same time, competing in a global marketplace," explained Leathers.

The SKF Group is the leading global supplier of bearings, seals and lubrication systems. SKF has 100 manufacturing sites distributed throughout the world, with its own sales companies in 70 countries.

SKF Aeroengine/Falconer, formerly known as MRC Bearings, is located on Maroco Road in Falconer, and is predominately involved in the manufacture of aerospace bearings for engines, gearboxes, helicopter transmissions and related applications. The plant is housed in a 215,090 square foot facility and currently employs 492 people.

Jamestown Mayor and BPU Board President Sam Teresi acknowledged that, "The City of Jamestown, through its Board of Public Utilities, is once again pleased to assist with the retention and expansion of a major business throughout the Greater Jamestown Area. This signed agreement demonstrates SKF's continued commitment to the long-term viability of its local operations, which will have a positive impact on the City and the entire region."

Leathers and Fernlund also announced their joint participation in a Flex Tech Energy Audit through a NYSERDA program. Clough Harbour & Associates LLP of Rochester has conducted an energy audit of SKF's Falconer facility.

"The energy audit has presented opportunities for our company to make capital investments to further save energy costs at our plant," noted Fernlund. "We appreciate the NYSERDA program and the BPU's participation to assist us in keeping costs down. Together with the BPU, we look forward to exploring ways of receiving a higher percentage of green power in keeping with SKF's policy to run and develop our business successfully with a commitment to safeguard resources for future generations."

NYSERDA paid half of the energy audit costs. The BPU and SKF each provided one quarter of the cost.

"The BPU is proud to assist local industry, enabling area companies to remain in the Greater Jamestown Community and to employ our residents," said BPU Board Chairman John Zabrodsky. "When the BPU works together with local commercial and industrial entities to maintain and grow their businesses, our entire community benefits."



BPU Board Chair John Zabrodsky passes the agreement to SKF Operations Director Martin Fernlund to sign as (l-r) SKF's Bohdan Kanicki, Jamestown Mayor/BPU Board President Sam Teresi and BPU Interim General Manager David Leathers observe.

To Resolve "Owner's Notice" Issues, Please Contact BPU Customer Service



Customers may clear up confusion regarding receipt of an "Owner's Notice" in December and January by contacting BPU Customer Service, 700 Steele Street, Jamestown, (716)661-1660.

As part of an effort to satisfy legal requirements and to update its computer records for customers who may have unpaid bills as liens on their properties, the BPU mailed "Owners Notices" to several hundred property owners.

An Owner's Notice related to unpaid utility bills in the City of Jamestown is sent on a regular basis and the practice has always been a part of the utility operations. Such delinquent bills are liens on the properties and the amount of an unpaid bill may be placed on city property tax bills for collection.

The BPU is in the process of converting to a new computer system and the larger mailing was intended to clean up old data bases and to satisfy legal requirements of notifying owners of past due bills and of their right to a hearing on such issues.

Unfortunately, the mailing resulted in confusion for many recipients.

BPU Interim General Manager David Leathers recommends that a call to Customer Service may resolve a customer's specific issue with the Owner's Notice.

"We recommend that customers contact Christy Cuifolo at (716)661-1663 or Evelyn DeMarco at (716) 661-1660 in BPU Customer Service. Customer Service staff will research specific concerns and hopefully help to resolve any issue without the need for a formal hearing," says Leathers.

"It's not an easy process," Leathers added. "The BPU, though, is obligated to comply with the Jamestown City Charter and with Federal laws that pertain to real property liens."

