



## Cents for St. Susan's Fund Drive: Gifts Counted through June



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Coins for the BPU's "Cents for St. Susan's" drive are still being counted, as volunteers collect all canisters placed around our community. The utility holds its annual drive to assist the St. Susan Center during the spring and summer months. The BPU hopes to raise at least \$10,000 again this year.



Major sponsors of the campaign, whose logos appear on this page, contributed to the drive. In addition to our media sponsors—The Post Journal, the Media One Group and Time Warner Cable—corporate sponsors include: KeyBank, Alfie's Restaurant, Allied Alarm Services, Burgett & Robbins, Century 21/Turner Brokers, DFT Communications, Falconer Printing & Design, Inc., Farm Fresh Foods, Jamestown Savings Bank, The Legend Group with Lou Deppas, National Fuel Gas, Real Estate Advantage, the Shults Auto Group, Valu Hearing and Whitfield Russell Associates.



Significant amounts of funds contributed to the drive come from members of our community who drop coins and pennies in the canisters located throughout our area. In addition, donors mail checks written to "St. Susan Center," in care of Becky Robbins, BPU, P.O. Box 700, Jamestown, NY 14702-0700, or add gifts to their BPU bill payments. Contributions may also be made at BPU Customer Service.



Farm Fresh Foods on Fluvanna Avenue provided volunteers with a location and all the food needed for a hot dog sale to benefit the campaign. The May 8 sale brought in \$365 to the fund drive.



The St. Susan Center is open 361 days a year to serve the people in our community who need help at one time or another. Hours of operation are 11 a.m.—4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The Center is located at 31 Water Street, in the Gateway Center, off Foote Avenue, one block north of WCA Hospital. All are welcome.



"Every year, the St. Susan Center sees an increase in the number of meals served," says St. Susan Center Executive Director Sue Colwell. "The average guest at the Center comes in for one meal a day."

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"The BPU thanks everyone who has helped us in our St. Susan's drive," adds BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins. "Any size gift is important. **We'll count gifts received by June 30!**"



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**BPU Home Energy Audit:  
BPU Rebates &  
Federal Tax Credit Help**

This year is an especially good time to take advantage of subsidized home energy audits offered by the BPU.

A 30% Federal tax credit for weatherization upgrades up to \$1,500 are available through 2010.

In addition, the BPU offers two types of subsidized audits. BPU electric customers who make weatherization changes recommended by the Level Two Audit, are eligible for BPU rebates, worth 25% of the cost of the project up to \$1,000.

**A BPU rebate combined with the Federal Tax credit, could mean that half the upgrades are paid for by the government.**

The Level 2 audit, including blower door and infrared camera technology, is a \$300 value, with the BPU paying \$200. The Level 1 audit represents a \$150 value, with the BPU paying \$100 of the audit. **Both audits also give customers \$50 worth of directly installed energy efficiency improvements at the time of an audit.**

**To sign up for an audit, contact BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds at 661-1646 or by e-mail: dreynolds@jamestownbpu.com.**

**Michael Saar Named Next  
Deputy General Manager—Water Resources**



The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announces the appointment of Michael V. Saar, P.E., as Deputy General Manager (DGM) - Water Resources. Saar will

assume his new role in August upon the retirement of longtime BPU DGM Randall S. Peterson.

The new Deputy General Manager graduated from Jamestown Community College with high honors in 1989. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University in Civil and Environmental Engineering, graduating with Great Distinction.

Saar is licensed in New York State in Water Treatment, in Water Distribution and as a Professional Engineer. He also holds a New York State Department of Labor Asbestos Certificate as a Supervisor and Inspector.

Saar began his work at the BPU in 1991 overseeing environmental compliance in the power plant. He assumed engineering responsibilities for the wastewater system when the City of Jamestown transferred system operations to the BPU. For several years, Saar has overseen the work of the BPU Water Division, including compliance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Labor and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

In his current position, Saar designs and plans projects for the Water Division. In addition, he has implemented or rehabilitated safety and environmental water programs at the utility. He is the industrial pretreatment coordinator for 17 permitted industries discharging to the sanitary sewer system.

Married with three children, Saar is a local football official in the Southern Tier Chapter of the New York State Association of Certified Football Officials, Inc.

Commenting on his new post, the new DGM remarked that, after 19 years of service in various capacities at the BPU, he is looking forward to the challenge of his additional duties.

“As a Chautauqua County native who has worked at the BPU for most of my career, I am happy to assume responsibility for the water, waste water, district heat and sanitation divisions,” said Saar. “Any successes I have enjoyed to date at the BPU are due in part to the dedicated BPU employees who work with me every day to serve our customers. I hope to bring continued, loyal service to the position of DGM.”

BPU General Manager David Leathers congratulated Saar on his new BPU position.

“Mike Saar has earned the respect and cooperation of BPU employees over his years at the utility,” noted Leathers. “After advertising and interviewing regionally, we are pleased to know that we have an internal candidate who exceeded the field knowledge and experience of candidates from outside our community. It is gratifying to recognize that our Water Resources Division management reflects ‘best practices’ in all work areas. Mike is a great addition as DGM — Water Resources.”

**The BPU Customer Assistance Program (CAP)** helps customers if an unusual situation prevents them from paying utility bills. *If you receive no other assistance, you may qualify.* Ask at the Salvation Army, S. Main St., Brooklyn Square, or request a CAP form at BPU Customer Service.

**BPU Yard Waste Site  
Open for the Season**

Fluvanna Ave. across the Street from Farm Fresh Foods Plaza

Hours:

4—7 p.m. Wednesdays  
9 a.m.—1 p.m. Saturdays

**Yard Waste Bags for Sale:**

BPU Customer Service  
\$10 for Four Biodegradable Bags;  
Price includes Home Pick-up  
of the Bags

Call the Garbage Hotline for Info:  
at 661-1651

**Dual Meters Save Money on Summer Projects**

The BPU's Residential Dual Meter Service for BPU water and waste water customers helps reduce sewer bills for outside watering needs.

For the seventh year, the service is provided for BPU residential water and waste water customers whose accounts are current.

A dual meter attaches to an outside house spigot on one end and to a garden hose on the other end. The meter calculates how much water is used from the spigot. The dual meter measures only amounts of water used.

The program runs in

monthly increments for ease of billing through September 30. An initial deposit of \$50 is paid when the customer obtains the meter. The deposit is refunded to the customer water account at the end of the program when the meter is returned on time and accounts are up-to-date.

Due to the limited number of dual meters, only one meter is allowed per customer. The customer's water account will be charged a fee of \$7.50 for the first month the customer has the dual meter. The customer will be charged \$2 for each month beyond the first

month that the dual meter is used.

At the end of the program, the customer's sewer credit will be calculated and applied to the sewer account.

Customers with dual meters must return the meter to the BPU Customer Service by October 6, 2010.

Residential dual meters are available at the BPU Customer Service, 92 Steele Street, open 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

