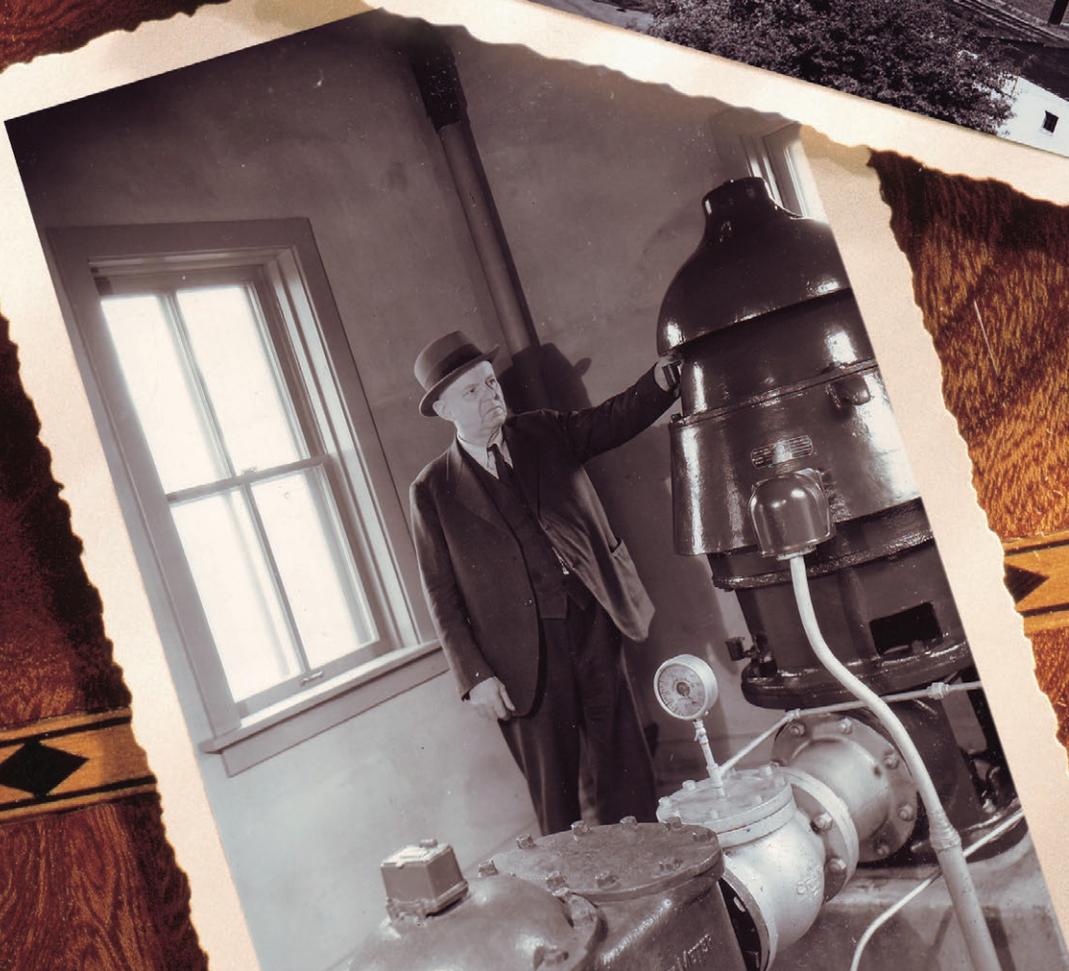


# RPU Plugged In

From the  
RPU archives

See RPU history in photos

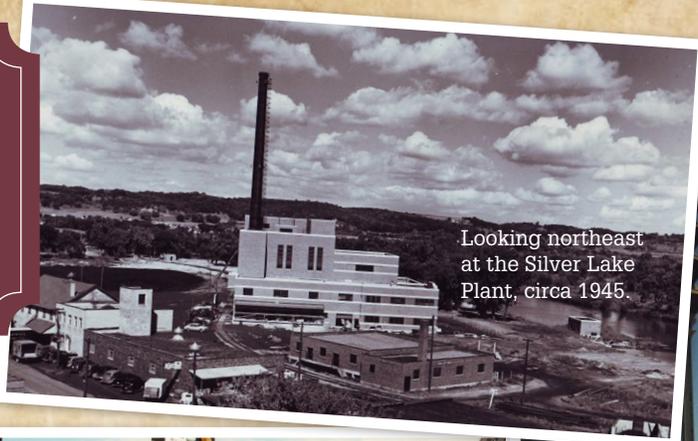


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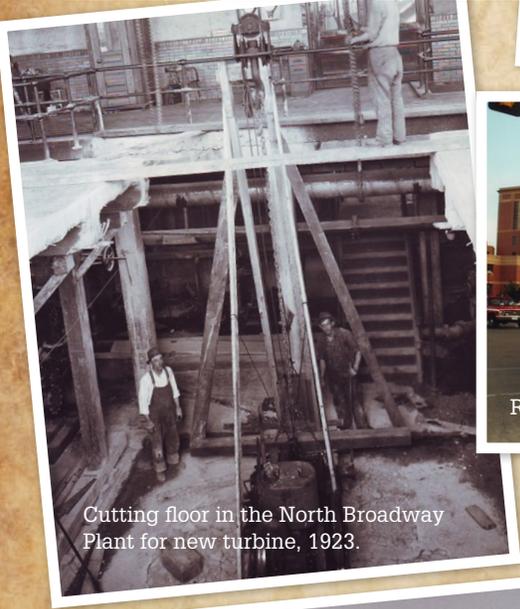


# FROM THE RPU ARCHIVES

RPU has provided water and electric service to Rochester residents for more than 100 years. And over the course of that time, many photos and documents have been preserved. Take a peek into the RPU archives and look back at RPU's history in photos.



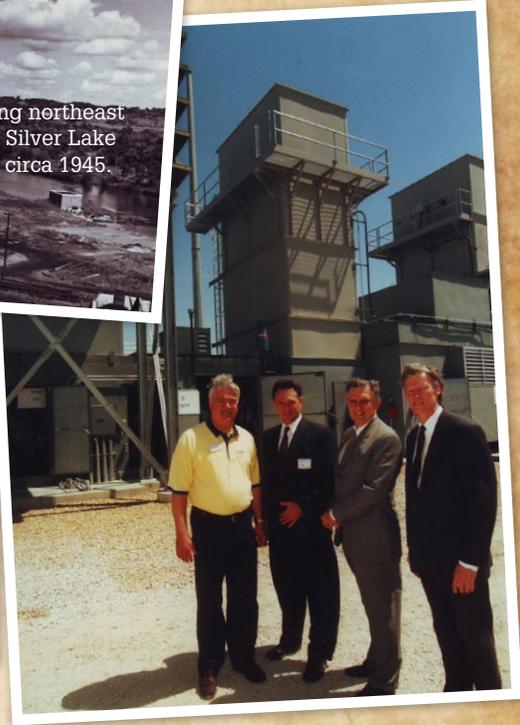
Looking northeast at the Silver Lake Plant, circa 1945.



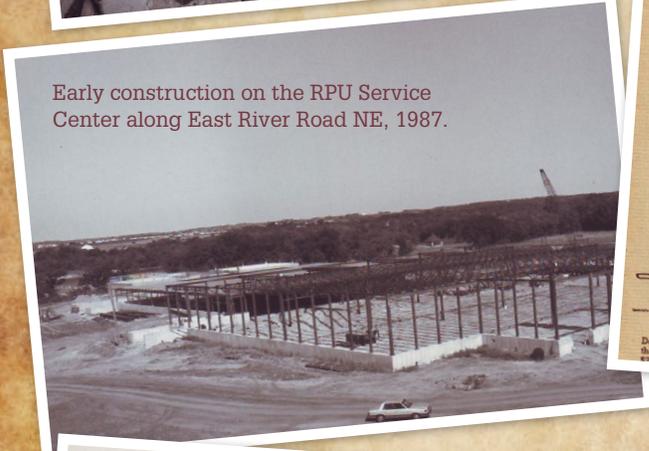
Cutting floor in the North Broadway Plant for new turbine, 1923.



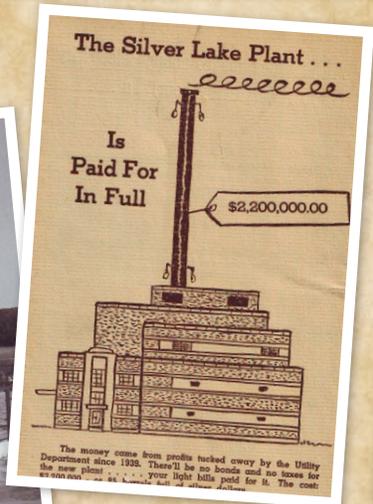
RPU bucket truck in a past Rochesterfest Parade.



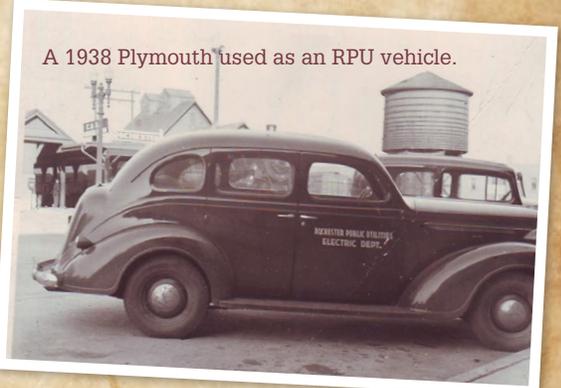
At the combustion gas turbine dedication in 2002, (left to right) RPU General Manager Larry Koshire with a Pratt & Whitney Project Manager, Former Mayor Chuck Canfield, and former Utility Board President Dick Landwehr.



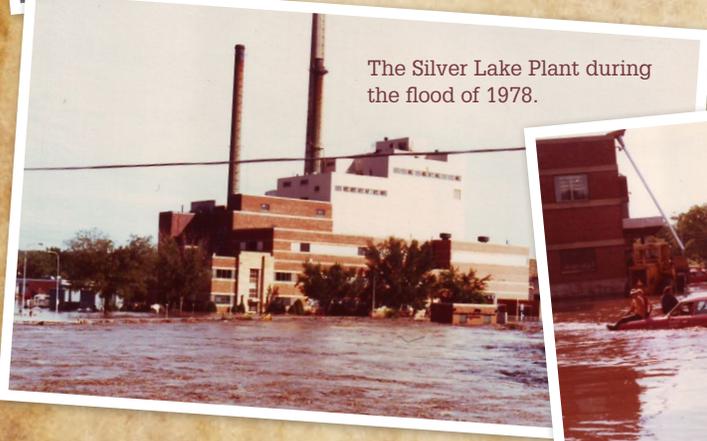
Early construction on the RPU Service Center along East River Road NE, 1987.



Front cover of a Silver Lake Plant brochure from 1949.



A 1938 Plymouth used as an RPU vehicle.

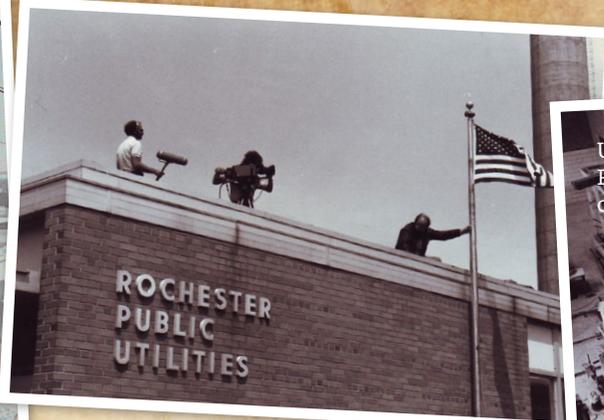


The Silver Lake Plant during the flood of 1978.

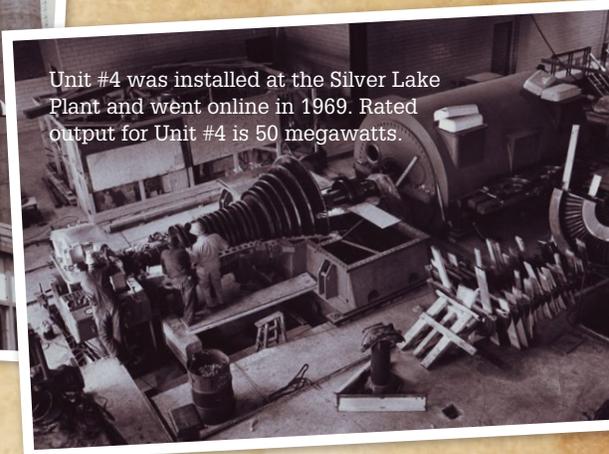




Cover of the 1983 RPU annual report featuring current RPU employees Pete Bennett (right) and Steve Fiek (left).



Video crew on top of the former RPU business office located at 1st Avenue and 5th Street NE, which was built in 1963.



Unit #4 was installed at the Silver Lake Plant and went online in 1969. Rated output for Unit #4 is 50 megawatts.

**BILL** **STUB**

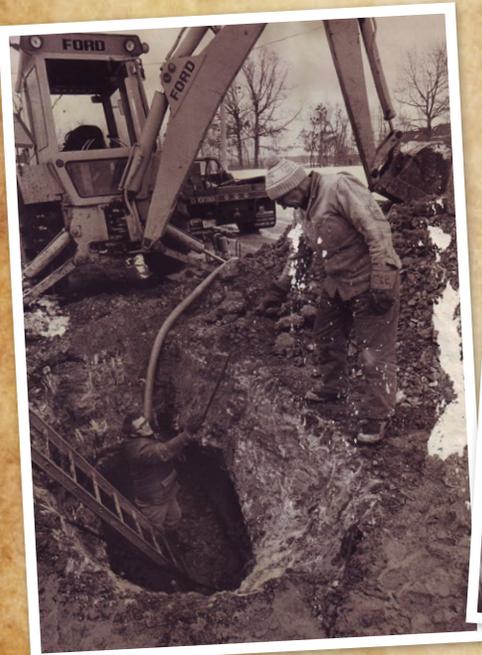
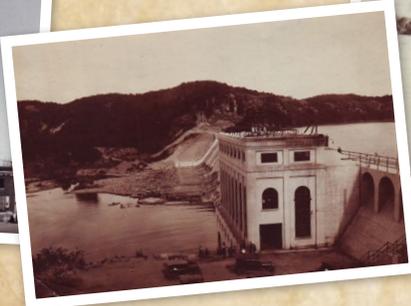
An RPU billing statement, circa 1962 or before.

To <b>CITY OF ROCHESTER</b>		Office: 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Hours: Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m.		<b>Notice:</b> When Paying by Check, Mail to Room 101 - City Hall, with Stub					
Department of Public Utilities Room 101 - City Hall		Dr.		AMOUNT OF BILL					
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80% DISCOUNT EXPIRES				<b>15th</b>			WHEN Remitting by CHECK send this Stub and Retain Bill		
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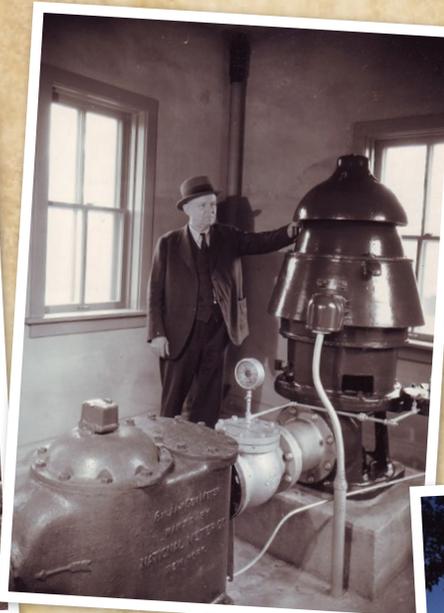
The RPU hydroelectric dam on Lake Zumbro was constructed and put in service in 1919.



The North Broadway Plant was constructed in 1916. The plant was demolished once electric capacity from the Silver Lake Plant was adequate for the city of Rochester.



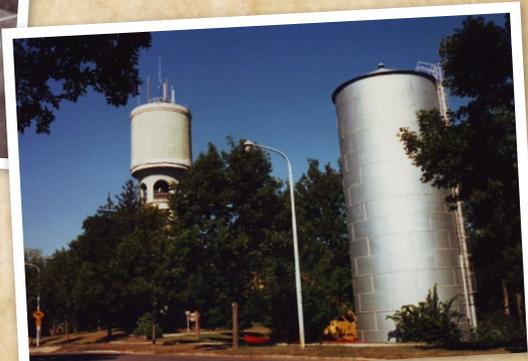
RPU water crew repairing a water main break, circa 1975.



Past water superintendent Eugene Schwarz stands in the old 4th Street SE water pumping station, circa 1940.



The water standpipe pictured was built in 1887. Later, the Saint Mary's water tower was built near the standpipe to provide additional water storage capacity. After more than 108 years of use, the standpipe was demolished in 1995.



# MORE PARTNERS = MORE SAVINGS!

When we began **CONSERVE & \$AVE**® in 2003, we saved nearly 7.9 million kWh. Thanks to many Rochester area businesses, the savings have continued to climb!



The following businesses and organizations, with help from their Energy Solutions Partners (ESPs), worked with Rochester Public Utilities in 2012 through our Partnering in Energy Solutions program. They earned rebates totaling \$960,282 and saved 22 million kWh. That amount of electricity is comparable to the average annual energy use of 2,600 homes in Rochester!

We can help your business save energy and money too. Visit [www.rpu.org](http://www.rpu.org) to learn more about Partnering in Energy Solutions.

A special thanks to our ESPs for their work on energy efficient projects. To learn how to become an ESP, visit [www.rpu.org](http://www.rpu.org) or call an RPU Commercial Account Representative at 507.280.1500.



Adamson Motors  
ESP: Judisch & Judisch



Andy's Liquor  
ESP: Winkels Electric



Autumn Ridge Church  
ESP: Tonna Mechanical



Benchmark Electronics  
ESPs: Retrofit Companies & WHV



Bowman Tool & Machining  
ESPs: Chosen Valley Electric & K&S Heating & Air Conditioning



Brentwood Inn & Suites  
ESP: St. Cloud Refrigeration



Cascade Meadows  
ESP: HIMEC Mechanical



Christian Book & Gift  
ESP: Tonna Mechanical



Church of the Resurrection  
ESP: Graybar



Crenlo



Cutting Loose Salon  
ESP: WT Lighting



Flamingo Bingo  
ESP: Total Restaurant Supply



Glen's Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe Total Catering  
ESP: Judisch & Judisch



High Pointe Condos



Huntington Learning Center  
ESP: Winkels Electric



IBM



Jewelry & Watch Doctor



Krause Auctioneering  
ESP: Accord Electric



Metafile Information Systems  
ESP: Steve Benning Electric



National Volleyball Center  
ESP: Accord Electric



Olmsted Medical Center  
ESPs: Harry Mechanical & HGA & Weis Builders



Post Bulletin Company  
ESP: Ryan Electric



Seneca Foods  
ESP: Adair Electric



Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Assoc.  
ESP: HIMEC



Snappy Stop  
ESP: Decklever Mechanical



Textile Care Services



The Mouse  
ESP: Winkels Electric



Total Restaurant Supply  
ESP: Viking Electric Supply



Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

## In addition to those pictured, the businesses, organizations, and ESPs listed below also partnered with RPU in 2012:

Aldi  
American Family Insurance  
Anderson's Wheelchair  
Assisi Heights  
Associated Bank  
Associated Milk Producers  
Bethany United Methodist Church  
Birchwood Knoll Townhomes  
Broadway Residences & Suites  
C.O. Brown Insurance  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Carlson Egglar Properties  
Chabad-Lubavitch of Rochester  
Channel One Food Bank  
Charter Communications  
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints  
Church of the Nazarene  
Church of the Savior  
City of Rochester - Public Works  
Civic Center Parking Ramp  
Commercial Leasing Services  
Courtyard by Marriott

Crossroads College  
Crown Restaurant  
D&R Star Vending  
Daniel Penz  
Department of Military Affairs  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
Dos Amigos  
Dr. Ted Thull  
Eastwood Bank  
Edward Jones  
Elks Lodge #1091  
Empower CTC  
Evangel United Methodist Church  
Faith Christian School  
First Alliance Credit Union  
Furniture Outlets USA  
Getsemane Lutheran Brethren Church  
GH Holdings  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Golden Living Center East  
Golden Living Center West  
Good Feet Store

Graham Arena  
Greenway Coop  
GuestHouse Inn & Suites  
Hampton Inn Hotel - North  
Hampton Inn Hotel - South  
Henderson's Investments  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Hirshfields  
History Center of Olmsted County  
Holiday Inn Downtown  
HyVee  
JCPenney's  
Jenpachi Japanese Steak House  
Jimmy John's  
Kemps  
Knowledge Learning Center  
Krause Lumber  
Kuehn Motor Company  
Kwik Trip  
Lawrence Transportation  
Leashes & Leads  
Les Nelson Investments  
Lourdes High School

Lowe's Home Center  
Madonna Towers  
Main Street Dental  
Marriott Plaza Hotel  
Marriott Residence Inn  
Masonic Temple Association  
Maurices  
Mayo Clinic  
McDonald's  
Michael's Restaurant  
Micretel Inn  
MJA Rental  
MN Bio Business Center  
New Era Development  
New Horizon Academy  
Northern Beverage Distribution  
Northwest Dental Group  
Old Navy  
Olmsted County  
Olympik Village  
Osaka  
Pace Dairy  
Pharmaceutical Specialties

Ramsay Promotional Products  
Realife Cooperative  
Red Lobster  
Red Wing Shoe Store  
Remax  
RJY Development  
Rochester Athletic Club  
Rochester Community & Technical College  
Rochester Covenant Church  
Rochester Good Food Co-op  
Rochester Indoor Golf Center  
Rochester International Airport  
Rochester Meat Company  
Rochester Plumbing & Heating  
Rochester Public Library  
Rochester Public Schools  
Rochester Public Utilities  
Rochester Recreation Center  
Rochester Repertory Theatre  
Rochester Towers  
Rolling Shores  
Ryan Electric

Schmitt Music  
Sholson  
Soldier's Vield Veterans Memorial  
Southeast Service Cooperative  
Springhill Suites  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
St. John's School  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
St. Pius X Church  
Staples  
Subway  
Tangerine at Wildflowers  
Target  
Texpar  
The Prow Company  
THF-G Roch Joint Venture  
Think Mutual Bank  
Trader Joe's  
United Way of Olmsted County  
Valley View Village Association  
Verizon Wireless  
Wal-Mart

Ward & Oehler Law Office  
Water Reclamation Plant  
Weber Barlow Stores  
West End Salon & Spa  
Yaggy Colby Building

**ENERGY SOLUTIONS PARTNERS:**  
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Hick's Electric  
Johnson Controls  
Kuntz Electric  
Nietz Electric  
Orion  
Scott Binner Electric  
Superior Mechanical  
TEC Industrial  
Werner Electric





Residential Account Representative Stephanie Humphrey presents to the trade allies in attendance at the annual Trade Ally Meeting.

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth at the Rochester Area Builder's Home Show. We had a great time sharing information about energy-efficient lighting and answering all of your energy and water conservation questions.

We would also like to extend a thank you to all of the trade allies and commercial customers who attended our 2013 meetings, which were held last month. Reaching our water and energy conservation goals is only possible through working together on projects and upgrades.



Bob Anderson (left) and Steve Monson (right) prepare to welcome visitors to the RPU booth at the Rochester Area Builder's Home Show.



Representatives from People's Energy Cooperative, Minnesota Energy Resources, and RPU on hand at the Trade Ally Meeting.



A lighting display at the RPU booth at the Rochester Area Builder's Home Show showing an array of different LED lighting technologies available.

**Reminder**  
The scholarship deadline is coming soon!



## Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

### Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarships for High School Seniors

Entries Due April 5, 2013

#### ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST:

- \* First Place ..... \$2000
- \* Second Place .... \$1500
- \* Third Place ..... \$1000
- \* Fourth Place ..... \$500



Visit [www.rpu.org](http://www.rpu.org) for essay guidelines and to download a scholarship entry form. Good luck!

2013 Goal  
- 18,563,827 kWh  
WATER  
2012 Savings

## Thanks to the Water Crews!

This winter season has been significantly higher than previous years for water main breaks. So far this season there have been 39 water breaks in Rochester. This is the most recorded over the past five seasons.

Winter 2012-2013	39 breaks
Winter 2011-2012	12 breaks
Winter 2010-2011	15 breaks
Winter 2009-2010	27 breaks
Winter 2008-2009	32 breaks

Water mains can break under many conditions, but sub-zero temperatures and a deep frost line can often be a main cause for them. Having clean water available to you at all times is not always easily done. There are many RPU water employees that work tirelessly to ensure that when you go to turn your water faucet on, that you readily have it available in the dead of winter and throughout the year.



## Did You Know?

With your help, we collected 2,037 pounds of old holiday lights this winter! Because of such a great effort, there will be less waste dumped in the landfill and more products reused or recycled. Thanks for such a great effort!

# Cold Weather Rule Window Ending Soon

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule window is coming to an end on April 15. If you are behind on paying your RPU bill, please contact RPU customer service to make arrangements to bring your account current by April 15.

If no arrangement has been made and your account is not current as of April 15, your electric service may be shut off for non-payment. RPU customer service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to assist you.

Visit the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website for full details on the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule at [www.puc.state.mn.us/puc/consumers/index.html](http://www.puc.state.mn.us/puc/consumers/index.html).



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## ATTEND A FREE ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP!

**Monday, April 15, 2013 6:30 p.m.**  
Lincoln Choice Elementary School – 1122 8th Ave SE

**Reserve your spot! Contact Ashley Robertson at 888.734.6365 or [arobertson@mncee.org](mailto:arobertson@mncee.org).**



Attendees are eligible for a home energy audit. Auditors will also install products that can help you start saving right away. You'll receive information on energy efficiency financing and rebates. This \$400 value is available to workshop attendees for a co-pay of only \$50! **Visit [www.rpu.org](http://www.rpu.org) to learn more.**



## RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

**RPU's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration**

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 Join RPU during one of their Board meetings.  
**Location: RPU service center**  
**When: March 26, April 30**  
**Time: 4 p.m.**  
 Payments can always be made online at [www.rpu.org](http://www.rpu.org) or over the phone by calling **855.210.2285**.



**Working with residential and commercial customers to reduce electric and water usage and promote environmental stewardship.**

**Our 2013 Conservation Goals are:**

Electric Utility	Water Utility
Goal 18,563,927 kWh saved	Goal 9,564,220 gallons saved
7,417,666 kWh saved to date	1,477,702 gallons saved to date
40% to goal	15.5% to goal