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**WMGLD to Hold Informational Meeting on Connected Homes Program**

(Wakefield, MA) - The Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) will hold an informational meeting via Zoom platform on Thursday, June 25th at 7 p.m. to introduce its new Connected Homes program. The program is designed to help residential customers better manage connected devices in their homes while reducing their carbon footprint.

Connected Homes is offered through the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) Home Energy Loss Prevention Services (HELPS) residential energy conservation service program. Using the Virtual Peaker software platform, WMGLD customers can utilize the technology of their smart appliances and devices to save money not only for themselves, but also for the WMGLD and its customers by helping the department better manage its electric load, reduce costs and keep rates low.

WMGLD customers who enroll in the Connected Homes program agree to allow the department to make brief, limited adjustments to their devices during times of peak electric demand, such as temporarily reducing the charging rate of an electric vehicle during peak hours. Smart devices that may be enrolled through the WMGLD Connected Homes program include home batteries that store electricity, electric vehicle chargers, electric hot water heaters and mini-split controllers.

“Customers will be alerted in advance of possible adjustments via email and will be given the opportunity to opt out of each adjustment,” WMGLD General Manager Pete Dion said.

Customers who participate will receive a bill credit based on the type of the enrolled device and their participation in each adjustment.

The meeting will enable WMGLD residential customers to learn about the program, ask questions in the interactive platform, and provide input prior to the program’s launch.

“The informational session is a great opportunity for those customers who are embracing electrification and relying on smart devices to manage their usage to learn how they can save money and the environment,” the General Manager added.

WMGLD customers can participate in the meeting via internet or phone. To participate logon to:

<https://wentworth.zoom.us/j/94335282013?pwd=UXZpaU1tZGIYbE83ZS9XYU11V29aUT09>

Meeting ID: 943 3528 2013

Password: 763434

Phone users can participate by calling:

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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For information about Connected Homes, visit the WMGLD website [www.wmgld.com](http://www.wmgld.com).

