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Manitowoc Public Utilities Open House

Manitowoc Public Utilities would like to invite you and your family to attend an Open House in celebration of Public Power Week on Thursday, October 11th from 3pm to 6 pm. Public Power Week is an annual national event celebrated by the more than 2,000 community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to over 49 million Americans. The Open House event will be located at our facilities on the corners of 8th and Madison Streets, with a welcome booth setup in the employee parking area off of Madison St. behind the Main Office. Tours of the Water Treatment Plant and Power Plant will be offered throughout the afternoon along with interactive and educational exhibits and bucket truck rides!

“The theme of this year’s Public Power Week is ‘Community Powered’, a reminder that as a community owned service provider our focus is you, the Customer, not shareholders,” said MPU CEO & General Manager, Nilaksh Kothari. “Public Power Week gives us an opportunity to emphasize the advantages of “Community owned...Customer focused” services to the residents of Manitowoc and this Open House will showcase what we do for you.”

Representatives from Focus on Energy, Partners for Community Development, Energy Assistance, the Waste Water Treatment Facility, Department of Public Works, Manitowoc Fire and Rescue, and Manitowoc Crime Prevention will be on-site with displays. Focus on Energy will be having a light bulb swap – turn in up to 20 incandescent or CFL bulbs (screw in only) for free replacements from a variety of LED lights. They will also have other lighting products available for sale at great prices! Waste Water Treatment reps will be collecting old mercury thermometers; for every mercury medical thermometer turned in, a free digital thermometer will be given in exchange. MPU will also be sponsoring a Christmas light exchange program; bring in up to 3 old incandescent working Christmas light strands per household and receive 3 LED light strands. MPU will also have for sale our specially published book “Anchor of the Community”, the centennial history of Manitowoc Public Utilities from 1914 to 2014, written by local author Kerry A. Trask. This book gives the rich history of our community owned powered community!

Look for more details on our Facebook page and mark your calendars for October 11th, we hope to see you at this fun “**Community Powered**” event!

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