

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**THANKS!**

**Winner Listing:**

CRMU appreciates your business! As a token of our appreciation, each quarter we will have small drawings for our communications customers. Please check the newsletter to see if you are a winner and THANK YOU for your business!

**WINNER OF FREE CRMU HAT**

*Dennis Bonney*

**WINNER OF FREE CRMU SHIRT**

*Brian McAlister*

**WINNER OF FREE CRMU PULLOVER**

*Tony Pina*

**Energy Saving Tip**



**TURN DOWN YOUR THERMOSTAT**

Turn your thermostat down several degrees when leaving the house for the day or extended periods of time. One easy way to do this is to purchase a programmable thermostat.

## HR 2454—Climate Change Law How much will it cost you and is it the solution?

As the General Manager of the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, the current climate change bill being considered by Congress has me very concerned for the people of our community and our country.

If the U.S. Congress decides to pass a cap-and-trade bill, similar to what the U.S. House of Representatives approved on June 26, 2009 – HR 2454; consumers will see sizeable increases in their electric bills.

The main focus of the bill is to have a system to ultimately “reduce” carbon-

dioxide (CO2) emissions. According to the Department of Energy, 85% of the nation’s energy comes from burning of fossil fuels, including coal, petroleum products and natural gas.

CRMU has estimated that annual wholesale electric cost increases to our customer be as high as \$200,000/year with allowances priced @ \$70/ton.

The bill also creates a mechanism for the trading of allowances which introduces speculation by traders and creates more volatility in pricing.

Unfortunately, I’m sure we all remember what happened to energy prices in 2008 when we experienced the volatility of record-high gasoline prices.

CRMU is encouraging legislators and the industry to work together to find a fair and balanced solution to this issue.

CRMU is a non-profit entity; therefore, each time CRMU is impacted with a cost increase this must be passed on to the customer, this would include the new legislation if it becomes law.

## CRMU Holiday Specials

**Sign-Up for High Speed Internet -  
Receive a Free Modem & Free Installation!  
Save Over \$100!!**

Offer Expires 12/31/09. One year service agreement required.

**FREE Installation -  
Any New Communication  
Service**

High-Def TV, Calling Features, Internet, Cable,  
Telephone

*Great Gift Ideas for Friends & Family!*



## SERVICE AWARDS

This year, CRMU honors the following two employees with service awards:

John Namanny - 15 years

Mike Marsh - 20 years

## CRMU Lift Station & Force Main Project Continues



## CRMU HONORS TWO RETIREES



**Albert Meiners**

*18 years of service*



**Alfred Hoffman**

*7 years of service*

*Thank You for your dedication & making Coon Rapids look great!*

## Treat Yourself to an Early Holiday Gift!

CRMU is now offering an unlimited number of @crmu.net e-mail addresses. Available to CRMU internet customers at no cost!! Call CRMU for more details! 712.999.2225



## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION

- ◆ Set thermostat at 68 degrees during winter heating, 78 degrees during summer cooling.
- ◆ Use a programmable thermostat or manually set back the temperature setting when you are gone or asleep. A rule of thumb—you can save up to 5% on your heating bill by setting your temperature 5 degrees lower for 8 hours.
- ◆ Regularly change your furnace filter.
- ◆ Keep drapes closed to retain heat, unless you benefit by sunlight and solar heat.
- ◆ Consider the SAFE use of portable space heaters. Portable heat can be effective in lowering energy cost, if you can lower the temperature setting for your whole home.
- ◆ Consider adding insulation to your attic. Unless you already have 10 inches or more of insulation, you can probably benefit by adding more.
- ◆ Consider installation of an energy efficient heating system, either a more efficient furnace or a geothermal or air-source heat pump.
- ◆ Don't use your wood-burning fire place unless it is very efficient and designed for heating. Many fireplaces waste energy and rob the room of already heated air.
- ◆ Check and repair all caulking and weather stripping.
- ◆ Operate your water heater at 125 degrees water temperature. A higher water temperature will waste energy.