

Ask The Energy Expert: LEDs

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Each month, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) offers you the chance to Ask the Energy Expert. Got a question about energy efficiency or renewable energy? Send your question to EnergyExpert@NHEC.com and get answers from the Co-op Energy Solutions team.

This month's Energy Expert is Patti Corbeil, ENERGY STAR Lighting Program Administrator at NHEC.

Q: Are LED holiday lights worth the investment?

A: Yes, for a number of reasons.

First, and most importantly, they're safer. The typical strand of incandescent holiday lights gives off most of its energy in the form of heat. LED lights produce very little heat, virtually eliminating the risk of fire.

Second, LED holiday lights are much more energy efficient, using up

to 90% less energy than incandescents. A typical incandescent strand with 50 mini bulbs uses 25 watts, while an equivalent LED strand uses between two and four watts.

If you have ten strands of 50 lights each and leave them on for six hours a day for the entire month of December,

you would save about 30 kilowatt hours of electricity by switching to LEDs. At current rates, that's about \$5 per season – not a lot, but enough to pay for the more efficient lights in two to three years. Also, consider that LED holiday lights last 10 times as long as incandescents. You may never need to replace your holiday lights again!

One other big advantage of LED holiday lights is durability. Unlike traditional incandescents, LED lights do not contain fragile filaments that can be

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Shown at a recent Andover Lions Club meeting are King Lion Bill Egge, speaker Bill Kennedy, and the owner of Naughty Nellie's, Julia Rector.

Andover Lions Lit New Town Christmas Tree On December 1

By Joyce Egge

Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions, in conjunction with students from Proctor Academy, had a great time hosting a Halloween Open House at the Lion's Den on Poplar Street in downtown Andover. We gave out candy, painted faces, played games, and drank cider. We are looking forward to doing an even bigger and better event next year.

We were able to screen 32 children at the Danbury School for potential hearing and sight issues. We hope to do Andover Elementary/Middle School next spring.

We are continuing to sell calendar raffle tickets. Please see one of our members to purchase a ticket. They are only \$10 each, and winners will be selected during the month of January.

We have changed the location of our Monday meetings. We are now meeting at the community room at Naughty Nellie's. The proprietor, Julia Rector, served a delicious meal of homemade chicken noodle soup and a beef stew, with a wonderful pasta salad and various sandwiches. Of course we had their scrumptious ice cream for dessert.

Naughty Nellie's is ready to host private parties, get-togethers, or meetings in their new room. It is a wonderful ad-

dition to Andover and will soon be accompanied by a cafe and bakery. We can hardly wait!

Our speaker for the meeting was Bill Kennedy, the new owner of the Inn at Danbury, who spoke on his distinguished career in the Air Force.

The Lions were fortunate to receive many generous donations towards the new Christmas tree in town, and we thank again all who donated. It was planted just in time for our lighting ceremony, which was held on December 1.

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 26 and 27, we will be hosting a middle school basketball tournament. There will be girls and boys teams from Franklin, Andover, Kearsarge, and Pittsfield. We will be holding it at the Proctor Academy field house.

Annual Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas party will be catered at the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game dining hall. Although we have thoroughly enjoyed our marvelous feasts at Proctor Academy, our numbers have dwindled to the point that we no longer need such a roomy facility.

As always, we welcome new members. If interested, please give our membership chair, Lion Howard George, a call at 735-5590.

Happy Holidays from the Andover Lions Club!

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The food pantry is located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need or drop off what you can.

If you know someone in need, tell them about the pantry. If they are not comfortable going to the pantry themselves, for whatever reason, let a Lion or Beacon volunteer know –

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