



Upcoming Events

May 19 —22, 2009
Electric Overhead Workshop

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May 27 — 28, 2009

Water Distribution/Leak Detection Workshops

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May 29, 2009

Rain Gardens & Bioretention Cells for Managing Stormwater Quality

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Educational video on electric rates available online



◆ The Campaign for Fair Electric Rates (CFER) has launched an educational video on the organization's website, www.fairelectricrates.net. CFER is a grassroots organization dedicated to protecting consumers from high energy prices.

The purpose of the video is to inform home owners, business operators and policy makers about deregulation of the wholesale electricity markets, and the impacts they are subject to as electric customers. The video urges private citizens to get involved in the process of cost reduction by contacting their elected government officials.

Utility officials are urged to view the video and share it with their contemporaries and make it known to their customers to help spread this important information.

Electric, water workshops slated this month at IAMU



◆ The annual IAMU Overhead Electric Workshop will hit the IAMU Training & Office Complex May 19 – 22. Again this year the workshop will begin with apprentice evaluations and a beginning pole climbing pre-workshop May 19. Hands-on training on AGS/Clip-in, 15 KV hot work and 69 KV stringing and switching will be the focus of the Overhead Workshop.

A special workshop hotel room rate is available at the Best Western Metro North in Ankeny, with a reservation deadline of May 13. Call 515-964-1717. The deadline for workshop registration is May 15. A detailed workshop brochure and workshop registration are available on the IAMU website – [click here](#).

For more information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

IAMU's Training & Office Complex recently hosted close to 70 students from Stilwell Junior High School in West Des Moines. The teens learned about such things as energy efficiency, green features of the association's facilities and GPS technology with the aid of displays, tours and hands-on activities.

IAMU member utilities are welcome to conduct similar events for school students. Contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.



◆ The Water Distribution Training (May 27) and Water Leak Detection (May 28) Workshops are coming up. One or both workshops may be attended, with 0.6 CEUs for water distribution available for each.

The distribution workshop will include hands-on training in fire hydrant maintenance, water tapping/HydraStop, water main installation & repair and fittings. Hands-on training in the leak detection workshop will cover leak detection with various equipment, line locating and meters. Each workshop requires a minimum of 15 participants, and the registration deadline for each is May 20. A detailed brochure for both workshops and registration are available on the IAMU website – [click here](#).

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Thanks to Bruce Harden of Everly (left) for providing grilled pork chops as part of the recent Gas Plastic Pipe Joining Workshop. Here he's helped out by Dave Michel of Preston.

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