

### Newsletter

Natural Gas Rebate Program: The program is in place to help Albertans manage higher heating costs due to volatile natural gas prices, the Alberta Government is running an energy rebate program from October 2022 to March 2023 to shield consumers from price spikes.

For more details on the program, log onto <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx#how">https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx#how</a>

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

All the staff from GLDC Gas Co-op would like to send warm wishes, happiness & peace this Holiday Season. We would like to thank you for your patience as we transitioned to our new billing program and as our Utility Operators worked hard to get our new infills hooked up for this upcoming winter heating season. We value your membership in keeping the co-ops an important part of Rural Alberta and look forward to serving you in 2023.

### 2022 Construction Season

New Infills = 52

We would like to welcome new members who have moved to our franchise.

Our crew Installed 12km of new 2" P.E. gas pipe, and 6.5km of new 3" P.E. pipe to replace legacy pipe installed in the late 1960's and early 1970's that has become prone to leakage.

### Sign up early for 2023 New Gas Services

Need gas hook-up in 2023? Sign up early to get on our construction list and avoid any cost increases due to inflation.

### **Christmas Hours**

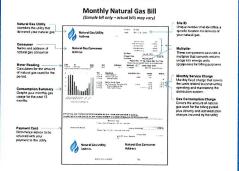
GLDC Gas Co-op Ltd. will be CLOSED on December 26 & 27, 2022 and January 2, 2023

We will be **OPEN** 8am - 12pm on December 28, 29 & 30, 2022.

We will resume regular hours 8am-4:30pm on January 3, 2023.

#### How To Read Your Bill

https://www.gasalberta.com/g as-market/understandingyour-natural-gas-bill



### 2023 AGM

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will commence in the Spring of 2023.

## \*Full details will follow in the new year \*

Even if you do not want to be on the local co-op board, members can still have their say at your co-ops Annual General Meeting.

If you are interested in learning more about your local gas coop, its board, and to voice opinions and concerns, please stay connected and watch for the upcoming schedule and agenda.

We hope to see you there

### **Safety Awareness**

In the event you smell gas in or around your property, contact the GLDC Gas office 24/7 at 403-843-1050 or 1-866-317-4242

### Staff Update

### Congratulations

Dennis Semenyna on his 15-year service with GLDC Gas Co-op.



Darren Weening on his 25-year service with GLDC Gas Co-op.



Will Weenink on his completion of Gas Utility Operator Level 2



## Albertans should brace for a colder, snowier winter than normal



Albertans shouldn't let the warm fall trick them into thinking it will be an easy winter. According the Farmers' Almanac, the upcoming winter weather in Canada will be cold across the board with some chilly, intense storms rolling through some regions

### Office Addition Update

We encountered some delays due to supply chain issues on the addition to the office building. The administrative staff will be moving to the new space in early 2023, allowing for the renovations to commence on the existing space.

TARGET COMPLETION IS SET FOR THE  $1^{\text{ST}}$  QUARTER OF 2023



### Winter Heating Tips

Check for cold air intake through gaps such as outlets & baseboards. Seal gaps to make your home less drafty.

Check for heat loss through windows & doors. Apply weatherstripping to help retain heat. Close curtains at night during the winter to trap heat in. Add plastic shrink around windows. Open curtains on sunlit windows will help boost temperatures via solar energy.

Every degree helps. Lower your thermostat when not at home and at night while you are asleep. Consider a programmable thermostat.

Inspect your furnace & clean or replace filters every 3 months. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase your furnace's energy demand by making it work harder.

Don't block heat registers and vents with furniture.

Close doors to unused rooms in your home or close off the vents/registers in these spaces for added heating efficiency. The idea is to contain heat to the rooms you actually use.

Reverse ceiling fans to push warm air down to circulate through the room.

Warm your kitchen & taste buds. Heat released from ovens or stovetop supplies heat. After use, turn off the stove and open the oven door to allow heat to fill the room.

Remove ice hanging from window frames. The ice between your window panes means cold coming in. Spend a few minutes removing it

**Keep the snow.** Don't remove snow around doors and windows, especially near basements. It's insulation.