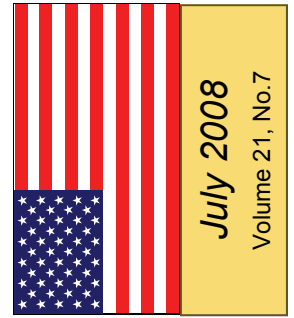


# Watt's News



Official Newsletter of

## Meter Readers

Brainerd Public Utilities has two meter readers that read over 6,000 residential and commercial electric and water meters each month. For accurate billing it's important for our readers to have access to the utility meter(s) each month. Here are some ways you can help.

- We encourage customers to unlock gates (or provide a key). If you change locks, please provide us with a new key.
- Pen dogs and other pets on your scheduled reading dates.
- Remove any obstacles blocking the meter; keep shrubs trimmed and remove any other items that may block the view of the meter(s).

Your meter(s) will be estimated if the meter readers feel unsafe conditions exist or if a property is locked and BPU does not have a key. They will leave a door hanger if they are unable to get an actual reading.

Your help makes our meter readers' job easier and helps ensure the accuracy of their readings.

The City of Brainerd is seeking individuals to serve as election judges for this fall. If you are interested, please call City Administration at 828-2307.

## Report Illegal Dumping – Only Rain Down The Drain

It is illegal to dump any material such as leaves, sediment, oils, cleaners, etc. into the storm sewer system (City Code Sections 600 & 815). It is also illegal to have sediment laden water discharge from construction sites (City Code Section 430 Erosion & Sediment Control). These items can clog the storm sewer system and pollute the receiving water downstream. To report an illegal dumping or sediment runoff, please call the City of Brainerd Engineering Department at 828-2309 or email [stormwater@ci.brainerd.mn.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.brainerd.mn.us).

## Watt's Weather

### Total Precipitation

June 2008 5.20"  
June 2007 2.47"

### Average Temperatures

June 2008 Hi 74 Lo 50  
June 2007 Hi 80 Lo 54



### Business & Repair Office Hours

7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Business 218-829-8726

Repair 218-829-2193

### Emergency 24 hour service 365 days a year

218-829-2193

[WWW.BPU.ORG](http://WWW.BPU.ORG)

## Wastewater Collection

Each month on your utility bill, you are charged a wastewater collection charge. This charge is added to your bill on behalf of the City of Brainerd to help cover the City's wastewater collection costs. You are charged \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of water that you use each month. If you have any questions regarding this charge, please call the City Engineer's Office at 828-2309.



Remember, Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

**BEFORE DIGGING:** Call Gopher State One Call at **1-800-252-1166** for water and electric locations. All requests for locations must be made by calling the above toll free number at least **48 hours** before digging begins.



# Questions?



Here is a list of phone numbers to help you get the answers you are looking for.

Questions on billing statements, deposits or other billing questions	825-3207
Moving in or out of a rental, Or selling/purchasing a home	825-3200
Want to pay using a credit card (Visa or MasterCard)	825-3201
Set up a payment arrangement	825-3223
<b>Business office</b>	<b>829-8726</b>
Maintenance of utilities, power outages, water leak emergencies, wiring permits, trees in the lines, etc	829-2193
<b>Repair Office</b>	<b>829-2193</b>

The following is BPU's Commission members who are also available for questions or to help you communicate better with Brainerd Public Utilities.

<b>Don Samuelson</b>	829-4898
<b>Donald Sievek</b>	829-4867
<b>Donald Stang</b>	829-9292
<b>William Wroolie</b>	829-5421
<b>Frank Asplund</b>	829-9737

We would like to help you in any way possible, so please give us a call.

**Thank you** from your BPU staff and commissioners!

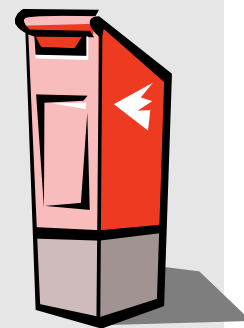


## DROP BOXES

Brainerd Public Utilities has four payment drop boxes for your convenience.

These payments are picked up daily at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

There is no need to place a stamp on your payment when placed in these drop boxes.



The drop boxes are located at:

1. 8027 Highland Scenic Road (Our Business Office).
2. The Corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Laurel Street.
3. Outside the Senior Citizen Center at 803 Kingwood Street.
4. East Brainerd Mall in front of the Dollar Tree Store.

**NOTICE:** All electrical work performed in the City of Brainerd requires a "Request for Electrical Inspection" form to be completed, filed, and work inspected by our inspector. If you need the form or have any questions, please contact BPU at **825-3210** or **829-2193**.

## Heat Index

*As the days begin to shorten, the heat begins to scorch them.*  
-- Weather proverb



## Heat Index °F (°C)

Temperature °F (°C)	Relative Humidity (%)												
	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
100 (38)	109 (43)	114 (46)	118 (48)	124 (51)	129 (54)	136 (58)							
98 (37)	105 (41)	109 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	123 (51)	128 (53)	134 (57)						
96 (36)	101 (38)	104 (40)	108 (42)	112 (44)	116 (47)	121 (49)	126 (52)	132 (56)					
94 (34)	97 (36)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	110 (43)	114 (46)	119 (48)	124 (51)	129 (54)	135 (57)			
92 (33)	94 (34)	96 (36)	99 (37)	101 (38)	105 (41)	108 (42)	112 (44)	116 (47)	121 (49)	126 (52)	131 (55)		
90 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	97 (36)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	109 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	122 (50)	127 (53)	132 (56)
88 (31)	88 (31)	89 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	98 (37)	100 (38)	103 (39)	106 (41)	110 (43)	113 (45)	117 (47)	121 (49)
86 (30)	85 (29)	87 (31)	88 (31)	89 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)	97 (36)	100 (38)	102 (39)	105 (41)	108 (42)	112 (44)
84 (29)	83 (28)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	88 (31)	89 (32)	90 (32)	92 (33)	94 (34)	96 (36)	98 (37)	100 (38)	103 (39)
82 (28)	81 (27)	82 (28)	83 (28)	84 (29)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	88 (31)	89 (32)	90 (32)	91 (33)	93 (34)	95 (35)
80 (27)	80 (27)	80 (27)	81 (27)	81 (27)	82 (28)	82 (28)	83 (28)	84 (29)	84 (29)	85 (29)	86 (30)	86 (30)	87 (31)

**Example:** When the temperature is 88°F (31°C) and the relative humidity is 60 percent, the heat index, or how hot it feels, is 95°F (35°C).

Be sure to check this handy chart before you head out in the heat of summer, because when the temperature is high and accompanied by high humidity, it can feel a lot warmer than the thermometer indicates. The following chart measures this phenomenon, known as the heat index. The combination of high temperature and high humidity reduces your body's ability to cool itself. For example, the heat you feel when the actual temperature is 90 degrees Fahrenheit with a relative humidity of 70 percent is 106 degrees Fahrenheit. When the heat index is high, drink plenty of water and spend the midday hours someplace cool.