Three spring tips for saving energy and money

1. Replacing five of your home’s most used lights with Energy Star bulbs can save $75 a year in energy costs.
2. Check and replace your air conditioning filters. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician.
3. Call the Energy Doctor at 528-4188 for a home energy audit to find other ways to save.

See the 2015 Water Quality Report now online

Go to mlgw.com/waterquality to read about vital facts on the source and quality of your drinking water.

Community Calendar

May 21: Tai Chi for Children workshop for childcare providers and teachers; 10 a.m. – noon at Gaston Park Branch Library, 1040 S. Third. Wear loose fitting clothes and tennis shoes.

May 22: “Night and Day!” pops concert at 4 p.m. with pianist-singer Chris Nemeck and the Lindwood Chancel Choir, orchestra and soloists benefitting the Church Health Center. Tickets: $15 or Golden Circle $50. Info: 901-458-1652 or chris.nemeck@Lindenwood.net.


June 7-11: Germantown Charity Horse Show. An all-breed event showcasing over 800 horses including hunter/jumpers, American Saddlebred, Roaster and Hackney ponies and Tennessee Walkers. Info: 901-754-0009.

Do you have a community event in the next eight weeks? Send an email to latasha.peeples@mgw.com. Make sure to include Community Calendar in the subject heading.

Lip Sync Plus contestants rock the house and raise funds

Recently, Latasha Peeples donned shades, slipped on an attitude and a single white glove and lip synced “Man in the Mirror” at Hard Rock Café on Beale. Peeples, 31, performed and won against local celebs in the first Lip Sync Plus contest to raise funds for MIFA’s Plus-1 program that helps families during a financial crisis.

“This is more than a contest for me,” she said. It is a way of giving back to the program that kept the lights on for her and her grandmother. In 2006, the two struggled to keep food on the table and the utilities on at the same time.

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Due to limited funds, MIFA gave support to only one out of six families who needed utility assistance.

Plus-1 Jam returns to Beale in May
Before you stroll down to the BBQ contest or the 901Fest on Riverside Drive, stop by the Plus-1 Jam tent in the shadows of the Elvis statute on Beale.

Local musicians and MLGW jammers will take the stage Friday and Saturday nights May 13-14 and again May 27-28. The times are 6-8 p.m. and 9-11 p.m. There’s also an afternoon show on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m.

Any donations collected go to MIFA’s Plus-1 program which helps families in need of utility assistance.

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