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# STOUGHTON UTILITIES TO HOST CELEBRATION FOR PUBLIC POWER WEEK

The staff at Stoughton Utilities invites the community to join them for a Stoughton Municipal Service Open House & Fall Carnival. This free event will take place from 3pm-7pm on Thursday, September 29 at 600 S Fourth Street (Stoughton Utilities Parking Lot).

The event will include carnival games for all ages, food, giveaways, inflatable slide and obstacle course, photo booth and more. There will also be an open house at the EMS, Senior Center, Public Library, Police Department, Fire Department, and Opera House buildings for the community to get a behind the scenes look of the everyday operations.

"This is a fun way for us to thank the community for supporting our locally owned, not-for-profit utility," said Brian Hoops, Assistant Director.

Public Power Week is celebrated across the country every year during the first full week of October. The event honors the over 2,000 communities served by a locally owned not-for-profit public power utility. For more information about the event, call the Stoughton Utilities' office staff at (608) 873-3379, or visit www.stoughtonutilities.com.

## What Makes Public Power Utilities Unique?

Most public power utilities are owned by a city or town, ranging from small villages to large metropolitan cities. They are governed by either a city council or independently elected/appointed board. Above all, they are accountable to the people they serve. Community citizens have a direct and powerful voice in utility decisions and policies. Public power utilities are not-for-profit, locally-owned and operated, and usually lower cost than private utilities. Public power utilities are supported by customer revenues, not taxes, and many provide substantial payments in lieu of taxes to state and local governments to help keep local economies strong.