

LOCAL LINES


JUNE 2023

SELCO HOLIDAY HOURS

Mon. JUNE 19
Juneteenth
CLOSED

The HelpDesk is still available
24/7/365 at 508-841-8572

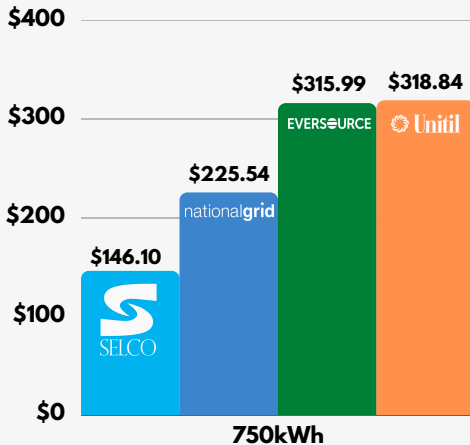
DPW RECYCLING EVENT

 **Sunday June 11, 2023**
10 am - 2pm at 98 Maple Ave

Recycle furniture, electronics, appliances, and more! \$20 per carload. Additional fees may apply. SELCO is offering a free LED lightbulb for recycling, while supplies last. Don't miss out!

ELECTRIC RATE COMPARISON AS OF JUNE 1, 2023

(750 kWh monthly, includes all customer charges)



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

[ShrewsburyMA.gov/SELCOCommission](https://shrewsburyma.gov/SELCOCommission)

The next open meeting of the SELCO Commission will be held on June 27th at 8:00 AM in the Select Board Meeting Room at Town Hall.



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on Channel
30/330HD



ShrewsburyMediaConnection.org

POWERING THE FUTURE:

HOW BATTERY STORAGE IS REVOLUTIONIZING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND REDUCING COSTS

As we shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, our utility infrastructure must adapt for a reliable and sustainable future. One challenge during peak energy days, those induced by scorching heat or freezing cold, is strain on the grid. These events generally require the dispatching of "peaker plants" for a few critical hours. These assets have historically been fossil-fueled, but today we can also rely on energy storage!



WHAT IS BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE?

Battery energy storage systems use technology similar to that in our cell phones and laptops—but on a much larger scale—to capture and store electricity. They are then discharged at a later time for a specific purpose, such as avoiding costs or lowering stress on the grid.

Unlike fossil-fueled systems and their loud combustion engines, batteries operate almost silently. And without the use of oil, diesel, or natural gas, these battery systems produce no direct emissions to impact neighbors and regional air quality.

HOW WILL SELCO USE BATTERY STORAGE?

SELCO plans to deploy battery storage at the site of our Logan Substation in 2024. This innovative system will replace an older lead-acid battery setup, providing more power and reliability. While the primary role will be peak shaving for cost avoidance, there is potential for providing backup power to critical emergency services during an outage.



By adopting battery storage, SELCO and other utilities can drastically reduce transmission and capacity costs. We are estimating that the Logan Substation battery will help save SELCO upwards of \$10 million in its 20-year lifespan. These savings will then be passed directly to customers through lower rates. Every month, our rates are much lower than private utilities like National Grid, Eversource, and Unitil. As a result, the average SELCO customer has saved over \$9,000 since 2013 (based on 750kWh usage per month).

In addition to the new battery substation project, SELCO plans to install a publicly accessible DC Fast Charger in the same area along Route 9. Imagine being able to charge your EV in a matter of minutes while visiting businesses in the Lakeway District. Battery storage and charging infrastructure are essential pieces of the puzzle for our clean energy transition. They ensure a reliable grid, reduce costs, and enable sustainable living for years to come. Let's power the future together!

ALL IN SHREWSBURY

It's time to take action for a sustainable future. The Town of Shrewsbury has launched a new campaign to address climate change: All In Shrewsbury. Over the course of 2023, the Town will collect and analyze data, complete a series of community assessments, and engage Town staff and residents to complete a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan for municipal operations. The core values of our Town will guide the strategy. They will focus on transforming five key areas of operations: Sustainable Transportation, Vibrant Natural Resources, Resilient Operations, Clean Energy & Efficient Buildings, and Smart Waste & Water Management.



Get involved and make your voice heard! Learn more about the campaign and take the community survey at ShrewsburyMA.gov/allinshrewsbury

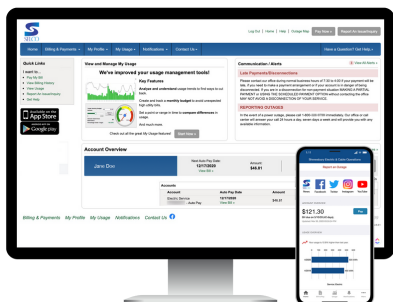
CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!

We're thrilled to honor four outstanding Shrewsbury High School Seniors who have each been awarded a \$1000 scholarship from SELCO & NES! Join us in congratulating Brian Kerekon, Laura Lee, Giovana Bonatelli, & Brandyn Mello!



These remarkable individuals have demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and passion in their academic pursuits. We couldn't be prouder to support their dreams as they embark on their college journeys!

WELCOME TO SMARTHUB!



SELCO.SHREWSBURYMA.GOV/SMARTHUB

ATTENTION Auto Pay Members

If you previously were using automatic payments with us you will need to re-enter your payment information. Use the instructions below to quickly get your account registered and set up for Auto Pay.

RE-REGISTERING ACCOUNT

- Register your account in our new SmartHub system. You can register through the Web Portal or register through our Mobile App.
- After registering your account use the web portal or mobile app to re-setup Auto Pay on your account.

AUTO PAY SETUP (WEB PORTAL)

- Log in to SmartHub web portal.
- From the home screen click on Billing & Payments menu.
- From the Billing & Payments screen click on the Auto Pay Program sub-menu.
- Click on Sign Up for Auto Pay and follow the instructions on the screen.

AUTO PAY SETUP (MOBILE APP)

- Log in to the mobile app.
- From the main screen click on Bill & Payments menu.
- Tap on the Auto Pay Program sub-menu and follow the instructions on the screen.
- If you have questions or experience any issues, we are here to help. You can contact us with your questions.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES



EV REBATE PROGRAM

Rebates are available on new or leased all-electric vehicles (BEV) or plug-in hybrids (PHEV). Additional funding is also available for income-qualified customers.

LEVEL 2 EV CHARGER

Eligible customers may receive up to a \$700 rebate on a Wi-Fi-equipped Level 2 residential electric vehicle charger when enrolled in the Connected Homes.

SAVE EVEN MORE!

- SELCO Customers receive a discount of .50% off current auto loan rates for EV Loans through Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union.
- The state of MA offers up to \$3,500 off of new electric vehicles through the MOR-EV program.
- Federal rebates of up to \$7,500 off electric vehicles and up to \$1000 off of EV Chargers

NEED TO CHARGE AROUND TOWN?

- Town Hall
 - 100 Maple Ave
- Dean Park
 - 805 Main St.
- Shrewsbury High School
 - 64 Holden St.



NO session fee! Cost is equal to the residential rate per kWh (approx. 18 cents)

Learn more about all our programs and rebates at SELCO.SHREWSBURYMA.GOV/EV

