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how to properly plant a tree during the 2022 ceremony. an honorary tree planted at their school. Children learned The overall winner of the Arbor Day poster contest gets



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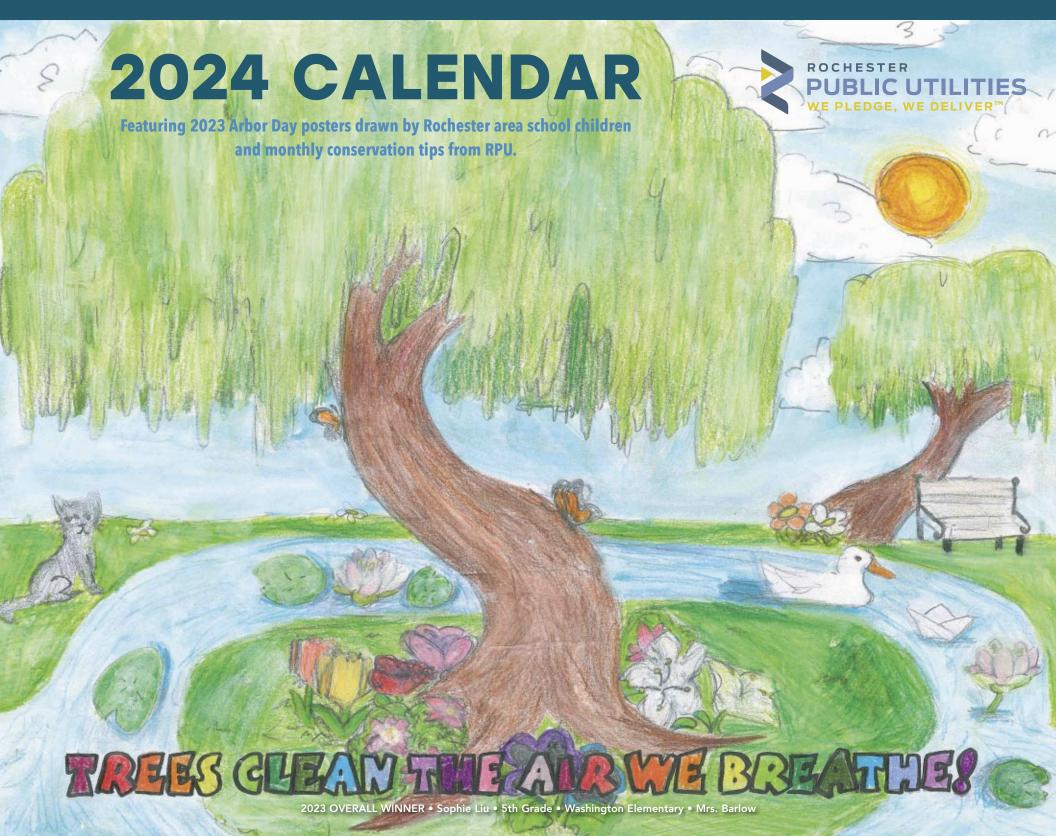
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in our community.

remind us of the importance of trees These talented young artists help in our poster contest over the years. of the students who have participated from 2023. RPU would like to thank all held. This calendar features entries for Rochester elementary students is As part of the festivities, a poster contest an annual Arbor Day celebration. (RPU) has involved the community in Since 2003, Rochester Public Utilities

storm runoff, and increase property block, filter air pollution, reduce energy through shade and wind have investment value: they conserve community. Trees are an asset that many benefits trees provide our year. It is a day that reminds us of the of people across our country every Arbor Day is celebrated by millions

Arbor Day



RPU's 21st Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The 2023 RPU Arbor Day Celebration was held on Friday, April 28, 2023, by partnering sponsors – RPU, Maier Tree & Lawn, Rochester Parks & Recreation, and Sargent's Gardens. More than 2,200 local elementary students, educators, and chaperones gathered at Three Links-Silver Lake Park to have lunch and celebrate everything trees. In addition, hundreds of local community members came out to celebrate and to get a free tree seedling to plant themselves.

As part of the annual Arbor Day festivities, a poster contest is held for local elementary school students. This year hundreds of students submitted posters highlighting the theme, "Trees Clean the Air We Breathe!" Each year, the winners for each grade and an overall winner are selected and featured in the RPU calendar. The overall winner for 2023 was 5th grader Sophie Liu (pictured to the right) from Mrs. Barlow's class at Washington Elementary. Sophie's winning poster design is featured on the cover of this calendar.





ARBOR DAY 2023 SPONSORING PARTNERS









2023 Poster Contest Winners

(left to right)

FIRST GRADE
Jacob Hansen
Ms. Schad
Jefferson Elementary

Lauren Winter
Mrs. Witter
Gibbs Elementary

THIRD GRADE Shaarav Nawale Mrs. Seefeldt Washington Elementary

FOURTH GRADE
Stella Huelsbeck
Mrs. Osowski
Jefferson Elementary

FIFTH GRADE Eleanor Ribikawskis Mr. Paul Bishop Elementary

OVERALL WINNER
Sophie Liu, 5th Grade
Mrs. Barlow
Washington Elementary



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3	4	5	6	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Hanukkah Begins	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23
Christmas Eve 31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	26 Full Moon Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30



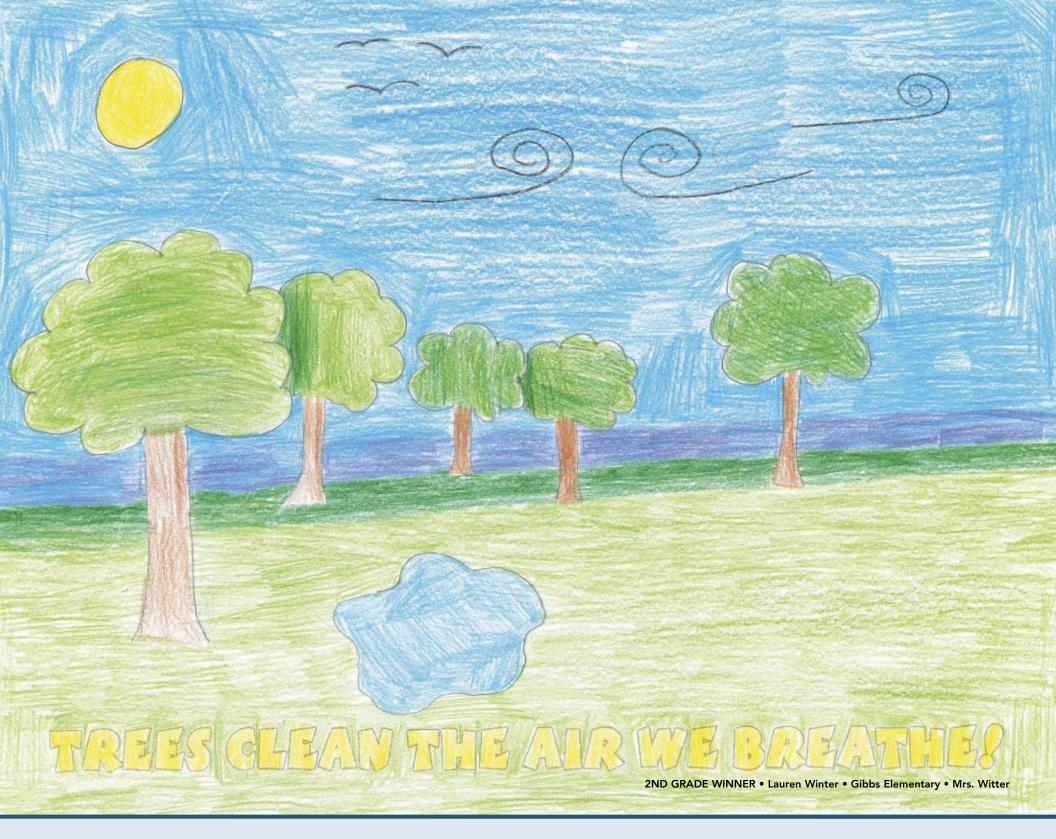
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14	Martin Luther King Jr. Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 OF Full Moon	26	27
28	29	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	31	FEBRUARY 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	ENER Make a New Year's Attend one of our FREE Challenge workshops	Neighborhood Energy and qualify for a home 5! Visit www.rpu.org for



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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Super Bowl LVIII	12	13	Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	Presidents' Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	21	22	23	24 O Full Moon
25	26	27	28	29		



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10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 First Day of Spring	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday 31	25 O Full Moon	RPU Board Meeting	27	28	29	30
Easter		4pm • RPU Service Center	I		Good Friday	



APRIL 2024



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14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	Passover Begins Earth Day	23 OFull Moon	24	25	Arbor Day. RPU Arbor Day Celebration 11am-1pm Three Links - Silver Lake Park	27
28	29	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	MAY 2024 S M T W T F S	Plant a tree in celebration west side of your home, in the savings will be nearly help you with the purchase	of Arbor Day this month! If you so years your energy bills should be should	ou plant a tree today on the uld be 3% less. In 15 years, Planting program, RPU can 10 nursery and \$20 arborist



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Purchase or build a rain b for watering your lawn,	FR TIP arrel to collect stormwater garden, and houseplants. 510 rebate from RPU.	S M T W T F S 1 2 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4
Cinco de Mayo National Drinking Water Week May 5-11	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	22	23 OFull Moon	24	25
26	Memorial Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	28	29	30	31	JUNE 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	Juneteenth RPU OFFICES CLOSED	20 First Day of Summer	21 O Full Moon	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



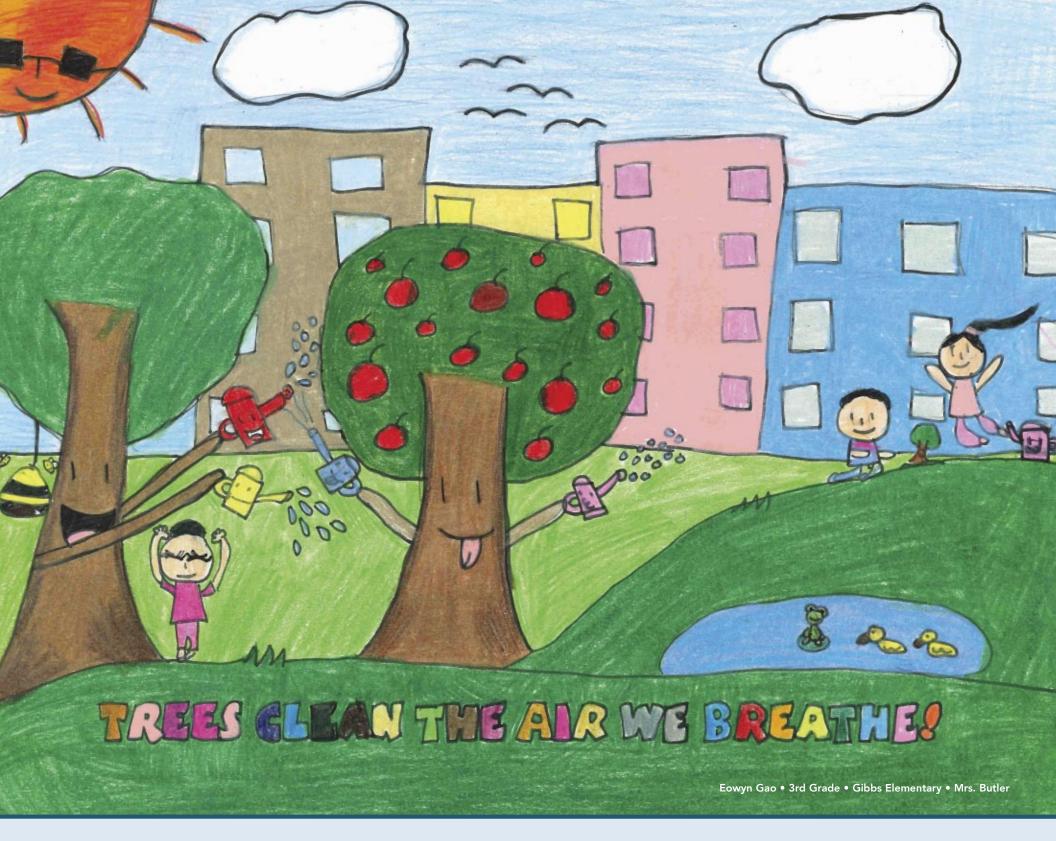
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21 O Full Moon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	31	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	ENERGY TIP Get a double dose of certified clothes washe and 33% less water that	



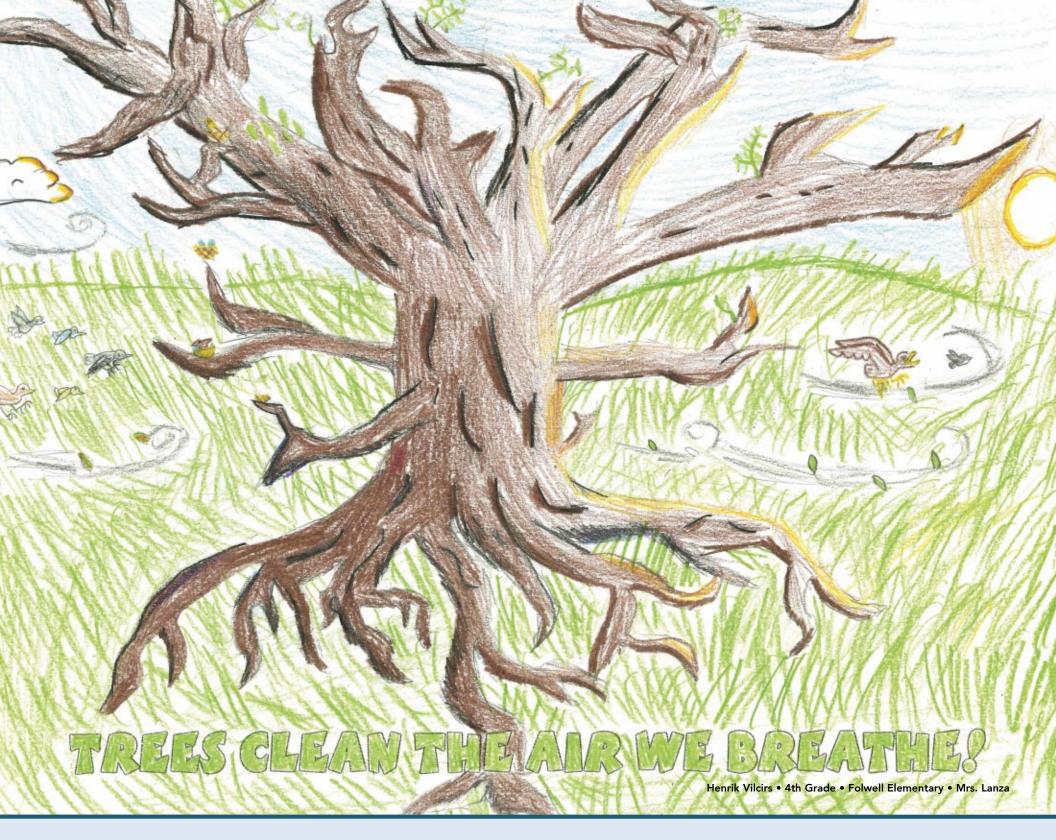
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Did you know heat pump heating and cooling? The clothes dryers and heat RPU offers valuable Visit www.rpu.or	ere are also heat pump t pump water heaters. rebates on all three!	S M T W T S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEPTEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3
4	5	RPU Board Meeting Budget Study Session 4pm • RPU Service Center	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 O Full Moon	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	28	29	30	31



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1	Labor Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparents Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 O Full Moon	18	19	20	21
22 First Day of Autumn	23	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	25	26	27	28
29	30		AUGUST 2024 S M T W T F S	OCTOBER 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	ENER (Do you use electric h	JE & SAVE GY TIP neat or a heat pump? smart thermostat and poto \$100 from RPU!



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Public Power Week October 6-12	7	8	9	10	11 Yom Kippur Begins	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17 O Full Moon	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	30	31 Halloween	Hunt Vampire Power w Learn how much energy a replacing, unplugging, or RPU has Kill A Watt® mete	JE & SAVE GY TIP ith a Kill A Watt® meter! nd money can be saved by using a smart power strip. ers that you can use in your 0-1500 to reserve one today.



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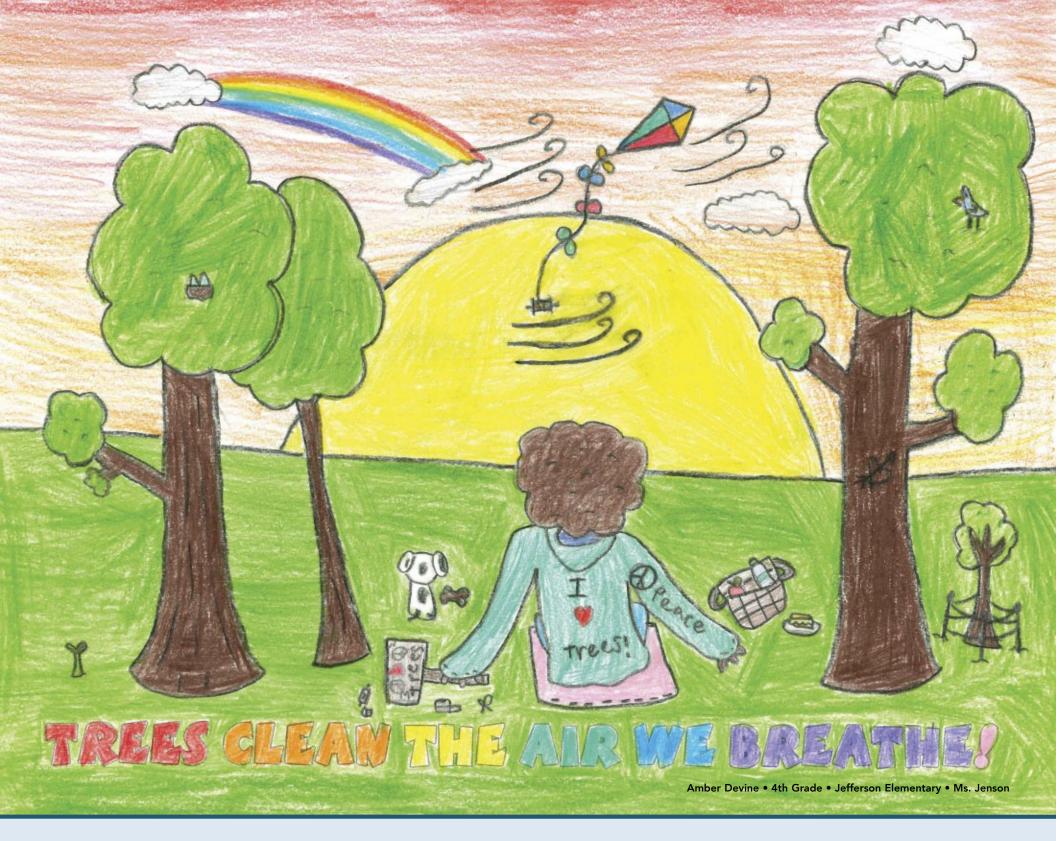
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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	Veterans' Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	12	13	14	15 O Full Moon	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	27	Thanksgiving Day	Day After Thanksgiving RPU OFFICES CLOSED	30



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	Christmas Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON	Hanukkah Begins Christmas Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
29	30	New Year's Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON	NOVEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	ENER Use LED holiday lights a 75% more efficient and l You can apply for a re purchase of new LED	THE SAVE GY TIP Ind decorations - they are ast up to 25 times longer. bate from RPU on your lights and decorations - per string!



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CONSERVE & SAVE ENERGY TIP Make a New Year's Resolution to save! Attend one of our FREE Neighborhood Energy Challenge workshops and qualify for a home energy audit for only \$75! Visit www.rpu.org for workshop dates and more information.		DECEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 S S S S S S S S S	New Year's Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Full Moon	14	15	16	17	18
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28