



Public Power Week 2022

"Public Power Week is an annual national observance coordinated by the American Public Power Association. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The Association represents public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. It advocates and advises on electricity

policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Its members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power. More at www.PublicPower.org"

Public Power Week was held October 2 through October 8th and recognizes the contributions public power utilities make to their communities. It's a great opportunity for the public to get to know their utility providers.



Community Spotlight

Saturday, October 8th, the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce hosted My Tahlequah. This years focus was cleaning/restoring public properties back to their beautiful state. This years sponsors included Tahlequah Public Works Authority, Grand River Dam Authority, McDonalds, and Northeastern Health System.

October 2022

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 TACC Event: My Tahlequah
9 Indigenous People's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
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On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall on the west coast of Florida causing widespread devastation. According to Florida's government website (www.flgov.com), over "42,000 linemen [responded] to the more than 1.6 million reported power outages." Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone on the frontline of this disaster and with the people of Florida.





All natural disasters come with rippling effects that last for months and even years after

on the general public? In short, the global supply chain has been in distress since the pandemic in 2020, and Ian's arrival will only cause more disruption in that area. What does this mean for us in Oklahoma? Continual shortages as major manufacturers reroute their resources to aid in the relief effort. We have seen what these shortages can do to our wallets at the grocery store and fuel pumps, but we don't always think about what it means for the businesses we rely on for every day necessities. The cost of a single transformer (the "box" on the top of utility poles that enables distribution of power to all areas of town) is currently in the \$1mil ball park range and this price will only increase. The lead time on such an item is over a year out. Our motto at TPWA has always been Serving People. That is what drives our company, to be able to provide essential utilities to the people of Tahlequah. With natural disasters, like Ian, our work becomes more difficult but our moto never changes!

Safety Tips



The FDA put out a list of safety tips for the upcoming Halloween Holiday (<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/halloween-safety-tips-costumes-candy-and-colored-contact-lenses>) :

-  Wear costumes that say "flame resistant" on the label.
-  Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure your vision.
-  Don't eat candy until it has been inspected at home.
-  Do not wear decorative contact lenses that have not been approved by the FDA.



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recipes!

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