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An electronic newsletter from your
friends at Parker Oil Company

Next Stop: *Comfort*

From the oil field to the refinery to the tank, let's follow the steps oil must go through before it reaches your home.

1. The ground: Potential new energy sources are carefully researched, mapped and tested, using seismic technology to survey the earth below the surface. Computer-generated three-dimensional imaging helps scientists identify potential new sources of oil located miles beneath the surface of the earth.

When a new source of oil is located and determined to be commercially viable, scientists work with engineers to plan the safest, most efficient path to tap the source. Deepwater locations are home to some of the world's largest freestanding structures that stand thousands of feet above the seafloor, enabling producers to drill miles into the earth to reach the crude oil.

2. The refinery: The crude oil is then shipped by tanker ship or pipeline to the refineries. Refiners transport heating oil supplies by truck to the Parker Oil storage facility. Having our own bulk storage ensures you ample supply of fuel whenever you need it – and it keeps costs down, too!

3. Your tank: Whether you are an automatic or "will-call" delivery customer, Parker Oil will deliver right to your home's tank. All you have to do is sit back and enjoy the warmth!

Propane: The Perfect Fuel for Spring and Beyond

With the rugged winter of 2009-10 behind us, it's time to get outside and enjoy the fresh, warm air. You can take your outdoor enjoyment to a new level and make your yard a favorite gathering spot this year with propane service from Parker Oil.

Propane adds a lot to your outdoor fun. It fuels your grill with **greater convenience and control** than old-fashioned charcoal can ever provide. You can set the grill to a consistent temperature, so there is **no overheating, and your meals always come out the way you planned.** There are no bags of briquettes to buy or haul, no lighter fluid, no waiting for the coals to heat up – and no ashes to clean up!

Hot tubs and swimming pools are also more enjoyable with propane. A propane-fired pool heater warms the water quickly and economically.

With propane, you can also add festive touches with **tiki torches** and a **firepit**. With just the touch of a button, you can make every gathering more exciting and memorable. You can also reduce the insect nuisance with a propane-fired "**skeeter eater**."

To add vibrancy to your summer fun, call Parker Oil today. We'll install a tank and your appliances and deliver your propane automatically.



Parker NEWS



Parker Oil and two affiliated companies recently made a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association during an event at the Huddle House restaurant in Bracey, VA. Also making a donation were students from the Brunswick Academy Early Learning Center, who enjoyed a pancake breakfast in their pajamas in honor of National Pancake Day.



Parker Oil's managers recently gathered at our corporate office in South Hill, VA. It was an opportunity to get acquainted with the Roy C. Jenkins Oil team, which recently joined our company, and to introduce C.W. Roberts, our new Safety Director.

–Propane vs. Electricity–

Propane outperforms electricity in every way. It is generally **less expensive** to use, and a propane-fired water heater is **twice as fast** as an electric one. In addition to home heating and water heating, propane can replace electricity for **cooking and clothes drying.**

Contact Parker Oil today to start saving with clean-burning propane!

A Recap of the Winter of 2009-10

Winter was pretty ordinary in Southside Virginia this year, compared to other parts of the eastern United States. Just 160 miles to the north, Washington D.C. endured its snowiest winter on record that included nearly 32 inches in the first 10 days of February.

The February storms that hammered cities like Washington and Philadelphia were felt in Southside, but to a lesser degree.

Our largest snowfall of the season was the 9.5 inches we received on January 30. The season's most intensive precipitation came in the form of rain, when we received more than five inches in two days November 11-12.

Our winter temperatures were very close to average for every single month, but we had some memorable stretches of cold weather. Temperatures dipped to 12 degrees twice in late January and early February. We also had a long cold stretch in December, with temperatures falling into the 20s for 10 straight days, ending on Christmas. February had its own cold snap, with temperatures falling under 20° for three straight days, February 7-9. March also started on the cold side, with nine straight days with lows below 35 degrees.

