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Pingree Grove getting lit for going green

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Pingree Grove is about to get a little greener.

The village is one of 10 communities in Illinois that are being awarded the Citizens Utility Board "Bright Future" Award.

CUB is scheduled to present the village board with 250 compact fluorescent light bulbs at its meeting Monday night. They are among 10,000 light bulbs CUB is distributing through its Get Green community giveaway.

Pingree Grove residents earned the award for the village by having one of the top 10 percentages of pledges during the 2008 calendar year. In total, 18,000 people pledged on the Get Green portion of the CUB Web site, and promised to use at least one compact fluorescent light bulb in their household.

"We're really glad to see that people in Illinois responded so well. Pingree Grove should be very proud," said CUB spokesperson Jim Chilsen.

The Get Green community giveaway is aimed at raising awareness about energy efficiency.

"Another weapon consumers have to fight high energy rates is energy efficiency. Using CFLs is a necessity, especially with the current state of the economy," Chilsen said. "Using them and practicing energy efficiency is not only great for our planet, but great for our pocketbooks."

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