

Eye on business

Powering up your energy needs at Power Fuels

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Every other week, the Bristol Observer will be heading out into the community to put a spotlight on local businesses to find out what makes them tick.

Power Fuels
Vice President:
Anthony D'Amato
History

If home and business owners are looking for a 24-hour, year-round, full service energy provider, Power Fuels is ready to fulfill those needs. A company created and run by the D'Amato family in Bristol, Power Fuels offers an extensive list of tools to heat or cool a home or place of business.

Power Fuels opened in 2004, starting off as strictly a heating oil and diesel delivery company. Eventually, Power Fuels grew its service base and expanded, with more room much needed. It moved into its current location on Brook Street, where Gaski's Oil Service had been in operation since the 1940s, Vice President of Power Fuels Anthony D'Amato said. Gaski's had

merged with Power Fuels in 2007, and was able to provide an in-house heating and cooling service, as well as "a storage terminal and plenty of room for growth."

Why Power Fuels?

Power Fuels offers a variety of products to not only Bristol residents and businesses, but to three counties, including Hartford County, New Haven County and Litchfield County. D'Amato said Power Fuels delivers premium heating oil, propane, diesel fuel, wood pellets and offers heating and cooling services.

In addition to its broad product and service base, Power Fuels is family-owned, "allowing us to offer the same services as other companies, but with personalized service," D'Amato said, adding that that kind of service is an important part of being a business. "Our customers know us, and we know our customers," he said.

Being a family owned and operated business, customers will also get answers



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Barbara Emmert, left, Lori D'Amato and Anthony D'Amato, are three of the employees at Power Fuels, ready to assist the community with heating and cooling needs. The fire places between Lori D'Amato and Anthony D'Amato are available at Power Fuels, and allow a homeowner to never have to buy wood again.

immediately when they have questions or concerns, D'Amato said.

During the October snowstorm, when a great percentage of the state was without power, Power Fuels was up and running, via generator.

"If power is out, we can't function, and we are useless," he said, adding

that Power Fuels was able to accommodate customers needing propane for generators, and more, during that difficult time.

"Things like that are really important to the customer, and to us," he said.

Power Fuels can heat and cool a home or business, year round, D'Amato said. His servicemen have

come to build relationships with the clients, which he said is what keeps them coming back for their heating and cooling needs.

What he loves about his job

D'Amato said he has been working with his family business since he was about 8-years-old, and now

runs Power Fuels with his mother, Lori D'Amato.

"I love being able to have a problem, and solve it in a correct and proper manner," D'Amato said, adding that if a customer does have a problem, they can feel "that they have received the best possible service and resolution." He added that being a part of a family business is another aspect he enjoys about his career, and getting to know his customer base "on a real personal level" makes them feel like family too.

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