

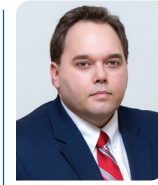


Power in Your Hands

This month, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative will have its annual meeting. As this important day for our co-op approaches, you may wonder what makes electric co-ops different than other types of utilities. To answer that question, I thought I'd tell you what makes electric co-ops stand out from the rest.

Because we're a co-op, we operate a little differently than other utilities. Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's decisions are made locally, by directors who also live right here in our community. When you pay your electric bill each month, your money stays here to pay for the electricity used and make improvements to our local system to strengthen service reliability. Rather than to make a profit, we exist to provide a service to you, our local members.

You may notice that throughout the year, we schedule opportunities for you to attend co-op events, like the annual meeting and member appreciation days, so we can hear from you. Our success lies in your satisfaction, which is why we offer these opportunities to engage and listen to what you have to say.



Manager's Message

Brad Coppock
General Manager

Because you're part of an electric cooperative, you can count on our team to maintain local jobs, low-cost electricity and first-class service, no matter what the economy — and supply chain issues — throw at us.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative strives to keep you, our members, as informed as possible. If you want to receive important information from Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, such as billing updates, sign up for our text message notifications. You can also stay in the know with the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative app, website, Facebook, Twitter and our monthly magazines.

Please know that you — the members of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative — are at the heart of everything we do. We exist to serve you and provide the quality, reliable, friendly service you expect and deserve. This co-op was created for you, and the power is in your hands.

Holiday Closing Notice

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

As always, PVEC dispatchers will be on duty to answer your emergency calls. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Fiber Update Info as of 7/17/2023

Miles of backbone – 1,801
Services installed to the home – 7,158

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Annual Meeting — Saturday, Sept. 16

Time is quickly approaching for Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's annual meeting! As we prepare for this very important day, we look back on annual meetings of years past. There is no doubt that the last few annual meetings have looked a little different than before, as the pandemic changed the lives of everyone. Still, we are looking forward with hope and excitement. This year, many of the activities previously enjoyed by members of the co-op will resume, such as entertainment, door prizes and refreshments.

The 2023 annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Claiborne High School in New Tazewell, Tenn. Registration will open at 9 a.m., and assorted muffins, pastries and other breakfast items will be served as music is played by Tennessee 90, a wonderful bluegrass group. The annual meeting program and business session will begin at 11 a.m.

On behalf of the directors, management and employees of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, we invite you to join us for the 2023 annual meeting. We look forward to joining you in fellowship to conduct the business of the cooperative.



Tennessee 90

Official Notice: Annual Meeting Order of Business Powell Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Sept. 16, 2023 – Claiborne High School, New Tazewell, Tenn.

ANNUAL MEETING – SEPT. 16, 2023

- 9-11 a.m. Registration
Entertainment by Tennessee 90
- 11 a.m. Call to Order – Roger Ball, President
Invocation
Reports
Business Session – Roger Ball, President

Sweater Weather: A Good Time to Save Energy at Home



It's autumn. Perhaps it's been a while since you needed to turn on the air conditioner, but it's not quite time to crank up the heat. In fact, autumn is one of the best times of the year to save energy. Here are some ideas to help you keep comfortable and save energy this season:

- Layer your clothing. A sweater and a pair of socks can keep you warm enough without turning on the heat, probably for longer than you would expect.
- Throw extra blankets on the bed.
- Open the curtains during the day when the sun is up and close them at dark to keep cold air outside where it belongs.
- Stop drafts by caulking around windows, doors and holes in exterior walls for cable and phone lines.
- Set a date for turning on the heat for the first time, like Halloween, and pay attention to your family's tolerance. If you need to wear gloves and a ski cap to stay warm while you watch TV, it might be time to turn up the thermostat.

ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Report on number of members present.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
 - a. Report of Committee on Nominations.
Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations. This Committee has met and nominated the following members for your consideration:
District 1 - Tracey Sharp
District 3 - Judith Robertson
District 6 - Bill J. Surber, III
 - b. Report on nomination by petition.
No nominations made by petition.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Prizes.
9. Adjournment.

/s/ Judith Robertson, Secretary

**Any customer with special needs, i.e., ramp for access by wheelchair, etc., at the annual meeting location, please notify the cooperative at 423-626-5204.*

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Illuminating the Outdoors

The benefits of electric outdoor lighting

When it comes to creating a captivating and functional outdoor space, electric outdoor lighting can work wonders. Whether you want to enhance ambiance, improve safety or extend your time spent outside, electric outdoor lighting offers a myriad of benefits.

ENHANCED AMBIANCE AND AESTHETICS

One of the primary benefits of electric outdoor lighting is its ability to transform your outdoor space into a captivating and inviting environment. With an array of options available such as string lights, spotlights and pathway lights, you can create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Highlighting architectural features, trees or garden elements adds depth and visual interest to your outdoor areas, making them more visually appealing for you and your guests.

INCREASED SAFETY AND SECURITY

Outdoor lighting plays a crucial role in enhancing safety and security around your property. Illuminated pathways, stairs and entrances help prevent accidents and tripping hazards, ensuring that you and your guests can navigate the outdoor space safely, even after sunset. Well-lit exteriors also act as deterrents for potential intruders, as a well-lit property is less likely to be targeted. Motion-sensor lights add an extra layer of security by instantly illuminating when they detect movement and alerting you to any potential threats.

EXTENDED OUTDOOR LIVING TIME

With electric outdoor lighting, you can extend your time spent in outdoor areas long after the sun sets. Whether you're hosting a backyard gathering or simply enjoying a quiet evening outside, properly lit spaces allow you to fully appreciate and utilize your outdoor living areas. Electric lighting provides ample illumination for activities like dining, socializing or reading, making your outdoor spaces functional and enjoyable well into the evening hours. This is especially important as days begin to get shorter.

Electric outdoor lighting offers numerous benefits — from creating a visually appealing ambiance to enhancing safety and security. Illuminate your outdoor spaces with electric lighting, and enjoy the multitude of advantages it brings to your outdoor lifestyle.

Safety Tips

Joey Southern
Sneedville Area Supervisor



Once the kids head back to school, it's likely your house will sit empty for most of the day — unless you have pets. Unfortunately, pets too often express their loneliness by tearing up the house.

If you can, consider designing a pet-friendly space, such as a spare bedroom or garage, just for your beloved pet. This will give them a place to play, rest and keep the destruction to a minimum.

Here's how to get started:

1. Clear the area of any items you don't want your pet to chew or scratch. Remove valuables and materials you want to keep or use. Also look for paint cans, cleaning chemicals, tools and anything with sharp edges that could harm your pet. If you don't have anywhere else to store these items, invest in a large storage container that your pet could not possibly open.

2. Cover electrical outlets and any exposed wiring. Remove or cover electrical cords. If they cannot be covered or removed, attach them high on walls so your pet can't reach them to chew or get tangled in.

3. Scour the floors and walls, leaving no trace of spilled poisons like antifreeze, gas, oil and paint. This also will remove harmful odors.

4. Lock all windows and doors, and securely cover any holes or vents that your pet could squeeze through in an effort to get outdoors.

5. Lay an inexpensive, easy-to-clean laminate floor so you can mop up pet accidents. Concrete is porous, so it absorbs liquids and smells. Wood is absorbent, too, and also scratches easily.

6. Make the space comfortable. Install insulation if your pet's room is in the garage, so it won't get too hot or cold. Furnish the room with a big, soft, washable bed, a food-and-water area, toys, scratching posts and even music.



Trimming Trees: A Key to Lower Electric Rates

Proper vegetation management contributes to lower electric rates while ensuring a safer and more efficient energy infrastructure.

Did you know that trimming trees around power lines can keep your electric rates lower? Overgrown trees lead to power outages and costly repairs, so our team at Powell Valley Electric Cooperative works hard to maintain the growth of vegetation near our infrastructure. Here are a few ways these investments save you money in the long run:

Prevention of power outages. One of the primary reasons why tree trimming is essential is its ability to prevent power outages. Trees growing too close to powerlines will cause outages when branches come into contact with the lines during storms or high winds. By regularly trimming trees, we can minimize the risk of branches falling onto the lines and causing power outages. This proactive approach to tree maintenance helps ensure a more reliable electrical grid, reducing the need for emergency repairs and ultimately lowering maintenance costs.

Improved reliability. Trimming trees around powerlines not only prevents outages but also improves service reliability. Overgrown trees and branches can create intermittent faults, resulting in brief power interruptions. By keeping trees trimmed and maintaining a clear distance between branches and power lines, utilities can provide a more stable and reliable power supply, improving customer satisfaction and reducing the need for costly equipment repairs or replacements.

Decreased maintenance costs. Regular tree trimming near power lines leads to decreased maintenance costs to your cooperative. When trees grow too close to powerlines, they could require more frequent inspections and trimming, which can be time-consuming and expensive. By maintaining a safe distance between trees and powerlines through proactive trimming practices, we reduce the frequency of maintenance visits, lowering labor and equipment costs. These savings can then be passed on to our consumers, contributing to lower electric rates.

Mitigation of safety hazards. Trimming trees near power lines also helps mitigate safety hazards. Overgrown trees can pose a significant risk to public safety if they come into contact with power lines, potentially leading to electrocution or fires. By proactively managing vegetation around power lines, utilities can minimize these risks, ensuring safety for both the community and our crews. This reduces the likelihood of accidents and the associated costs of emergency response and potential liability claims.

Regular tree trimming near power lines plays a crucial role in maintaining a reliable electrical grid, preventing outages, improving service reliability and reducing maintenance costs. By performing proper vegetation management on the power system, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative can contribute to lower electric rates while ensuring a safer and more efficient energy infrastructure for all.