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At the Heart of the Community

Halifax EMC's business is providing electricity, but our heart is in empowering our members and building the communities we serve. If you're looking for love this Valentine's Day, consider the love we have to give to you and to the community.

Loving you—our members:

You might wonder why we, a business that sells the service of electricity, provides you with tips and tools to use less of what we sell. It's because of our business model. Cooperative businesses are not-for-profit and exist to provide exceptional service to members, rather than to make a profit.

We think that means giving you the tools you need to make informed energy decisions that can lead to more manageable family budgets. We are not a Wall Street corporation; we are locally owned and operated, so we know how important it is to stick to a budget.

Loving our community:

Halifax EMC and its employees have big hearts for service and giving back to others. Just this past Christmas, employees gathered new and gently used coats and donated them to The John 3:16 Center in Littleton for families in need. Employees, directors, and the Volunteers In Action

also gathered canned goods and other non-perishable foods to bless six families in our service territory.

You, our members, have big hearts, too. Through the Operation Round Up program, Halifax EMC members have joined together to contribute \$408,000 to support your neighbors and communities in need.

Through our Bright Ideas education grant program, local teachers win funding for innovative project to help students achieve success. And right now, we're accepting applications for Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships that will send two local students to basketball camps on college campuses. With these programs and others, not only are we spreading the love to our members and organizations, but to children, which are the future of our community.

Halifax EMC was founded in 1938 when neighbors worked together to raise poles, string lines, and bring electricity to the people and farms of our area. Our members were the core of our cooperative then, and they remain at the heart of our existence today. Much has changed in the last 79 years, but our cooperative mission stands unchanged: To power, and empower, the people and communities we serve.

We  our members!

Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

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Business Hours

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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Tell Us...

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative. Your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service. Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to bamartin@halifaxemc.com. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



Electric Lines

“Halifax EMC’s annual meeting is a community gathering.”

by Charles H. Guerry
Executive Vice President & General Manager

Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership? The purpose is to report the election outcome for the board of directors, share important financial information, occasionally vote on other matters such as by-law changes and (of course) offer great door prizes!

Halifax EMC’s annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors – or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the “errands of life” and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections.

Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Halifax EMC to bring together all members of our local communities.

While rural Americans probably do a better job of staying connected to our neighbors (in part because we need to), it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone’s hand truly lifts both parties.

Our country and community face many challenges. Our economy feels like it has been stagnant for years. Overcoming these challenges will only happen if we come together.

Halifax EMC’s annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community.

All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members.

We get out of life what we put into it. Halifax EMC is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting. This year’s meeting will be on Saturday, May 20, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.





Annual Meeting 2017

Dates to Remember

Committee on Nominations Meets
February 1

Deadline for Petitions
March 17

Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed
April 24

Deadline for Ballots
May 17

Validation & Counting of Ballots
May 18

Annual Meeting
May 20

Nominations by Petition

Any 30 or more members of the co-op acting together, may make nominations by petition. The petition must include the member's legal signature and named printed legibly, member number, listing of nominee(s), the directorate district(s) for which they would represent, and the name of the incumbent director(s), if any. The petition must be filed with the Corporate Secretary, no later than 5 p.m., March 17.

The directorate districts up for election are Districts 3, 5 and 7. The incumbents for these seats are Jerry Packer, District 3; Robbie Harris, District 5 and Robin Williams, District 7.

Petition forms are available via request at the main office in Enfield. An application indicating a member's interest to serve, whether by petition or nomination, is also available via request or on the Cooperative's website at: <http://bit.ly/hemcboardapp>.

Important notice

If a service has been inactive for the last 18 months, it may be retired.

Attention, basketball fans

Halifax EMC will send two local students to summer basketball camps at UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State. Middle-school students can apply at ncelectriccooperatives.com/community



Join the conversation at facebook.com/halifaxemc

Rebate Program Updates

Effective January 1, 2017, HEMC updated requirements for its rebate programs.

New heat pump qualifications and rebate amounts are as follows:

- \$150 for qualifying 15 SEER air source heat pump installation
- \$250 for qualifying 16 SEER (or higher) air source heat pump installation
- \$400 for qualifying geothermal (water source) heat pump installation
- an additional \$50 to one of the above rebates if a programmable thermostat is installed with qualifying heat pump

New water heater qualifications and rebate amounts are as follows:

- \$50 for an electric water heater; must have at least a 40-gallon tank, be insulated to control energy use and heated with a maximum of two elements not to exceed 4,500 watts each.
- \$250 for an Energy Star electric heat pump water heater; must be placed in primary residence (vacation homes and rentals do not qualify), must replace an existing water heater, a minimum 50-gallon tank is required and the unit must have an energy factor ≥ 2.0 .

Rebate qualifications and forms are available at halifaxemc.com or at our offices. Member must submit a copy of receipt as proof of purchase with rebate form. Heat pump rebate forms also require a copy of the AHRI Certificate.

Employees Receive Service Awards

The following employees were awarded Service Awards:



Charles Guerry — 10 yrs.



Butch Vogel — 10 yrs.



Jeff Smith — 20 yrs.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

Source: *Energy.gov*

