



Halifax Electric Membership Corporation

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Halifax EMC's 69th Annual Meeting

will be held on

Saturday, May 17

at Aurelian Springs Elementary School

at the intersection of Justice Branch Road and Highway 48

Registration begins at 9 a.m. & Business Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

- Entertainment provided by Warren County High School Chorus
- Continental Breakfast provided by Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action
- Lunch catered by Bill's Barbecue of Wilson
- Health Fair
- "Bouncing Castle" for children
- Popcorn & Sno Cones
- Exhibits
- Door Prizes

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Recipe of the Month

Cheesy Potatoes

1 bag frozen Southern style hash browns
1 lg container of sour cream
1 can cream of potato soup
1 can cream of celery soup
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Put into a greased 9 x 13" pan. Bake at 350° in oven for one hour. Add cup of shredded cheddar cheese for topping, and bake another 15 minutes.

Tell Us . . .

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative, and your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service to you.

Specific account questions will be answered personally.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or email them to bmartin@halifaxemc.com.

To: "Tell Us"

From: _____

Address: _____

Acct #: _____

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: _____

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: MacTools Economy Cut 'n' Weld outfit, brand new, still in the box.
CALL: 252-586-6259 (Littleton).

FOR SALE: Regulation size pool table w/green cloth, all accessories & light, excellent condition. **CALL:** 252-586-2896 (Littleton).

FOR SALE: 1990 & 1992 Holiday Barbie dolls, \$35 each; printer's tray for whatnots, \$35; '57 Chevy Barbie doll convertible, holds 3 dolls, \$65. **CALL:** 252-445-5786 (Enfield).

FOR SALE: Moving sale: appliances, furniture, tools, piano, & misc. items.
CALL: 252-586-1286 (Littleton/Lake Gaston).



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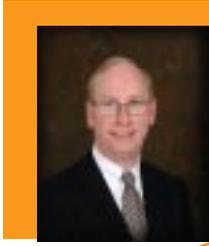
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Morell Jones, President, District 1; Beverly Carter, Vice President, District 8 At-Large; Basil Williams, Sec.-Treas., District 2; Robert T. Harris, Asst Sec.-Treas., District 5; Stan Brothers, District 6; Jerry Packer, District 3; Leon S. Williams, District 4; Richard H. Greene, District 7; Robert Edwards, District 8 At-Large;

Business Hours

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enfield Office: 252-445-5111 Macon Office: 252-257-3900



Electric Lines

by
Charles H. Guerry
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Halifax EMC and Town of Enfield Form Innovative Partnership

Halifax Electric Membership Corporation (HEMC) and the Town of Enfield have formed an innovative partnership, called Enfield Partnership for Tomorrow. “This partnership will serve as a catalyst for future growth of the Town as well as HEMC’s service area in southwest Halifax County,” said Morell Jones, President of the Halifax EMC Board of Directors.

This is the second partnership between the Cooperative and Enfield. In December 2007, officials announced a 20-year power supply agreement which will help stabilize future electric rates for both parties and facilitate a better working environment for economic development.

In the coming months, HEMC and the Town will establish a master plan that will encompass a comprehensive development plan. It will include downtown revitalization, housing, recreation, schools, commercial and industrial opportunities,

as well as infrastructure such as water, sewer, and roads needed to support future development.

“Both the Town and HEMC have committed resources to this project,” said Town Mayor Warnie Bishop. “However, additional outside funding will be sought to support the master planning effort of Phase I and Phase II implementation.” On Thursday, January 24, town and cooperative officials met with state Representative Angela Bryant and Senator Ed Jones as well as representatives of Congressman G. K. Butterfield and Senator Richard Burr to explain the project and what is needed to bring it to realization.

A steering committee has been formed to oversee the master planning process. It consists of Bob Allsbrook, Larry Armstrong, Frank Branch, Rev. Danny Ellis, Audrey Locke, Ronnie Locke, Martha Morris, and J. D. Whitaker, plus a member from the Town and from Halifax EMC (neither yet chosen as this newsletter goes to press). Progressive Resources, a Halifax County grant writing firm, has been hired to develop a funding plan and secure grant dollars for the planning and implementation phases of the project. Once the master planning part of the project is complete and funding resources identified, the Partnership will have a blueprint for implementation of development opportunities.

The steering committee held its first meeting at Halifax EMC on Thursday, January 31, to begin the process of establishing the bylaws policies under which it will operate.

Holiday Closing

**Halifax EMC will be closed on
Friday, March 21, for
Good Friday! Offices
re-open on Monday, March 24.**

Community Page

Consider Nearby Power Lines When Planting, Trimming And Digging

Tree Trimming

When branches grow too close to power lines, trouble grows with them. Fallen trees and branches cause many power outages. For that reason, right-of-way trimming is so important. It helps to lower outage time and restoration costs.

Digging and Tree Planting

We are in the season of late winter storms and spring thunderstorms when the possibility of fallen trees and branches is most likely. Consider this when you plan your spring planting. Before planting a tree look up to see where the overhead power lines are located. If you have underground service, call the North Carolina One Call at 1-800-632-4949. They will have utility companies (electric, gas, telephone, cable, etc.) come out and mark the utility lines so that you will not cut into a line when digging a hole to plant your tree.

Another consideration before planting a tree is how big will the tree be when it is full grown and how far out will the branches spread. There are two reasons for this consideration. First and most important is safety. Children love to climb up into

trees. If the tree is too close or under a power line where the lines could make contact with the tree, it would pose a life-threatening hazard to anyone who may come in contact with the tree. Trees contain water and water is a good conductor of electricity. Electricity always looks for the shortest route to the ground.

Another consideration: prevent your landscaping items from being removed or trimmed away from power equipment. It is best to plant landscaping items a minimum of 20 feet away from both sides of power poles and at least 10 feet from underground service equipment. Putting shrubs or fences around pad-mounted equipment creates a potential safety hazard for everyone as well as blocking access by our linemen to the equipment. Here are a few landscaping ideas:

- Use grass, gravel or 2-inch rock around electrical equipment, but do not change the grade.
- Do not use ivy or other climbing plants around electrical equipment.

For more information about trees and shrubs that suit your planting needs, but won't interfere with electrical equipment, go to the National Arbor Day Web site at www.arborday.org.

Please Make Sure We Have Your Correct Phone Number

As storms rumble through our area they bring with them the potential for power outages. To help us help you, please make sure we have your most recent telephone number for the service address for your account.

Our outage reporting system works best when we have your correct telephone number. When it recognizes your number it will automatically record your outage. If not, you will have to remain on the line and leave a voicemail message. That takes co-op personnel time to go through messages and record the outage. So before storms cause major outages, help us help you by making sure we have your up-to-date phone number.

