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HEMC Members Committed to Going Green



If you have had the recent pleasure of traveling to Lake Gaston, you may have noticed the waterfront property of John and Ann Campbell, part-time lake residents who have taken home energy-saving measures to a whole new level. At the end of 2011, the Campbells completed installation of solar panels and wind turbines on their property located in Ferncliff subdivision.



The Campbells worked with Rebar Enterprises, Inc., of Cary, NC, to construct the 10.40 kW system. The photovoltaic solar arrays, located on the roof of the Campbells' home, should produce approximately 17,329 kWh per year.

Blue Sun Renew, of Washington, NC, installed the wind turbines for the Campbells. The three vertical wind turbines have a nameplate capacity of 3.6 kW. Annually it is estimated they will produce 3,000 kWh.

Of course both the solar panels and wind turbines are interconnected to HEMC's system in order for the Co-op to purchase the power these systems generate. The Co-op worked closely with both companies to ensure that both systems are interconnected to the system safely and metered properly.

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Electric Lines

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

“HEMC recognizes that members have legitimate concerns regarding their personal privacy.”

In December, Halifax EMC began a campaign to update members' account information.

As you have noticed, the account update request is ongoing and will continue through next month with a drawing held monthly for a \$50 electric service credit. So far, the response has been amazing and we thank you!

The purpose of the account update campaign is to ensure we have correct telephone numbers and 911 addresses for each account in order to provide you superior service 24-hours-a-day. Up-to-date contact information allows you to automatically report power outages and enables HEMC to efficiently respond to those outages. Having up-to-date information also allows you to use our automated telephone service to access your account information and pay your bill or to set up online bill pay through our website. As you can see, there are many benefits to you as well as HEMC when we have your current contact information.

HEMC recognizes that members have legitimate concerns regarding their personal privacy. We do want to take the time to assure you that

your information will not be given out to any third parties and is only used by HEMC to provide you with excellent service.

By law, HEMC must comply with

the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flags Rule. A "Red Flag" means a pattern, practice or specific activity that indicates the possible existence of identity theft. The

purpose of the Red Flags Rule is to encourage creditors, like HEMC, to establish programs to detect, prevent and mitigate the damage caused by identity theft.

HEMC has established several policies to comply with the FTC's Red Flags Rule. One of those policies requires HEMC's Member Service Representatives (MSRs) to ask questions to validate the identity of a caller when one calls HEMC to obtain information or to make changes to an account. As part of our policy, an applicant must appear in person to obtain membership.

We realize these policies require a little more time on behalf of the member, but they are for the protection of our members, and that is always HEMC's first priority.



Our Energy, Our Future
A Dialogue With America



Annual Meeting 2012

The Committee on Nominations met Wednesday, February 1, to make its nominations for Districts 1, 2 and 8. The following incumbents were nominated: Morell Jones, District 1; Basil Williams, District 2; and Beverly Carter, District 8.

Important Dates

March 16	Deadline for Petitions
April 24	Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed
May 16	Deadline for Ballots*
May 17	Validation & Counting Ballots
May 19	Annual Meeting (Inborden/Enfield Middle School)

* Return your ballot by May 16 in order to be entered in a drawing for an electric service credit.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sausage Bites

- 1/2 pkg Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed
- 1/2 lb bulk pork sausage

Heat the oven to 400°. Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 12x10-inch rectangle. Cut into 3 (3-inch) strips. Divide the sausage into thirds. Shape each into a cylinder the same length as the pastry. Place 1 piece of sausage on the long edge of each pastry rectangle. Roll up the pastry around the sausage, press the seams and pinch the edges to seal. Cut each roll into 12 slices. Place slices cut-side down onto baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Let cool on wire rack for 10 minutes before serving.

Source: Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry box

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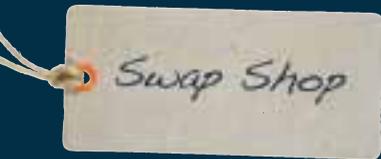
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For sale: 19" computer monitor, ex. cond., \$20; standard ping pong table w/accessories, ex. cond., \$50; gift card in amount of \$300 to Generation Salon & Spa (located in Raleigh), \$200, Call: 252-526-5194 (Scotland Neck).

Lawn maintenance: Complete lawn maintenance for commercial/residential, fully insured, free estimates. For more details, Call: 252-904-1598 or 252-826-3957 (Lawn Ranger, Sonny Padgett, Scotland Neck).

Tornado Safety

It's hard to believe it has been almost a year since devastating tornadoes ripped through our state, killing more than 20 people, injuring hundreds of others and damaging homes and businesses. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, tornado occurrences peak in the southeast between March and May, so it's important that we all know what to look for and how to prepare as we enter this season of uncertainty.

Tornadoes, known as nature's most dangerous storms, can be more than a mile wide and create winds that reach up to 300 miles per hour. Tornadoes can develop quickly in the right conditions, which is one of the reasons these storms are so dangerous. Look for these signs that a tornado may form.

Signs a tornado may be coming:

- Tornadoes typically occur in the late afternoon and evening.
- Often there is calm before the storm, and it is not uncommon for a tornado to take place under sunny skies, however, they generally occur at the trailing edge of a thunderstorm.
- Watch for a dark, often greenish sky, large hail and a loud roar that sounds similar to a freight train.

- A tornado WATCH means that a tornado is possible, and to stay tuned as storm conditions develop.
- A tornado WARNING means that a tornado has been spotted or indicated on weather radar and you should take shelter immediately.

Things to do before a storm:

- Develop a plan and determine the safest place to take shelter in your home. The safest rooms are those in the middle of a house, with no windows, such as a lower-level bathroom or basement.
- Prior to peak tornado season, make sure to trim any tree limbs and branches that could be a hazard to your home. Do not trim trees close to overhead power lines; call your electric cooperative instead.
- Remove any debris from around your lawn. Be sure all lawn tools and yard ornaments are put away and secure patio furniture; checking for these hazards may help keep you and your home safe in the event of a tornado.

Knowing what to look for and preparing for a tornado can help keep your family safe this spring.

Account Updates

Drawing Eligibility

HEMC is still accepting account updates through April 2012. Please note, if you have already sent in your updated information you do not need to send it again. **Entries for the \$50 electric service credit are only one per household.** Once you have submitted your updated information you are entered in the drawing and can not be entered in the drawing again. If you have NOT sent in an account update, please use the enclosed postcard.

January Winner

The winner of the January drawing for a \$50 electric service credit is Addie R. Blum of Warrenton, NC.

