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Local linemen, local power: Celebrate lineworkers on National Lineman Appreciation Day!

Join us, and electric cooperative members nationwide, in celebrating the hardworking men and women who keep the lights on. Monday, April 10, 2017 is National Lineman Appreciation Day.

Local linemen, local power

“Linemen are first responders. They’re out in all kinds of inclement weather and at all hours. We depend on them to be the front line,” said Charles Guerry, Executive Vice President of Halifax EMC.

Being the ‘front line’ for Halifax EMC means linemen are first responders in our community. As a local business, Halifax EMC’s employees, including our linemen, live in the communities we serve. You’ll see them not only restoring power, but also at the store, at church or picking up their kids from school, and you can feel confident that they — like you — want power to be restored to our community as quickly and safely as possible.

When conditions are worst, line-workers are at their best

Electricity is delivered along a series of connected wires and poles, and when that connection is interrupted by something like a falling tree branch, an animal or faulty equipment, it takes knowledge, skill and muscle to rebuild. Our crews are always ready. In the middle of the night, on holidays, and in snow, ice, floods and extreme heat, they are dedicated to restoring power to members, no matter the conditions.

“All our cooperative employees do a phenomenal job every day to serve our members, but it takes a unique person to do the work of a lineman, and they’re looked at as heroes,” Guerry said.

Join us, and #ThankALineman

On April 10, 2017, take a moment to show your gratitude to the dedicated crews who build, maintain and repair the electric system that power our lives. On social media, use the hashtag #ThankALineman!

Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

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Electric Lines

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

“It is critically important that we hear your voice and the voices of the most diverse group of members.”

Members in good standing with their co-op have the right to seek election to the board of directors. While serving on a board is certainly not for everyone, it is healthy for any co-op to have an engaged membership with a portion of the members interested in serving in a leadership role.

At Halifax EMC we are governed by a board of nine directors, elected by the membership, that provides strategic direction and guidance to ensure we continue to serve the interests of you, the member-owner.

While democracy itself is an imperfect system, it remains the best way to ensure the maximum number of voices is heard. Democracy cannot and should not be taken for granted.

The electric co-op’s mission to provide safe, reliable and affordable power has been achieved. Now, as the utility industry enters an era of change, when people have more choices for the way they receive electricity, it is critically important that we hear your voice and the voices of the most diverse

group of members. Through active engagement and participation of the membership, the co-op can ensure it is leading in a direction that the members will want to follow.

In addition to ensuring the co-op serves the best interests of its members, the board of directors is committed to providing solutions that maintain the vibrancy of our local communities. Being a co-op board member requires a real commitment of time and effort and an attitude of being a servant leader, meaning board members should want to engage to make a real contribution to the membership and community.

As May quickly approaches, I wish to remind our members that the Annual Meeting is right around the corner – Saturday, May 20. The co-op’s democratically elected board is given the privilege to serve because of YOUR vote. Do your part and participate by mailing in your ballot (located inside next month’s issue of this newsletter) to elect your board members.





Annual Meeting 2017

Remember to mark your calendar for the Co-op's 78th Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held Saturday, May 20, at Inborden Elementary/Enfield Middle School on Highway 481 in Enfield. Register between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. so that your name will be included in the drawing for door prizes, enjoy a continental breakfast served by the Volunteers In Action, check out the booths and guest vendors, let the kids play outside and have a BBQ and fried chicken plate provided by Abram's of Scotland Neck.

Important Dates

April 24	Notice of Annual Meeting & Ballots Mailed
May 17	Deadline for Ballots*
May 18	Validation & Counting Ballots
May 20	Annual Meeting (Inborden/Enfield Middle School)

* Return your ballot by May 17 in order to be entered in a drawing for an electric service credit.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

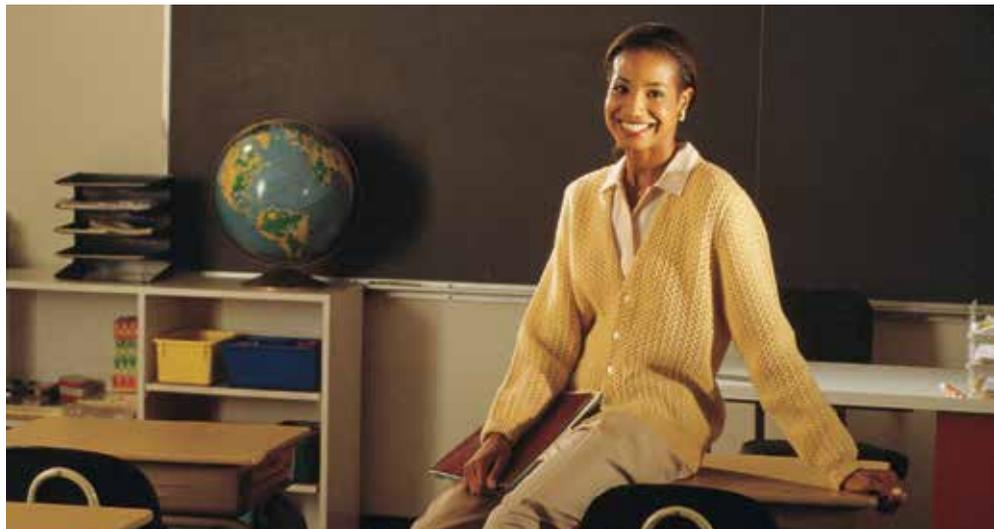
Air-dry the clean dishes in your dishwasher to save energy. If your dishwasher does not have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the dishwasher after the final rinse and prop the door open slightly so the dishes will dry faster.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on Friday, April 14, in observance of Good Friday.



Educators: Spark Classroom Engagement with a Bright Ideas Grant!

What's your Bright Idea? North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Halifax EMC, are accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2017–18 school year. Teachers in K–12 classrooms with innovative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant up to \$2,000.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives are committed to supporting local communities, and last year, Halifax EMC awarded \$7,400 in Bright Ideas funding directly to local teachers. Since 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$10.9 million in Bright Ideas grant funding,

and well over 2.1 million North Carolina students have participated in approximately 10,400 Bright Ideas projects.

Grant applications will be accepted Saturday, April 1 through September 18. It could pay to apply early: all teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Aug. 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Teachers can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit NCBrightIdeas.com.



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Scholarship Deadlines

Retired Manager's Scholarships April 1

Volunteers In Action Educational Opportunity Scholarship July 1

For more information on these scholarship opportunities, visit halifaxemc.com or call 252-445-5113, ext. 2034.

Community Event

Co-op To Host Enfield Blood Drive
Thursday, April 13
12:30 pm–4:30 pm



American Red Cross