



POWERLINES

POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE | MAY 2019

**CO-OP MEMBERS:
GET \$300 OFF
HOME PERFORMANCE TEST
AND UP TO \$1,000 REBATE
ON HOME ENERGY UPGRADES**

Would you like to cut energy costs and improve comfort in your home?

We recommend a home performance test to identify where heat (or air conditioning) is escaping your home. Tests are conducted by certified energy raters using an infrared camera (above) and blower door fan. The rater's report provides you with the best ways to lower your energy use and improve comfort in your home. Reducing electricity lowers your energy costs, as well as carbon emissions.

Call for \$300 off a home performance test and up to \$1,000 toward energy upgrades, 800-421-0283, ext. 595.

See you at the annual meeting

by General Manager Steve Stroshane



If you are like me, your life is busy. We find ourselves balancing work and family, checking phones and emails, and keeping up with the demands of modern life. My to-do list at home has transitioned from winter to summer chores, and I'm busy with yard work, home repairs, car maintenance and my daughter's traveling volleyball. I'm grateful for my job, home and family.

With so many pressing obligations, we all like to protect our spare time. Invitations to attend events are weighed carefully. Knowing how valuable your time is, all of us at Polk-Burnett would appreciate your attendance at our 81st Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day Friday, June 7.

Thanks to technology, we can accomplish many tasks electronically and be more efficient. But sometimes, there is no substitute for connecting in person. This is your chance to talk with co-op employees and directors. If you've never attended an annual meeting or if it's been a while, please stop by. We look forward to visiting with you! We'll have food, fun and prizes, along with our annual meeting on co-op performance.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

2019 MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

AND ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

1001 STATE ROAD 35, CENTURIA

1 P.M.-3 P.M. OPEN HOUSE : 3 P.M.-4 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING



BUCKET TRUCK RIDES

KIDS ELECTRICITY CENTER

BEAN BAG TOSS



LINEMAN SELFIE PHOTOS

MEET SOLAR SAM

FACE PAINTING BOOTH

DRAWINGS • FAMILY ACTIVITIES • FUN FOOD • GIVEAWAYS

- 32" LED Television
- 32GB Wi-Fi iPad
- (10) \$50 Bill Credits

- Tote Bags & Ice Scrapers for Members
- \$5 DQ Cards for the First 100 Kids
- Co-op Coloring Books for Kids

ROOT BEER FLOATS • KETTLE CORN • MINI DONUTS • CHEESE CURDS • BBQ PORK SLIDERS

Which is better: Air source or ground source (geothermal) heat pumps?

It depends on your situation. Geothermal energy and air source heat pumps are both efficient technologies to heat and cool your home. Both HVAC systems have pros and cons. And both are eligible for co-op rebates!

Learn more about these heating/cooling technologies, plus rebates and tax credits!



Geothermal/Air Source Heat Pump Seminar

Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, Centuria

Register by June 7, 800-421-0283, ext. 595.



POWERING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

May is electrical safety month: Keep your family safe

We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents can happen when electricity is used improperly.



According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), thousands of Americans are critically injured as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their homes. **Please follow these tips and be safe around electricity every day:**

- ✓ Don't use extension cords in high traffic areas or as a permanent power supply.
- ✓ Heavy reliance on power strips is a sign that you have too few outlets for your needs.
- ✓ Keep liquids and drinks away from TVs, computers and other electrical equipment.
- ✓ Check for overhead power lines before using ladders outdoors.
- ✓ Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords and broken plugs.
- ✓ Unplug outdoor power tools and appliances when not in use.
- ✓ Water and electricity do not mix. Avoid wet conditions when using electricity.
- ✓ **Report safety hazards, downed lines or trees on a line to the co-op, 800-421-0283.**



Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Lower your risk of electrical fires by not overloading your home's electrical system.

Safety starts with you.

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary.

Source: energy.gov



CO-OP LEADERS ARE LOCAL MEMBERS, LIKE YOU

Ballots mailed April 29 to members in districts 4, 5 and 6 for the 2019 co-op board election.

Vote by mail or online.

Why it's good to see co-op workers on your property

Polk-Burnett employees and contractors work throughout our service territory, in the rights-of-way and easements, and across your private property and driveways. Our efforts to ensure reliable power for you and your neighbors mean we must cross your property from time to time. You may see us:

- ✓ Making routine repairs
- ✓ Replacing meters
- ✓ Trimming trees and brush
- ✓ Restoring power outages
- ✓ Locating buried utilities for construction and digging projects
- ✓ Working to upgrade poles, wires, transformers and equipment
- ✓ Inspecting lines, power poles, transformer boxes and equipment

All field work, except emergency power restoration, is conducted during normal working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Every effort is made to avoid damage and unnecessary intrusion.

If you have concerns about our work, contact us at 800-421-0283. We appreciate your cooperation.

PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



IF YOU RECEIVE AN EMAIL SURVEY, WE APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK TO HELP US IMPROVE.

All members who submit a survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 bill credit.

Polk-Burnett is your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Reliable power with efficiency and extraordinary service.

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