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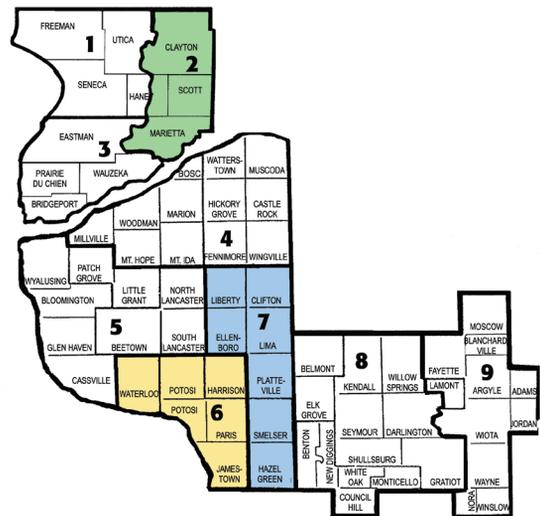
SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

Calling all Director Candidates - Districts 2, 6, and 7

If you reside in Districts, 2, 6, or 7, and you are interested in running for a seat on the SREC Board of Directors, you must act quickly. The deadline for turning in the necessary paperwork is **Sunday, January 9, 2022**. Potential candidates must be in good standing with the Cooperative, cannot be an employee of the cooperative as well as other qualifications.

Potential candidates must gather a minimum of 15 signatures on the petition form in order to become eligible to run for a position on the board. Petitions must be signed by 15 members who reside in the district in which the nominee resides. In the case of a joint membership, the signature of one of both joint members counts as one (1) signature per the Bylaws. The nominee must receive service from the cooperative, at the address in the district they are interested in representing. As provided by the Bylaws, directors receive a per diem for attendance at monthly board meetings. The current per diem is \$500 per meeting.



Completed petitions must be received at the SREC office in Lancaster no later than January 9, 2022.

Our 2022 Annual Meeting and election will be held on Saturday, April 9 and is scheduled to be held in person at the Grant County Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster. Current Directors, Sandy Davidson, Don Schaefer and

Lily Long, respectively are all seeking re-election. Petition forms are available on our website or by calling our offices.

For additional information about the petition process or qualifications for directors, please refer to the Bylaws, the sample petition form, and the director district map which are available on the cooperative's website at www.sre.coop. Please contact Judy at 800-236-2141 x554 with any questions. ■

ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKUP: Electric Panel

Do you have recurring tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses?

→ It may indicate you're exceeding a safe level of electrical current.

Do you have arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs)?

→ These provide greater fire protection. Check your circuit breakers for the AFCI label.

Be Alert for Peak Alerts



Winter is upon us, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members. A peak alert is likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use whenever possible. The level of demand determines a large portion of the cooperative's wholesale energy costs during this time. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak alert helps lower the wholesale cost of power.

The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. on these cold winter days. This helps Scenic Rivers Energy save on our wholesale power bill, and those savings are passed on to you, our members. When our members turn off unneeded lighting and delay using appliances, the amount saved can be substantial.

On these colder days, the peak-alert messages will be broadcast on our Facebook page, our website and on many area radio stations. Working together as a cooperative helps all our members to save money. ■



Deck the Halls **SAFELY**

- Use only lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations **rated for outdoor use**.
- When decorating outside, **look up and around** for power lines. **Never throw lights** or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself **at least ten feet away** from power lines.
- Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)**.

For more **holiday safety tips** visit:

 Safe
Electricity.org

Holiday Décor Tips for an Energy-Wise Home

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking—and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between \$10 to \$25 and can be purchased through online retailers like Amazon or at big box stores like Lowe's or Wal-Mart. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer



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for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and intended for outdoor use.

If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot, give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows. To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30—and because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.



If you prefer a more natural approach to your holiday décor, consider making a simple wreath or garland for the exterior of your home. You can also use solar-powered spotlights to illuminate the greenery at night.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season. ■





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM OUR CO-OP FAMILY TO YOURS,
WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.



**SCENIC RIVERS
HOLIDAY HOURS**
Closed – Christmas Eve,
December 24
Closed – New Year’s Eve,
December 31

Save the date for our
Annual Meeting – April 9, 2022



Vegetation Management

Zielie’s Tree Service will continue working on the Mt. Zion substation in Crawford County during December.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. During this time, we especially appreciate your cooperation as we maintain social distancing between our essential staff and our members. **If you have questions, please contact Jay at jgardner@srec.net or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.**



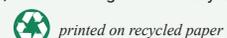
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Any questions or comments can be directed to Watt’s Happening, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 231 North Sheridan, Lancaster, WI 53813 or telephone (608) 723-2121 or toll free 800-236-2141.

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