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A NEWSLETTER FROM ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE



JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 6 PM

ARROWHEAD CENTER FOR
THE ARTS, GRAND MARAIS

*Be informed about your Co-op and
have your voice be heard!*



As a member-owner of Arrowhead Cooperative, you are also an owner of the cooperative. As an owner, you have a voice in the operation of our organization. Through attendance at the Annual Meeting and the election of Directors, you help set the future direction of our Cooperative.

Join us to hear from your co-op leaders who will discuss priorities for the Cooperative, challenges we face, our financial health, and operational plans for the coming years. In addition, members will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain helpful information about the electric industry and the Cooperative. As a member of our community, you have a valuable perspective—and we invite you to share it with the co-op.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Arrowhead Center for the Arts in Grand Marais. Remember to bring the registration coupon from your annual report to receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

In addition, the Cooperative will be collecting food and donations for the Cook County Food Shelf.

ANNUAL REPORT

In late May, all members will receive the 2022 Annual Report. The publication includes a summary of last year's financials as well as a report from the management team.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The Annual Report also includes your ballot to vote for candidates for the Board of Directors. This year one seat is up for election:

- District 1: Hovland/Grand Portage

The Annual Report will include short biographies for each of the candidates. Although candidates are elected to represent a specific district, ALL members may vote in the election. Please choose one candidate in each district and enclose your ballot in the envelopes provided. Sign the outer envelope and mail it (postage paid!) to our office.

Ballots must be received in our office by Wednesday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m. if mailed. If you prefer, you can bring your ballot with you to the Annual Meeting. Director elections will come to a close at the Annual Meeting and the results will be announced after the votes are counted.

This is YOUR Cooperative. To remain healthy and strong, we need to have continued active participation and support from you. If you have not attended the Annual Meeting in the past, or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to join us. Arrowhead Cooperative is connected to you by more than just power lines. We are your neighbors and we look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting.

CREDIT AVAILABLE TO ARROWHEAD BROADBAND SUBSCRIBERS THROUGH FCC

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides qualifying households with monthly credits to help pay for internet service. If eligible, you may receive a credit of up to \$30 per month toward your broadband services, or up to \$75 in Tribal lands. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service credit per household.

QUALIFYING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

A household is eligible for this program if one member of the household meets any one of the following criteria:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program;
- Household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program, or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Receives assistance through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).



HOW TO APPLY

Visit acpbenefit.org to apply for the affordable connectivity benefit. Once you have been approved contact Arrowhead Broadband at (218) 663-9030 or broadband@arrowhead.coop to get the discount added to your account.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the information provided above, please contact Arrowhead Broadband at (800) 864-3744. You can also visit the FCC website at www.fcc.gov/acp.



LEARN MORE AND PICK UP A FREE TREE FROM ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE!

To keep you informed and show our care for the community, Arrowhead Cooperative is hosting a tree giveaway event. Information will be available on our right of way maintenance plans and our Integrated Vegetation Management program.

In addition, we'll be giving away an assortment of native, low growing trees and shrubs, including Wild Plum, Black Chokeberry, False Indigo, and Sand Cherry for planting outside of the power line right-of-way.

JOIN US

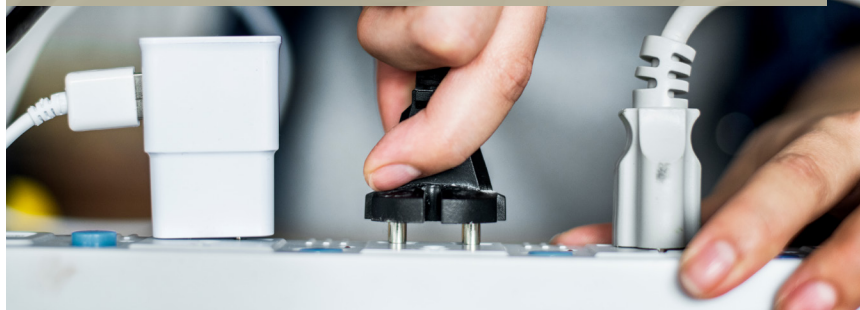
THURSDAY, MAY 11:

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Portage Community Center

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Gunflint Mid Trail Fire Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 12: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Arrowhead Office

MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY MONTH



May is National Electric Safety Month, a time to promote awareness about electrical safety and to educate people on the proper use of electrical appliances and equipment. Electricity is an essential part of modern life, but it can also be dangerous if not handled properly. By observing a few simple precautions, we can protect ourselves, our families, and our communities from electrical hazards.

One of the most important things to remember is to always use electrical appliances and equipment according to their instructions. This includes using the right type of electrical outlet and extension cords, and never overloading them with too many devices or appliances. Additionally, it is important to never touch electrical equipment or outlets with wet hands or while standing on wet surfaces.

Another crucial aspect of electrical safety is to have a professional electrician inspect your home's electrical system regularly. This can help identify potential hazards before they become serious problems. Additionally, it is important to never attempt to repair electrical equipment yourself, as this can be extremely dangerous and can lead to serious injury or even death.

Some additional tips for keeping you safe around electricity in your home include:

- Take an electrical tour through your home and search for potential hazards.
- Never put anything into electrical outlets not intended for them.
- Make sure electrical outlets aren't overloaded.
- Check all electrical and extension cords to make sure they aren't cracked, frayed or covered by rugs or furniture.
- Use the appropriate wattage light bulb for lighting fixtures.
- Keep electrical appliances away from damp or hot surfaces and make sure they have appropriate air circulation.
- Dim or flickering lights, arcs or sparks, sizzling or buzzing sounds from your electrical systems, odors, hot switch plates, loose plugs and damaged insulation, among other things, are signs of potential hazards and should be examined by a qualified electrician.

By following these simple tips and being mindful of electrical safety, we can ensure that our homes and communities are safe and secure. Let's take this opportunity during National Electric Safety Month to educate ourselves and others on the importance of electrical safety, and to make our world a safer place.

CO-OP NEWS

BUDGET BILLING TRUE UP

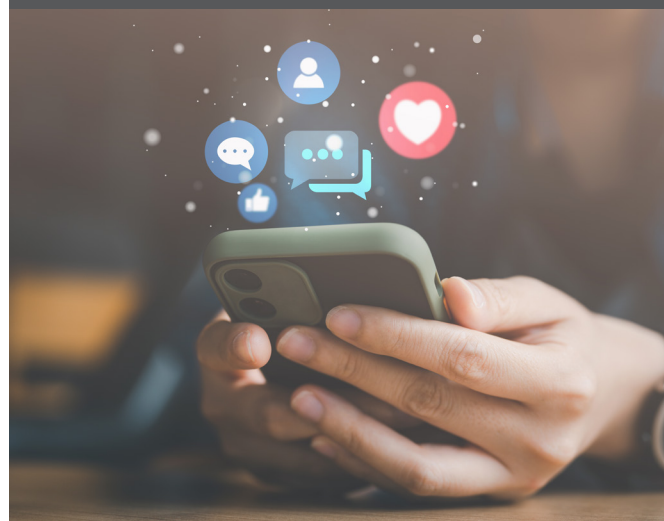
If you are enrolled in Arrowhead Cooperative's Budget Billing program, it's Budget Billing True Up Month. Each May, your bill will display your actual account balance due, which may be higher or lower than your budgeted billing amount, depending on your actual usage for the year. It will also show the new budget amount that has been calculated for the next 11 months.

PLAN AHEAD AND KNOW WHAT'S BELOW

You must call 811 before you dig! It's the safest and only legal way to dig. Even small projects like planting a shrub require you to make advance arrangements before digging. Your call to 811 connects you with Minnesota's Gopher State One Call which arranges for utilities like Arrowhead Cooperative to locate and mark our buried utilities in your dig area at no cost to you.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



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GREAT RIVER ENERGY DELIVERS ON ITS TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE IN 2022

Cooperative's performance demonstrates its commitment to rates, reliability and environmental stewardship

Like all cooperatives, Great River Energy strives to provide great, affordable service and meet the needs of its membership. Electricity is being produced in new ways and cooperative members are finding different ways to use that electricity in their homes and businesses. Great River Energy and its member-owners have adapted remarkably to both trends. They have taken important steps to meet members' energy needs today, tomorrow and long into the future while recording impressive financial and operational performance.

FOCUSED ON THE MEMBERS

Cooperatives are not-for-profit organizations that operate at cost, only collecting enough revenue to run the business and meet their financial obligations. When a cooperative experiences financial success, it returns those dollars to members.

The past year was marked with periods of turbulence in the energy markets; however, Great River Energy's resources performed well. In fact, strong financial results allowed Great River Energy to issue a total of \$38 million in bill credits throughout the year. The cooperative also issued patronage capital payments to member-owners.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Great River Energy successfully concluded several significant projects over the past year that have the cooperative on track to maintain stable wholesale electric rates and reliable service while reducing its environmental impact.

Great River Energy sold its largest coal-based power plant and the high-voltage, direct-current (HVDC) transmission

system that delivered the plant's electricity to Minnesota. As part of the sale, Great River Energy secured rights to interconnect a large renewable energy project to the HVDC system. The project will fulfill a significant portion of the renewable energy needs for Great River Energy's power supply transition. Great River Energy is on a trajectory to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by more than 80% by 2033, and it has done so cost-effectively.

TRANSMISSION EXPANSION UNDERWAY

Great River Energy is a partner on a critical high-voltage transmission project that will support grid reliability and resilience in the Upper Midwest. Known as the Northland Reliability Project, the 150-mile line between the Iron Range and central Minnesota is one of the transmission projects planned to invest in electric reliability. Subject to regulatory approvals, the transmission line is estimated to be in service by 2030.

GRID REMAINS STABLE

Extreme weather challenged the electric grid in 2022, but Great River Energy's system performed well thanks to its experienced team and the ability to reduce demand at critical moments.

On several occasions, Great River Energy deployed "demand response" resources, which strategically reduce electricity use to maintain the health of the grid and avoid high power market prices. By calling on its demand response resources this summer, Great River Energy reduced hundreds of megawatts of electricity demand and avoided making costly market purchases — ultimately saving members upwards of \$2.5 million.

ETHANOL BUSINESS SOLD

A biofuels enterprise of which Great River Energy was the majority owner was sold in 2022 for the benefit of the membership. Great River Energy's ownership of Midwest AgEnergy served its members well for many years. After the sale of Coal Creek Station, however, the cooperative had less of a strategic interest in ethanol biorefineries.

Great River Energy strives to support its member-owners, contribute to sustainable communities and deliver on its mission to provide affordable, reliable energy in harmony with a sustainable environment.



MAY CALENDAR WINNER

Submitted by: Peter Elvin



EFFICIENCY TIP

For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary.

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