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SAVE THE DATE
80TH ANNUAL MEETING
Join us on August 21, 2024
Laursen Central School
5:00 PM REGISTRATION
7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING
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We are excited to announce our upcoming Annual Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at Laursen Central School! This event serves as a valuable opportunity for us to come together as a cooperative community, reflect on our year’s achievements and chart the course for the future.

Registration will begin with a "Member Mingle" Session at 5:00 P.M. During this time we encourage you to enjoy live local music and a variety of local vendors. The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Brooks BBQ Chicken will be serving a dinner by RESERVATION ONLY, limited to 4 dinners per family at discounted rate of \$10 per dinner. Additional dinners may be purchased for \$25 each.

We have secured a variety of raffle prizes! Each household membership attending the meeting will be entered for the drawings. Additionally, we encourage early registration! 10 Lucky Early Registrants will be entered to win a \$100.00 bill credit! Must be present to win! More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

Board of Directors

Gary Potter
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Director

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5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

1. Raise your thermostat.

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.

2. Install window coverings

like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping

around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.

4. Run ceiling fans

for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.

5. Lower your water heater thermostat

to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



Source: Dept. of Energy

Budget Billing

Budget Billing is a convenient way to manage your electric payments and plan your monthly budget. To help control fluctuating monthly bills, the Cooperative offers fixed budget billing to its members. To sign up, call the office at 607-293-6622 and we would be happy to discuss your options!

Fixed budget billing is available to members who wish to pay the same amount each month and not be surprised by higher summer or winter bills. We will estimate your monthly consumption based on your past year's usage or 36 months if you have been a member long enough. We utilize April as a "catch-up" month, so if your budget did not cover your winter bills, you would be required to pay what is owed in that billing cycle. Each year in April, we recalculate your budget amount based on your usage, to ensure we have you set at an appropriate amount.



Safe Tree Planting!

Trees or other vegetation growing near electric lines poses a major threat to the safety of humans and animals in the vicinity of the lines. Not only can it cause safety concerns, trees that grow into the lines can cause disruption of your electric service. As we are nearing planting season, if you are considering planting trees on your property, please ensure you are making safe decisions about where you plant! Try to avoid areas where the trees will grow into the power lines in the future. Check out the chart below for some helpful information!

Nomination and Elections Committee

All members are hereby notified that, as defined in the bylaws of Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. the Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee. The nominating committee will meet during the month of June to select a list of nominations for director.

Article 4, Section 3 of the bylaws follows:

NOMINATIONS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty days nor more than seventy-five days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations and elections consisting of five members who shall be selected from different sections of the project area so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Directors may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall review, certify and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors. Any fifteen or more members acting together shall make nominations by petition not less than seventy-five days prior to the meeting. In the event adequate nominations are not received and certified, the nominations and elections committee will have the authority to appoint nominees. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the certified candidates.

Petitions are available at the Cooperative office. Petitions will need to be submitted on or before May 29th.

Plant Trees Safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

