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Join us for the 2022 Annual Meeting: Food, Prizes, Music, and Co-Op Business!

The Cooperative's 78th Annual Meeting will be held in person, Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School located at 693 NY-51, Gilbertsville, NY 13776. Registration will open at 5:00 PM with the business meeting to begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Official notice and an open invitation are hereby extended to all bona fide members and their families of the Cooperative and take part in the proceedings. There are also proposed bylaw changes on the Business Agenda.

REGISTRATION 5:00—6:45 PM BUSINESS MEETING: 7:00 PM

Brooks' House of BBQ will be serving a chicken dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 PM by **Reservation ONLY**. There will be bill credits to all members who are registered and seated in the auditorium before 7:00 PM and there will be two Grand Prize drawings - one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end.

If you would like to join us and participate in the chicken BBQ dinner, please complete the dinner ticket and return it with the \$10.00 per dinner payment. Please make checks payable to "Otsego Electric Cooperative" and please **DO NOT** include this payment in your check for payment of your electric bill. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the meeting.

Live Music by **John Thomson and Jason Wicks!**

Vendor Fair including several local organizations and businesses!
We hope to see you there!



78th Annual Meeting — Brooks' Chicken Bar-B-Q \$10.00 Per Serving

Enclosed Please Find \$ _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$10.00 Each (**NO Takeout**)

Name(s) _____

(Otsego Electric Cooperative Members and Family Only Please)



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Heat Pump Rebates

Thinking about switching your source of heating?

Some of our Co-op members have switched their heating systems to superior efficiency Geothermal and Air Source Heat Pumps. Air source heat pumps (ASHP) provide heating and cooling by moving heat into a home or building for heating or out of a building for cooling. ASHPs use outdoor air as a source of heat, while ground source (or geothermal) heat pumps use the ground as a source of heat.

Here are some benefits of these systems:

- **Energy Savings** – If you heat with oil or propane, you could save hundreds of dollars on your heating bill.
- **High-efficiency cooling, no ductwork required** – Geothermal systems and air source heat pumps also provide air conditioning or dehumidification and are more efficient than window units and most central air conditioning systems. Ductless ASHPs can allow you to reclaim your windows and avoid having to install ductwork to stay comfortable in the summer.
- **Improved health and air quality** – These systems can dehumidify air which can improve your air quality and comfort. Filtration provided by advanced ASHP systems can reduce allergens in your home.
- **Lower your carbon footprint** – Converting from burning fossil fuels to geothermal or an air source heat pump can reduce your carbon footprint and dependence on imported fossil fuels.

We have made an arrangement for you to work with Heat Smart Mohawk Valley to help you through the process. The contact at Heatsmart Mohawk Valley is Anna Rutenbeck Email: coordinator@heatsmartmv.org. Visit their website at <https://www.heatsmartmv.org/> for more information.

COOPERATIVE FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

As a member of an electric cooperative (also known as a co-op), you're part of something special! Read the facts about co-ops below and use the word bank to fill in the blanks. Check your work in the answer key.



1. Co-ops don't have customers. Instead, they have _____.
2. Co-ops are local organizations and businesses, so they understand the local _____ they serve.
3. All co-ops are guided by the same set of cooperative _____.
4. _____ are led by the members they serve.
5. You're a member of an _____ co-op, but there are also housing, grocery and other types of co-ops.

Word Bank:

Electric
Principles
Members
Communities
Co-ops

Answer Key: 1) members 2) communities 3) principles 4) co-ops 5) electric

NEW EV Rebate!

Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. will offer a \$150 Rebate to owners of Electric Vehicles (EV) who will be charging their EV on our system. If you own an EV and are charging it from our system, please contact the office to receive your rebate at 607-293-6622.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.

Source: Dept. of Energy

