

OEC Current

Annual Meeting 2021

The OEC 77th Annual Meeting was held on August 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM as scheduled in the Milford Central School auditorium. There were 88 registered members in attendance and business was conducted with a full business agenda. There were no invited guests due to the recent uptick in COVID-19 in the area. Gary Potter, Charles Arnold, Edward Clarke and Amy Parr were re-elected as Directors. Tim Johnson, CEO reported that the cooperative and OEConnect are in good financial and operational condition and both are growing. He also announced that capital credit retirements have been made this year to: members of OEC holding capital for the year 1985; to Estates of deceased members; and to members of OEC Blue. The following directors were elected as Officers for 2021-22 by the Board of Directors after the meeting: President, Gary Potter; Vice President, Charles Arnold; Secretary, Steve Child; and Treasurer, Edward Clarke. Prizes were drawn after the meeting and winners were notified directly by OEC Staff. If you would like to access the CEO Report and Financial Highlights that were discussed at the meeting, please visit www.otsegoec.coop/annual-meeting.

OEConnection Coming Soon!

Beginning next month, OEConnect will now have it's own newsletter to keep you up to date on all things internet and phone! We will be keeping you, as members, up to date on both what is happening in our growing fiber-to-the-home business and also our electric cooperative. We are growing and connecting more members every day and working on another expansion project. Please look out for OEConnection next month!



If you are interested in OEConnect internet and phone services, please give the office a call at 607-293-6622. Information about our plans can be found at www.oeconnect.coop.

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Forest Pest Warning:

Many of you may have noticed or heard that we have certain pests causing havoc on your trees. The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive beetle from Asia that infests and kills North American ash species. All of New York's ash trees (white, blue and black) are susceptible to damage. Some signs that you may have an infestation are: the tree canopy includes yellow or browning of leaves, increased woodpecker activity, the bark begins to fall off and S-shaped larval paths may be visible. It usually takes about 2 to 4 years for the tree to die after becoming infested. These dead trees can present problems if they are located near your power lines.

Currently, the NY DEC is still collecting new locations of infestations but are not actively managing. NY has a regulation to restrict the movement of firewood of any tree species to within 50 miles of source of origin. If you have found proof of an infestation, you are not required to take down the tree unless the tree could pose a hazard. The DEC can confirm if the signs of the tree damage are from the emerald ash borer but will not assist in helping remove the tree. For more information on the ash borer or other invasive pests, visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html.



Colder Days are Coming

Colder days are on the way. We know you maybe wanted to wait as long as possible before turning on the heat and accepting that cold weather is arriving but there are some ways to prolong this: to use the sun for free heat by opening blinds during the day where the sun shines in to allow the sun to naturally warm the house and to bundle up with some extra clothes or blankets. Another step to take before turning on the heat is to check all fire and carbon monoxide alarms to keep you and your family safe. As you begin to turn the heat on, your electric bill will raise as you use more power to run the heat but if you are ever having difficulty paying your bill, please call our office to talk about what you can do to decrease your electricity use and perhaps talk about a budget plan.

Area Lights

Otsego Electric Cooperative offers a dusk to dawn area light for members for \$9.20 a month. This light is an unmetered service that turns on/off automatically for a convenient way to light up driveways or other areas. As the daylight hours get shorter, this light could be a great feature. We do require a 2-year contract for the light and it can be placed on a transformer pole or service pole. If the light becomes damaged or malfunctions, all you need to do is notify the office and we will make the necessary repairs at no cost to you.

Please call our office at 607-293-6622 or visit our website for more information or if you are interested in getting an area light.

