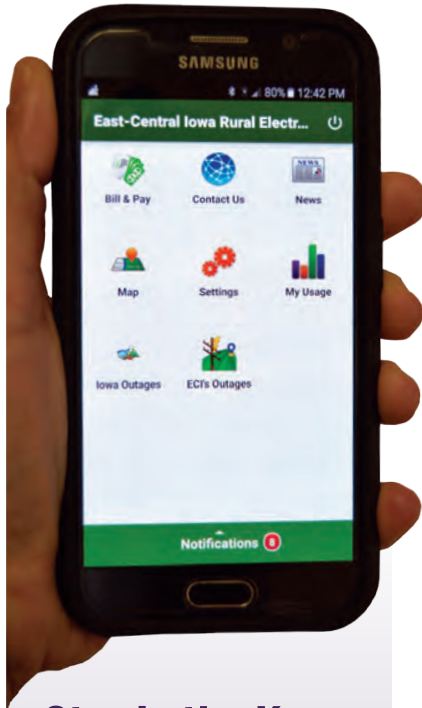


MAY 2020



Stay in the Know with SmartHub Mobile App

No matter where you are—at home or on the go—the SmartHub mobile app helps you stay up to date on your energy usage. It's available for download today from the Apple or Android store. You can also sign up for SmartHub by visiting ecirec.smarthub.coop.

When you're registered with SmartHub, you can:

- » Quickly view and file bills
- » Streamline month-to-month financial planning
- » Enroll in budget billing
- » Monitor your energy usage
- » Check ECI REC's online outage map, which offers near real-time information

2020 Annual Meeting: Powering Tomorrow with Today's Innovations

This year, we'll hold our very first virtually broadcasted Annual Meeting of the Members! With the 2020 State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in effect, a virtual meeting is our best option to do our part to minimize coronavirus (COVID-19) potential in local communities. The health of our members, employees, and the public must be our highest priority.

In addition to the standard Annual Meeting notice and paper ballots that are mailed to the membership, members will be given the opportunity to vote electronically at ecirec.coop, as well as using the SmartHub member portal.

All the details you need to participate in our meeting, including the links to vote electronically, will accompany the Annual Meeting of the Members notice you receive in the mail around June 1.

BOARD DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATES

Incumbent: Jeff Elliott
Opposing: Mark Kotouc

BOARD DISTRICT 9 CANDIDATES

Incumbent: Steve Rau
Opposing: Harlan Peterson

Geneseo (133) Tama County	Bruce (134) Benton County	Cedar (135) Benton County	Harrison (136) Benton County
Clark (143) Tama County	Monroe (144) Benton County	Jackson (145) Benton County	
Oneida (153) Tama County		Big Grove (155) Benton County	

				Illyria (17) Fayette County
	Fremont (24) Fayette County	Harlan (25) Fayette County	Smithfield (26) Fayette County	Fairfield (27) Fayette County
Franklin (33) Bremer County	Oran (34) Fayette County	Jefferson (35) Fayette County	Scott (36) Fayette County	Putnam (37) Fayette County
		Hazleton (45) Buchanan County	Buffalo (46) Buchanan County	Madison (47) Buchanan County
				Richland (48) Delaware County
				Sperry (28) Clayton County
				Cass (38) Clayton County

Annual Meeting of the Members

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

Virtually broadcast via Zoom from Urbana Administrative Headquarters

Login time opens:
10:30 a.m.

Business meeting:
11:00 a.m.

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MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Brought to you by Electrical Safety Foundation International

Follow ESFI at www.facebook.com/ESFI.org for more tips this May!

ALWAYS ASSUME ALL DOWNED LINES ARE LIVE

Downed power lines can be **deadly**. Always assume a downed power line is **live** and avoid approaching them or anything near them.

Use Precaution



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet away**. Even more in wet conditions.



If you see a downed power line, **call 911**.



Never drive over downed power lines or anything in contact with them.



Never try to move a downed power line.

If a vehicle contacts a **power line** or **utility pole**...

STAY AWAY AND CALL 911



Consider **all lines** to be live and dangerous.



Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see **fire** or **smoke**.



Warn others to stay at least **35 feet away**.



Tell others not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



Call **911**.



#ElectricalSafetyMonth

Save Today on ENERGY STAR®-Certified Ductless Heat Pumps



Non-Business Energy Property Tax Credits were retroactively extended through the end of the year. That means you could save 10% of cost up to \$500 (or an amount between \$50 and \$300) if you install a ductless heat pump or mini-split system before December 31, 2020!*

Why choose a ductless heat pump?

- » They provide both heating and cooling through a single device—a heat pump.
- » Instead of difficult-to-install, leaky, and bulky ductwork, ductless mini-split heat pumps use an indoor unit connected to an outdoor unit via refrigerant lines, which only need a three-inch hole in an outdoor wall for installation.
- » Ductless heat pumps may cut heating costs in half. Because they transfer heat instead of generating it, they use 60% less energy than standard home electric heating systems.
- » They may cut cooling costs by 30% compared to conventional room air conditioners.

*Unit must be installed in an existing home and your principal residence. New construction and rentals do not apply. If you think you may qualify for this tax credit, consult your tax advisor for assistance.

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