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SAVE THE DATE

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**PC Electric**  
ANNUAL MEETING

**Thanksgiving  
Closing Dates**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25



**Christmas  
Closing Dates**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26



**New Year's  
Closing Dates**

MONDAY, JANUARY 2



**Christmas Card  
Coloring Contest**

This contest is open to our PC Electric members, employees' families, and the students of our Adopted Schools (S.T.E.M Academy, Valverde, North Iberville Elementary, Upper Pointe Coupee, Rosenwald, Rougon, Livonia, Catholic of PC, False River Academy, Port Allen High, Holy Family, Cainview K-8, Plaquemine High, Crescent, MSA West and St. John).

Participants can find the coloring sheets (241300) and instructions on our website under Educational Programs. You can also pick up a copy of the age-appropriate picture in our lobby. The picture on the coloring page is edited to fit on a 5X7 Christmas card. Please do not edit or resize the image.

Get creative. Use colored pencils, markers, colored pens, crayons, or whatever medium you would like to "color" the image.

First, second, and third-place (717300) winners will be selected in each age division, and all first-place winners will have their artwork used as the front of our 2022 Christmas card.

If you have questions, please contact  
Jill Copeland @ 225-638-3751.







## HOLIDAY ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is here! Whether you're hosting this year's holiday festivities or visiting different relatives throughout the week, safety should always be at the top of your mind. Holiday fun (1066500) can lead to electrical disasters like shortages, fire and serious injuries. Follow these electrical safety tips that will keep you, your loved ones and your home safe this holiday season.

### **Don't overload electrical outlets**

Each outlet in your home is designed to handle a certain amount of electricity. Plugging in too many lights or festive decorations into one outlet can create an electrical circuit overload. This can cause overheating, which would then lead to melted wiring and a fire. Try to strategically map out how you can space out plugged in decorations amongst all of the outlets in your home instead of limiting yourself to just a few.

### **Make sure your extension cords are equipped for their use**

Extension cords can be lifesavers when decorating, but they also pose major safety problems. It is easy to overheat your extension cords by connecting devices to them that consume more watts than the cord allows. Additionally, damaged extension cords can cause fires. Double check your extension cords and their tolerance before using them.

### **Water your tree**

If you prefer a real Christmas tree for your home, make sure you water it often! Dry trees pose serious fire hazards, especially with lights strung around them.

### **Avoid tampering with cords**

Be mindful of how your cords interact with your physical space. Your cords should never be pinched by furniture, put under rugs, shoved into small spaces, or attached with nails and staples. Tampering with cords can lead to electrical shock and fire hazards.

### **Be aware of your kitchen situation**

When prepping family meals, make sure you leave all cooking areas as clean as possible, especially when dealing with grease. Likewise, don't leave combustible objects like towels and potholders near working stove tops. Clean surfaces will prevent potential fires.

### **Turn off decorations and extinguish candles**

Even if you plan on leaving the house for just a few minutes, you need to turn off and unplug all decorations and extinguish any candles in your home. Unattended candles are the cause of 1 in 5 house fires, and decorations can malfunction when you aren't keeping a close eye on them.

### **Keep a working fire extinguisher around**

Just in case disaster strikes, it's important to be prepared. Double check that you have a fire extinguisher that works and then run through a plan with your family so everyone in the house knows where it's located and how to use it. It's always better to be safe than sorry!

Decorating and cooking (1541302) are great ways to make memories with your family during the holiday season. However, holiday decorations can be dangerous. Following our safety tips is the best way to ensure your holiday experience is fun, and more importantly, safe.





## We're Thankful for Your Membership

Myron Lambert  
General Manager

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

In the spirit of this quote by author William Arthur Ward, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude (780404) for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to PC Electric, we are able to make our community a better place.

I generally use this space to provide updates on new projects and developments, and report out on the progress of ongoing initiatives. We share these updates so that all of our consumer members have a window into our priorities, progress, and challenges. However, during this season of giving thanks, I think it's equally important to let you and other consumer-members of PC Electric know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is "Concern for Community." While our priority (1050701) is always to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

We are purposeful in partnering with the local and regional chambers on potential projects and supporting local developers on new residential developments, and other programs.

We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations, award two college scholarships, provide mini-grants, and other educational and community programs.

And ultimately, the community benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

Because we are locally governed by members of our community, we are able to get a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments.

We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better-informed advisors that serve the co-op's interests in a way that our consumer-members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged periods.

PC Electric was originally established 84 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. Together, let's continue making our corner of the world a better place. We can't do it without you, and for that, we're thankful for your membership.





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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### APPLY NOW

Applications and guidelines have been sent to:

Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee

False River Academy

STEM Magnet Academy

Livonia High School

Port Allen High School

St. John High School

Plaquemine High School

MSA West

Applications and guidelines can also be found on our website at [www.pcemc.org](http://www.pcemc.org) or in our lobby.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant/Recipient must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member of and receives electricity from PC Electric.
- Applicant/Recipient must have maintained at least a 2.5 (C) overall GPA in high school.
- Applicant/Recipient must include a copy of his/her high school grades transcript.
- Applicant/Recipient must be entering his/her freshman year.
- Applicant/Recipient must be a full-time student.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP!

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the (1563613) easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters.

### FEELING LUCKY? LOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER TO WIN A BILL CREDIT!

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by December 31, 2022 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your bill statement.

**GOOD LUCK!**





Thanksgiving is almost here, which means it's time to start stockpiling easy recipes (1653613) that use up all of those delicious holiday leftovers. These Turkey Cranberry Sliders fit the bill perfectly. Not only do they use up leftover turkey and cranberry sauce, but they are filling and taste amazing! You're definitely going to want to try this recipe the day after Thanksgiving.

## TURKEY Cranberry SLIDERS



### Ingredients

1 package Hawaiian Sweet Rolls (12 count)

3 cups cooked turkey, diced or sliced

1 cup prepared cranberry sauce

6 slices of swiss cheese

4 Tablespoons of butter, melted

1 teaspoon yellow mustard

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon poppy seeds

### Instructions

• Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a 9x13 inch baking dish with non-stick foil, or prepare with baking spray.

• Separate the Hawaiian Rolls (top and bottom portion) and place the bottom half of each roll into the prepared baking dish.

• Layer with turkey, cranberry sauce and cheese then place the top half of the rolls back on top.

• In a small bowl, whisk together the melted butter, mustard, garlic powder and poppy seeds.

• Pour mixture over the top of the buns, and use a brush (2110300) or spoon to spread evenly over the top.

• Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes.

• Remove the foil and bake for 3 more minutes, uncovered. Serve immediately.

### Committee nominates candidates for Districts 3 and 5

The Nominating Committees made up of PC Electric Members from Districts 3 & 5 met Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at PC Electric Headquarters at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors for terms of three years beginning January 25, 2023.

The candidates nominated are incumbents George LaCour, Jr. of District 3; and Brenda Hurst of District 5.

PC Electric members serving on the nominating committees from Districts 3 & 5 were listed in the September-October issue of Connections.

### DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PETITION is Monday, November 21, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

According to the by-laws of PC Electric, candidates to run for the Board can be nominated in two ways: (1) NOMINATING COMMITTEE of PC Electric Members make recommendations from their district; and, (2) PETITION - Any fifteen (15) members acting together in a district may nominate another candidate by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION for candidates in District 3 & 5 are due in the office of PC Electric at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads, Louisiana before or by the close of business at 4:30 P.M.,

Monday, November 21, 2022.

Candidates for the Board must be active members of PC Electric and their main residence must be in the district for which they are nominated.

Only active members within the same district as the candidate may make nominations. The district number is listed on the far-right side of the PC Electric bill in the green shaded area.

The list of nominations will be posted in the lobby of the PC Electric office. If there are no nominations by petition, the candidates placed in nomination by the Nominating Committees will assume their seats on the Board of Directors on January 25, 2023.