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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Holiday office **HOURS**

November 23
November 24

CLOSED
CLOSED

December 25
December 26

CLOSED
CLOSED

January 1

CLOSED



SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for the



PC Electric

Annual

**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

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Month

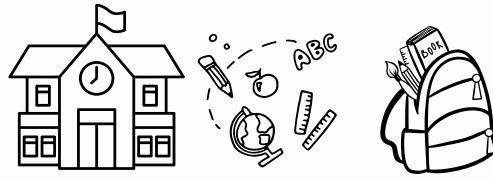
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Day

24

Year

*Makes charitable donations
to local organizations*



L to R Back – Eric Elliott, Board of Directors District 6, Chris Settoon, Board of Directors District 7, Jimmy Ewing, Jr., Board of Directors District 2.

L To R Front – Ralph Chustz, Sr. Board of Directors District 4, Amanda McDuff, PC Electric CFO, and representatives from the Iberville Foundation.

On Thursday, August 17, 2023, PC Electric presented a donation check in the amount of one thousand dollars, which was matched by CoBank (2299101) through its Sharing Success program. The organizations that received the donation was The Iberville Foundation for Academic Excellence, West Baton Rouge Foundation for Academic Excellence, Pointe Coupee Parish Council on Aging, and Pointe Coupee Health Care. PC Electric CFO, Amanda McDuff, along with PC Electric board members presented each organization with the matching funds from CoBank.



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The Sharing Success program was established in 2012 to celebrate the International Year of the Cooperative. Since the program's inception, CoBank and its customers have provided more than \$76 million in support to charitable organizations across the nation.



L to R – Myron Lambert, General Manager of PC Electric and Becky Bergeron of Pointe Coupee Council on Aging.



PC Electric is proud to partner with CoBank in donating funds to each of these well deserving organizations.

As the temperatures drop and the days grow shorter, there's a natural inclination to create a warm and cozy haven at home. Unfortunately, as we see increased use of heating equipment, candles (1755001), and electrical items, the number of home fires tends to increase during winter months.

Here are five ways you can safeguard your home for the winter season.

5 WAYS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

1. Ensure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working correctly. If your detectors are battery-operated, replace the batteries annually. Test the detectors once a month and dust them well to ensure the sensors are clear of dirt and debris.

2. Inspect electrical cords. We depend on more cords during winter, whether for holiday lighting, extension cords, or portable heaters. Before using any corded items, double-check to make sure cords aren't frayed or cracked. If you use portable (2167000) space heaters, remember to keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items. Use models that include an auto shut-off feature and overheat protection. Space heaters can take a toll on your energy bills. Use them efficiently (to heat smaller spaces) and safely. Never plug a space heater into a power strip. Speaking of power strips...

3. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and power strips. When overloaded with electrical items, outlets and power strips can overheat and catch fire. If you use power strips for multiple devices, ensure the strip can handle the electrical load. For a safer bet, look for power strips that include surge protection.

4. Clean the fireplace to improve safety and efficiency. There's nothing better than a warm fire on a chilly night, but it's important to maintain your fireplace for safety. As wood burns, a sticky substance known as creosote builds up in the chimney. When creosote buildup becomes too thick, a chimney fire can ignite. The chimney should be cleaned at least once a year to reduce fire risks. Regular cleaning also improves airflow and limits the amount of carbon monoxide that seeps indoors.

5. Practice safety in the kitchen. As we spend more time in the kitchen during the holiday season, be mindful of potential fire hazards. Never leave food that's cooking on the stovetop unattended. Clean and remove spilled foods from cooking surfaces, and be mindful of where you place flammable items like dish towels.

PC Electric wants you and your family to stay safe during the winter season.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Apply Now

Applications and guidelines have been sent to the following schools:

Catholic High School of
Pointe Coupee
False River Academy
STEM Magnet Academy
Livonia High School
Port Allen High School
St. John High School
MSA West

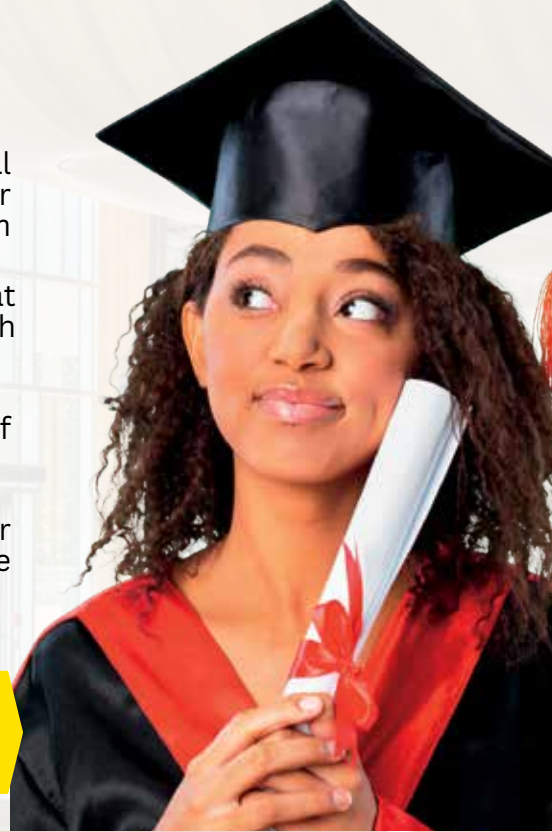
You must have a parent or legal guardian who is a PC Electric Member or receives electricity (1300900) from PC Electric.

Applicant must have maintained at least a 2.5 (C) overall GPA in high school

All applications must include a copy of their high school transcript.

Applicant must be entering their freshman (1742300) year of college and be a full time student.

Applications and guidelines can be found on our website at www.pcemc.org or in our lobby.



PECAN PIE *Bark*

Pecan desserts don't get much easier or more delicious than this Pecan Pie Bark. Simply smother graham crackers with a combination (44100) of butter, sugar, vanilla, and pecans, bake for 8 minutes, and cool. That is it! This pecan dessert recipe is guaranteed to be a hit at your next holiday party.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 12 graham crackers
- 1 1/2 cups pecans, halves or whole
- 1 baking sheet
- Aluminum foil
- Spatula
- Heavy bottomed pot

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325° and line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Spread graham crackers out on baking sheet. Note: Break them apart if you need to make them fit.
3. In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, combine sugar, vanilla, butter, and pecans.
4. Over medium-low heat, bring the pecan pie bark (582800) mixture to a boil.
5. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
6. Carefully pour the pecan dessert mixture over graham crackers and spread evenly with a spatula.
7. Bake for 8 minutes.
8. Allow to cool before breaking this pecan dessert into pieces. Enjoy your pecan pie bark!



**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, 2023, to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your bill statement.

GOOD LUCK!



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Committee nominates candidates for Districts 1 and 7

The Nominating Committees made up of PC Electric Members from Districts 1 & 7 met October 24, 2023 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 31, 2024.

The candidates nominated are incumbents Al Ewing of District 1; and Chris Settoon of District 7.

PC Electric members serving on the nominating committees from Districts 1 & 7 were listed in the September-October issue of Connections.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY

PETITION is November 13, 2023 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 1 & 7 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., November 13, 2023. 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 31, 2024.