

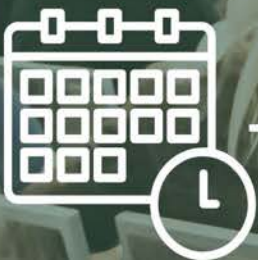
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



January 31, 2024

Registration 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Business Meeting begins at Noon



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PC Electric Awards Mini Grants to Local Schools



Eric Elliott, Board Director and Myron Lambert, General Manager with Iberville Parish Schools



Eric Elliott, Board Director and Myron Lambert, General Manager with Pointe Coupee Parish Schools



Eric Elliott, Board Director and Myron Lambert, General Manager with West Baton Rouge Parish Schools

Once again, PC Electric has presented local schools with an educational grant to help fund schools for educational items to assist students in the classroom.

PC Electric continues to be committed to its members and strives to improve the quality of life in the communities in which we serve.

The funds were presented to the school principals and/or school representatives to the following schools:

Crescent Elementary
MSA West
North Iberville
STEM Academy
Valverde Elementary
Upper Pointe Coupee
Rougion Elementary
Catholic of Pointe Coupee
False River Academy
Port Allen High School
Holy Family
Cainview K-8
St. John School

More information about all of our educational programs can be found at www.pcemc.org.



Employee Milestones

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JAMES WERCHAN, III	22
BUSTER ROY	21
MARIE GIVENS	18
WAYNE POURCIAU	3

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DERON MCLIN	33
CHAD DAVID	27
COURTNEY SPEARS	24
JOHN THIBODEAUX	19
THAD "TJ" TREVILLION	13

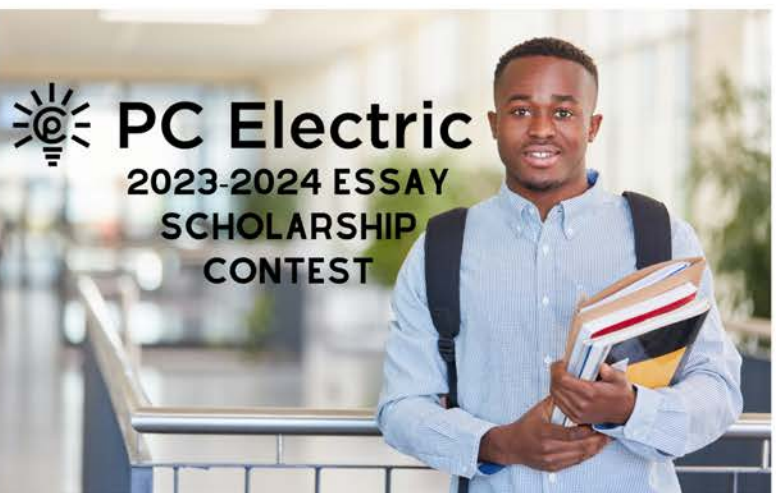
Ewing and Settoon were elected to the Board of Directors.

Al Ewing of District 1 and Chris Settoon of District 7 were recently elected without opposition to serve on the PC Electric Board of Directors.

They will begin their new three-year terms at a board meeting immediately following the PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The directors are elected by members from the seven districts comprising the service area of PC Electric. Directors must be PC Electric members (1848902) who reside in the district they represent.

The seven directors comprising the PC Electric Board are responsible for managing the business and affairs of the electric cooperative. They exercise all of the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the cooperative by-laws conferred upon or reserved to the members.



ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$1500 SCHOLARSHIP

PC Electric will award three \$1500.00 scholarships to high school seniors who are members of PC Electric or attend one of our adopted schools.

·Iberville Parish: Plaquemine High, St. John High and Math, Science and Arts Academy-West

·Pointe Coupee Parish: Livonia High, False River Academy, Catholic High of Pointe Coupee and STEM Academy

·West Baton Rouge Parish: Port Allen High School

For more information and to find the application and guidelines, visit our website (1950600) at www.pcemc.org and click on Educational Programs.



Al Ewing
District 1



Chris Settoon
District 7



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**Wednesday
January 31, 2024**

**Scott Civic Center
1200 Major Parkway
New Roads, LA**

**Registration 9:00 AM
Business Meeting at Noon**

The PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, at noon at the Scott Civic Center on Major Parkway in New Roads. Registration (312101) will take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Registration will close promptly at noon.

The first 500 members to register will receive a goodie bag.

Members must bring their registration cards to the meeting for registration and drawings! Only members are eligible for prizes, and you must be present to win. If you cannot attend, mail your registration card to PC Electric for a separate door prize drawing. The business meeting will begin promptly at noon (581801) and consist of reports of officers, directors, and committees; announcement of members elected to serve on the board; and other business that may properly come before the membership.

Drawings will be held to select the winners of the 2024 continuing education scholarships being offered to high school seniors by PC Electric, and endowments will be presented to the 4-H programs of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge parishes.

Members of PC Electric will have the opportunity to meet the directors and staff of their electric cooperative, Public Service Commissioners, and fellow co-op members.

Refreshments will be served as the members check in at the registration table, and approximately 40 lucky members in attendance will take home door prizes. Only PC Electric members are eligible to win door prizes. PC Electric is your electric cooperative serving parts of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge parishes. We are an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PC Electric will be closed for regular business on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

A dispatcher (238000) will be on duty for outages or emergency reporting at 225-638-3751 or report on our website at www.pcemc.org.

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TAKE CARE WHEN STORING YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Every year after the holidays, you carefully zip your artificial Christmas tree into a waterproof bag. You lovingly place your precious ornaments into padded boxes. You neatly fold your leftover wrapping paper and stack it in a plastic box so it will come out fresh and ready next December.

But are you jamming tangles of electric light strands into a box (831606) that's a little bit too small? And how about the extension cords that let you plug your tree into an outlet that is way too far away for a regular cord to reach?

It's a good bet that those extension cords are still plugged in.

Once this holiday season is over, take as much care with electrical cords as you do with the family heirlooms that help make your holidays special. Here are five ways to keep your light strands in good shape and prevent them from becoming next winter's fire hazard.

As you take down each strand of lights, inspect it for broken or burned-out bulbs. Replace the bulbs and discard any strands with frayed or damaged cords.

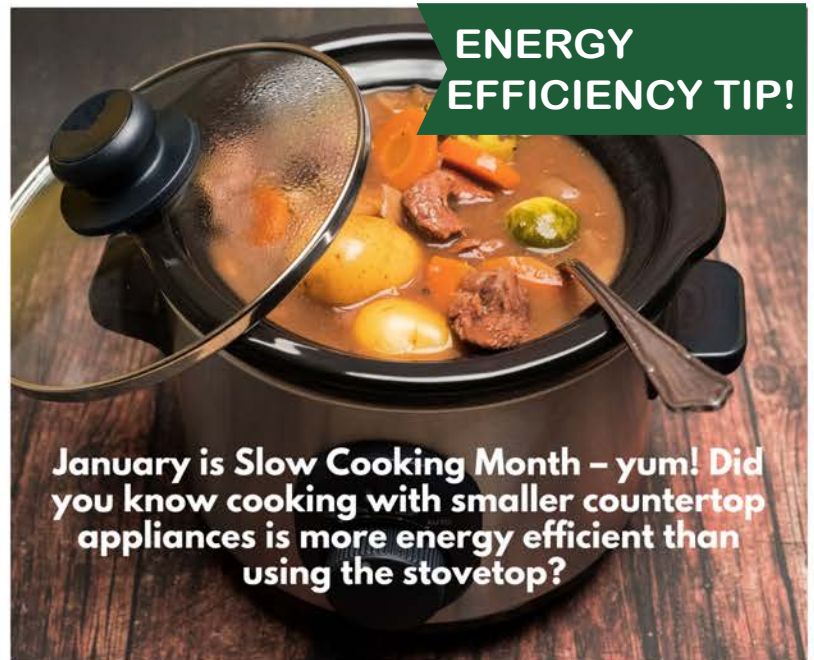
Label each strand of lights to remind you where you like to hang it. A year is a long time to remember those details.

Pack up all extension cords along with the decorations. Extension cords are designed for temporary use and are not safe for continual use.

Invest in a storage wheel designed for string lights and a bag sized (850300) for the reels. That will keep the cords from tangling, the bulbs from breaking, and the weather and bugs from ruining your lights. Or, instead of a reel, use a rectangular piece of cardboard with a slit cut in one end. Slide one end of your lights in the slit and then wrap the strand around the cardboard and slide the end into the slit. Your lights will remain tangle-free until next year.

Remove batteries from decorations before you put them away. You use the decorations only for about one month every year, and the batteries likely won't last until next December, even if they're dormant. Plus, batteries can corrode and leak all over your packed-up electric toys and decorations.





Ground Beef Stew

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion chopped
3 sticks celery chopped
4 cloves garlic minced
1 pound lean ground beef
3 tablespoons flour
1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste

4 cups beef broth + more if needed
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
2 Russet potatoes peeled & diced
4 medium carrots peeled & sliced
1 cup frozen peas optional
Salt & pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Add the oil, onion, and celery to a soup pot and sauté over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes.
- 2) Stir in the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
- 3) Add the beef to the pot and cook, breaking it up with your spoon as you go along until it's browned.
- 4) Sprinkle in the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes (stirring often).
- 5) Stir in the tomato paste.
- 6) Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, Italian seasoning, potatoes, and carrots. Increase the heat to high and bring it to a boil.
- 7) Reduce the heat to a rapid simmer and cook, covered (with the lid slightly open), stirring occasionally, for at least 30 minutes or until the potatoes and carrots are tender and the flavors have had some time to build. Add more broth if the stew starts to get too thick, and if you want it thicker, cook it for longer with the lid off.
- 8) Stir in the frozen peas and season with salt & pepper as needed. Continue to simmer until peas are warmed. Serve in a bowl with your favorite bread. Enjoy!