



Wright-Hennepin

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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN'S ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 2

Rockford, Minn. (March 12, 2013) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) will be conducting its 2013 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 2. The event is free to members and will be at WH's headquarters in Rockford, Minn. – located at 6800 Electric Drive.

Annual meeting registration begins at 4 p.m. Wright County 4-H will serve a free pork chop dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. A short business meeting will follow at 7 p.m. Free parking is available at WH, Our Father's Lutheran Church and the Rockford Mall, with a shuttle that runs continuously.

Business Meeting

The theme for the 2013 Annual Meeting is "Smart power for your home," which will focus on technology WH has researched and invested in to help members save money and energy. Special guest speaker, Steven Collier, a widely acclaimed energy consultant known as "The Smart Grid Man" will speak. He will discuss the technology changes taking place in the electric industry.

At the end of the business meeting, WH will announce the results of director elections in Districts 4, 6 and 8, as well as the Bylaw amendments. A grand prize drawing of a retired 2003 Chevy Astro cargo van from WH's fleet will immediately follow the meeting. Attending members will be entered in the grand prize drawing as they register and can also enter prize drawings at many booths. At the end of the business meeting all members will receive an attendance gift of a free pound of butter.

Free events and activities

- A local Girl Scout troop will have fun activities and crafts for children ages 2-10 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Attending members will have the opportunity to win prizes by playing Bingo from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Director Elections and Bylaw Amendments

All members will receive a Bylaw ballot and those in Districts 4, 6 and 8 will receive director ballots. Ballots will be mailed a few weeks before the annual meeting with instructions for voting by mail. Ballots received on or before March 26 will be entered in an “early bird” prize drawing for an iPad mini.

The 2012 Annual Report will be mailed to members in March and include detailed information about each candidate, as well as details about Bylaw amendments. Members who have not voted by mail can also cast votes at the meeting up until the time the ballots are called for during the business meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.

Informational booths

Members can stop by many annual meeting booths to learn about new home technology, products and services that will save money and energy.

- **WH Appliance Repair/Customer service:** Learn how WH Appliance Repair can protect you and your family from large unexpected appliance repair bills. Also, meet with a customer service representative who can answer questions and offer suggestions on how to make paying your electric bill easier.
- **All New Beat the Peak:** Learn how you can do more to preserve our precious resources and help lower wholesale power costs between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Beat the Peak days.
- **Co-op Connections/Community involvement:** Learn about the many great savings available from local and national businesses with your exclusive Co-op Connections card. In addition, learn about community programs available for you and your family, including a Washington, D.C. trip and scholarships.
- **All New Control my Appliance Program:** Learn about a pilot program that will allow you to receive even more bill credits by remotely controlling your window air conditioner and other appliances.
- **Director booth:** Meet your board of directors and learn how they help your cooperative remain financially sound and provide reliable electricity and competitive rates.
- **Electric safety:** Stop by this booth and learn about important electric safety precautions.
- **HeatMyFloors.com:** Feel the comfort of under-floor radiant electric heating systems, and learn how they can be used in your home.

- **All New MyMeter and money-saving ideas:** View a demonstration of all the new capabilities of our popular online tool that can help you view, understand and reduce your home's energy use anytime 24/7. Also learn about our new energy assessment service, which will help you save energy and money.
- **Off-Peak programs:** Receive information on ever popular electric home heating, cooling and money-saving Off-Peak solutions.
- **Power supply:** Great River Energy and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, WH's wholesale power suppliers, will provide information about work taking place at the generation and transmission sector of the industry in order to ensure a dependable future power supply.
- **Power reliability and real-time outage information:** See how WH's cutting-edge technology initiatives can help you track and plan around any outages at your home.
- **WH Security/Control My Home:** Security systems can do more than protect you from burglaries. They can also detect temperature changes, smoke, water damage and much more. See the latest in home security products at this booth, including the Control My Home interactive system and new referral program.
- **All New Solar Community:** Are you interested in solar power? Learn about WH's second solar community project and how you can participate.
- **Silent Power:** Learn about this latest renewable energy technology. Silent Power is a Minnesota company that manufactures electric energy storage devices that work with renewable energy systems and utilities.
- **Tree trimming services:** Receive information about tree trimming services that can beautify your landscape year round.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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