



## Co-op Makes Significant Changes for 2021 Annual Meeting of Members

Due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, the JOEMC Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to drastically alter how our annual meeting will occur this March. This decision was made to demonstrate care with the health and safety of both our members and employees in light of the coronavirus situation.

**W**e will not host our traditional annual meeting this year. Instead, to maintain business continuity and still hold our annual meeting, you will receive a packet in the mail, which will include everything you need to register. The actual busi-

ness meeting will be a limited, online event scheduled for Friday, March 26.

The annual meeting is a special time for co-op members to gather, hear from co-op leadership and learn more about JOEMC business as well as programs and services. While we will not be meeting in person this year, however we will still provide the op-

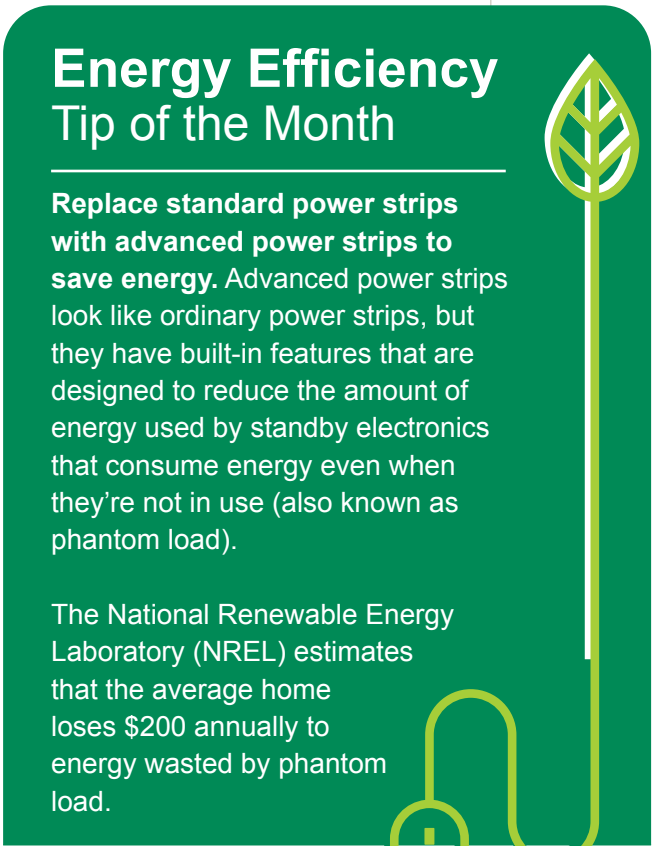
portunity to get together virtually and hear from co-op leadership.

More details about the 2021 Annual Meeting will be coming in next month's newsletter as well as JOEMC's website and social media channels. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we proceed with this new version of our annual meeting, and we hope to see you online on March 26. ♦

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

**Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy.** Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use (also known as phantom load).

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that the average home loses \$200 annually to energy wasted by phantom load.



## Bright Ideas Grants Bring Innovative Classroom Projects to Life

**J**ones-Onslow EMC recently awarded 64 Bright Ideas Grants totaling just over \$70,000 to local educators. These grants fund unique classroom learning projects that will benefit close to 23,000 students at 51 schools in Jones and Onslow Counties and the Topsail Area of Pender County.

Since the Bright Ideas Grant Program began in 1994, JOEMC has contributed close to \$1.5 million to over 5,840 local educators and some 1,864 projects in all disciplines. Since its inception, the Grants have

touched the lives of more than 573,000 local students.

Bright Ideas grant applications are submitted each year starting in August, and an independent panel of judges select winning proposals through a competitive evaluation process.

For a list of this year's grant recipients or more information about the Bright Ideas Grant Program, visit [joemc.com](http://joemc.com) and click YOUR COOPERATIVE tab, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. ♦



# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## Five Ways to Stay Cozy this Winter

Baby, it's cold outside! When you're feeling chilly at home, there are several budget-friendly ways you can keep comfortable without turning up the thermostat.

### HERE ARE FIVE EASY WAYS TO STAY COZY THIS WINTER—

**1** Whether you're experiencing extremely cold winter temps or you simply "run cold," **an electric blanket can deliver quick warmth.** Electric blankets can include a variety of features, like timers and dual temperature settings (if your cuddle buddy prefers less heat). This winter, consider an electric blanket instead of turning up the heat, and your energy bill will thank you.

**2** One of the easiest ways to stay cozy at home is to **keep your feet warm.** Our feet play a critical role in regulating body temperature, so when your feet are warm, your body automatically feels warmer. Try a pair of comfortable wool socks or house slippers to stay toasty.

**3** On winter days when the sun is shining, take advantage and **harness natural warmth from sunlight.** Open all curtains, drapes, and blinds in your home to let the sunshine in—you'll be able to feel the difference.

**4** Another way to make your home cozier is to **use a humidifier.** Cold air doesn't hold water vapor like warm air, so by adding humidity inside your home, you can feel a little warmer. A



favorable level of humidity inside your home can also help clear sinuses, soften skin and improve sleep.

**5** Beyond adding visual appeal to your home, **area rugs can also provide extra insulation and a warm surface for your feet** on cold winter days. Use large area rugs in rooms where you spend the most time. You'll enjoy the new colors and textures of the rug, and the additional warmth will help keep your home comfortable.

These are just a few ways you can stay cozy this winter *without* turning up the thermostat. Don't forget the hot chocolate! ♦

## KEEPING YOU SAFE



### Outage Reporting Options

Mother Nature can present all kinds of challenges to our electric lines. Be prepared by downloading our app and keeping necessities on hand. Remember that through it all, Jones-Onslow is just a phone call or click away.

**MOBILE APP:** You can report an outage with our mobile app. Download it from the Apple AppStore or Google Play.



**WEBSITE:** To report an outage through our website [joemc.com](http://joemc.com) you must have the account number, meter number OR phone number that is associated with the account.



**PHONE:** With a 24-hour dispatch center, we're always here to take your outage calls. Call (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515.



**OUTAGE TEXT ALERTS:** Stay connected and stay informed. Using text messaging JOEMC can quickly and easily communicate with you during power outages. Learn more at [joemc.com/outages](http://joemc.com/outages). ♦



## Get the new Google Nest **FREE** for a limited time!

Be one of the first JOEMC members to get the new Nest Thermostat for \$0 by enrolling in **Connect To Save** during this limited promotion.

The brand new smart thermostat (a \$129 value) comes with free professional installation. You will also receive a \$50 incentive each year you participate in the program.

Check it out at [connecttosavenc.com/google-nest](http://connecttosavenc.com/google-nest).



# Summary of Bylaws Pertaining to the Annual Meeting

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Attendance in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of ten (10) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) Directors. One (1) of the cooperative's Directors shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may reside anywhere within the Cooperative service territory. The other nine (9) directors shall be nominated and elected so that at least three (3) but not more than four (4) shall be residents of each of the Cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts, which are as follows: District Number One--those areas served by the Cooperative in Pender, Onslow, Carteret and Craven counties and which lie on the eastern side of U.S. Highway No. 17; District Number Two--those areas served by the Cooperative in Duplin County and

in Pender and Onslow counties on the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17; and District Number Three--those areas served by the Cooperative in Lenoir County and Jones County, and the western side of U.S. Highway No. 17 in Craven County. The one (1) "At-Large" Director shall be elected on an "At-Large" basis and may be a resident of any of the foregoing three geographic Directorate Districts, even if the result is to give one District more than four Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts, and who (a) are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for directors; and (b) are not close relatives or members of the same household of any such person. The Nominating Committee shall serve three (3) year terms and shall not be permitted to serve consecutive terms. Members may be reappointed to the Nominating Committee so long as they do not serve two (2) consecutive terms. This Committee shall be appointed so that three (3) members are appointed and consist of one (1) member from each of the Cooperative's three (3) directorate districts and the following year three (3) members are appointed consisting of one (1) member per directorate district and so on. In the event that a member of the Nominating Committee is unable or unwilling to serve a full three (3) year term then the Board shall appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired term created by the vacancy. In such cases the new appointee shall be eligible for re-election at the conclusion of the unexpired term. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal and all district offices of the Cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district from which a director must or may, pursuant to this article, be elected at the meeting. The committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are

opposed with respect to the same directorate district, or as between two or more districts; provided, it shall not make a nomination until it shall have first determined that the nominee is qualified to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02 and, if elected, will serve.

Any three percent (3%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.

A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.

Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws. ♦

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## 2021 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in District One, District Two and District Three. This committee is scheduled to meet on February 18, 2021.

The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

DISTRICT ONE:	Mr. Roger Edens 109 Swan Point Road Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	Mr. Michael B. Davis 407 Nautical Court Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	Ms. Wendy Robinson 134 Leslie Dr. Hubert, NC 28539
DISTRICT TWO:	Mr. Thomas Humphrey 178 Briarneck Road Jacksonville NC 28540	Mrs. Pansy Horne 1810 Haw Branch Rd. Beulaville, NC 28518	Mr. Ronald Pittman 1079 Gregory Fork Rd. Richlands, NC 28574
DISTRICT THREE:	Mr. Tyler Griffin 1102 Island Creek Rd Pollocksville, NC 28573	Mr. Franklin Andrews 437 Stroud Road Trenton, NC 28585	Mr. Timmy Haddock 1955 Wyse Fork Rd. Trenton, NC 28585



# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

## Defining a Brighter Future for Our Members and the Community



As we begin this new year, JOEMC is pursuing efforts to build a brighter future for our members and the community. We all share a brighter future that continues our commitment to delivering reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost while also advancing responsible sustainability goals.

Along with the rest of North Carolina's electric cooperative network, last July, we announced our new Brighter Future vision. This vision is a long-term roadmap for providing sustainable, affordable energy; reliability and innovation; and continued local community support to enrich the people and communities we serve.

Our vision centers on achieving two voluntary sustainability goals: a 50 percent reduction in carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 2030 and net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. To reach these goals, we will continue to rely on emissions-free nuclear—an extremely reliable, safe, and affordable source of electricity that currently fuels more than half our power—along with natural gas, which can be dispatched quickly when needed. We are bringing more renewable energy resources online while investing in new technology, such as battery storage, to make renewables like solar power more versatile and reliable.

Both our carbon reduction goals also rely on the advanced coordination of resources across the electric grid, as well as innovative solutions and technologies to make the grid as flexible and efficient as possible. In addition, they encompass our efforts to electrify devices and processes as an alternative to fossil fuels and use electricity in new and exciting ways.

As a locally-based cooperative, JOEMC remains committed to not only powering but also empowering this community. That's why our Brighter Future vision extends far beyond delivering reliable, affordable, sustainable electricity to include community support efforts like education initiatives and economic development activities that genuinely demonstrate the cooperative difference. Our structure affords us unique opportunities to make local investments and engage with local people, businesses, and community leaders to work together to meet changing needs.

The brightest part of our future will always be our members, like you. We look forward to continuing to serve you and to building a brighter future, now and in the years to come.

Jeffery T. Clark | CEO



### Slow Cooker Cola Barbecue Pork

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup cola, such as Coca-Cola or Pepsi
- ½ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1½ teaspoons ground red pepper
- 1 (5½ pound) bone-in Boston butt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Barbecue sauce, to serve

#### Directions:

- 1) In a medium bowl, stir together cola and ketchup; pour into a 6-quart slow cooker.
- 2) In a medium bowl, stir together salt, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika and red pepper. Rub pork with oil. Rub spice mixture on pork, coating all sides. Place in slow cooker.
- 3) Cover and cook on low 8 hours. Remove pork from slow cooker, reserving 1 cup cooking liquid. Remove bones and fat; discard. Shred meat, and return to slow cooker. Pour reserved cooking liquid over shredded pork. Serve with barbecue sauce and your favorite side dishes.

Recipe courtesy of [carolinacountry.com](http://carolinacountry.com).

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