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Mark your calendar - Annual Meeting and Election May 21

May is the month for Chugach's Annual Meeting and Election, and we hope to see you on May 21 at the Dena'ina Center. We'll have our annual election voting and results, highlights from the 2018 Chugach business, dinner, door prizes, and more.

The official notice of the annual membership meeting was sent to members of record in mid-April. Members will vote to fill two seats on the cooperative's board of directors and two proposed bylaw changes.

Of the 69,320 members of record, 51,629 had an email on file and received their voting instructions electronically. If you would like to cast your vote electronically, you can add your email address to your account by contacting Member Services at 563-7366. Chugach's election contractor, BDO, can assist you if you have not yet received your voting email or wish to receive a paper ballot by calling (907) 646-7394 or (888) 729-4679.

Members have until noon on Saturday, May 19 to return a paper ballot by mail or in the secure drop box in the Chugach lobby. The deadline for voting electronically is 4 p.m. on May 21. Members who have not voted and want to do so in person can vote at the annual meeting. For more information on the election, go to

https://www. chugachelectric. com/media/ annual-meeting {1197704}

Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Alaska singer/songwriter Lulu Small performs starting at 5:30 p.m.



Free Parking at Annual Meeting

Parking will be validated only for the Easy Park garage located at 7th & G St.

Bring your parking ticket into the meeting for validation.

Right Tree, Right Place

Planting trees and shrubs can provide energy savings in addition to enhancing the beauty and value of your home.

If you are thinking of planting, choose the appropriate tree or shrub to minimize conflicts between trees and utility lines. And remember, planting in the utility easement can make it difficult for Chugach or other utilities to gain access and to maintain their facilities. The result could mean your landscaping might need to be moved or trimmed.

Chugach is certified by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Line USA utility. Chugach works with an arborist who is available to help customers determine what type of plants and trees should be planted near utility rights of way.

Call Chugach at 762-7660 for more information.



Rate Changes

Chugach is a participant in the Simplified Rate Filing (SRF) process for routine adjustments to demand and energy rates.

Based on a recent SRF that was filed with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), Chugach's system demand and energy rates are increasing 0.8 percent, effective May 1, 2019. Because this rate change does not apply to the other

customer bill components, and is only applied to demand and energy components, the impact on a total customer bill is less than 0.8 percent.

For a residential customer using 600 kWh, the monthly bill will increase from \$123.00 to \$123.62, or about 0.5 percent. The RCA and the Chugach Board of Directors have approved this rate change.

Volunteers of America thanks Chugach employees for donation

Chugach employees recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the Volunteers of America (VOA) – Alaska chapter after an internal fundraising campaign. Following the check presentation, VOA's President/CEO Sherrie Hinshaw sent the following thank-you note.

"VOA Alaska strives to create healthy communities through offering adolescent substance abuse prevention and treatment. Please know we are grateful for your role in helping us achieve our mission - It is because of you that we are in a position to help each individual and family who seeks our support to overcome the barriers that



stand in the way to them reaching their full potential. Last year, we were able to help more than 1,100 Alaskans participate in VOA's treatment, housing, and other supportive services. But the real impact you made possible is about more than just numbers. It is about the individual families we have the privilege of serving. Thank you all for your support!"

Running for heart health

Chugach employees supported the 2019 Alaska Heart Run with Team High Voltage taking part in the walk/run. High Voltage

had a good showing among the teams, raising more than \$800 for the American Heart Association. The annual event is one of the first runs of the season in Anchorage and brought out 3,400 runners and walkers this year.



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Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.



Of the 69,320 customers eligible to vote in the Chugach election, 51,494 have an email on file and



received their materials electronically - saving hundreds of trees.



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