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## Annual meeting and election May 18 – Remember to vote!

Chugach sent the official notice of the annual meeting to members of record in mid-April. This year members will vote to fill two seats on the cooperative's board of directors. {1148223}

This is the first year for a paperless election. Of the 68,826 members of records, 44,182 members had an email on file and received their voting instructions electronically. If you would like to cast your vote electronically, there is still time to add your email address to your account by contacting member services at 563-7366. Member Services can also assist you if you have not yet received your voting email. Paper ballots may also be requested through Chugach's election contractor, BDO, by calling (907) 646-7394.

Election results will be announced at the 2017 Chugach Annual Meeting, to be held at the Dena'ina Center on the evening of Thursday, May 18. Members have until noon on Monday, May 15 to return a paper ballot by mail or drop box. The deadline for voting electronically is 4:00 p.m. on May 18. In-person voting is allowed at the annual meeting for those who have not yet voted.

Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hobo Jim will be performing starting at 5:30 p.m. until the start of the meeting.



*Hobo Jim  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.*

## Chugach cancels Snow River study

Chugach Electric Association has canceled its effort exploring the possibility of a hydroelectric project along the Snow River on the Kenai Peninsula. After a series of meetings with numerous federal, state, non-governmental agencies, and two public meetings, the electric cooperative announced April 20 the Board of Directors accepted a staff recommendation to stop all work on the potential project.

"As a member-owned cooperative that values the opinions of Alaskans and the communities we serve, we have decided to end the Snow River study," said CEO Lee Thibert. "We are committed to sustainable energy, but we've heard from many Alaskans who do not want us to study this option, and we appreciate and respond to those voices and concerns."

In March, Chugach received a permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission allowing the utility to study the idea of the hydroelectric project in an area previously identified for its potential. The utility, which is guided by sustainability—a business philosophy of considering the economic, environmental, and social impacts of projects—said the early public process led to the conclusion that

the project is not consistent with Chugach's strategic goals.

"Our public engagement process worked," said Chugach Board Chair Janet Reiser. "Sustainability is very important to us, and we want to find long-term supplies of energy that will allow Chugach to provide electricity to Alaskans for decades to come. Thank you to our members and other Alaskans who took the time to express their concerns to us."

Chugach is focused on a long-term, carbon reducing, energy supply for Alaska. The utility will continue to look at projects including community solar, opportunities to use more wind, and others.



### My Account:

Your online information center



- View your usage
- Manage your account
- Pay your bill
- Report an outage
- Outage notification

**It's your energy. Make the most of it.**

## 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 staff 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 or log on to our website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) for more information.



## Chugach celebrates Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, Chugach staff greeted members in the lobby on April 21 and participated in the community Earth Day celebration in downtown Anchorage on April 22. Chugach is proud to have collected more than 2,500 pounds of electronic waste from our members to be recycled. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency only 12.5 percent of e-waste is currently recycled. Sustainable management of electronics avoids toxic substances from being released into the environment and allows the valuable materials, such as gold and copper, to be reused.



*Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by 3,657 U.S. homes in a year.*  
-U.S. EPA



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## Alaska Heart Run 2017

Chugach was a proud participant in the 2017 Alaska Heart Run. The 65 members of team High Voltage raised nearly \$2,500 for the American Heart Association. Chugach employees are frequent supporters of community events in Anchorage.



When selecting an LED light replacement, the selection of color is important. Warm Glow (2200K), Soft White (2700K), Bright White (3000K), Cool White(4000K), and Daylight (5000K). Surprisingly, higher Kelvin temperatures (3600–5500 K) are what we consider cool and lower Kelvin temperatures (2700–3000 K) are considered warm. Visit [www.energystar.gov/products/lighting\\_fans/light\\_bulbs/learn\\_about\\_led\\_bulbs](http://www.energystar.gov/products/lighting_fans/light_bulbs/learn_about_led_bulbs) for more information.

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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.