

OUTLET

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Gearing up for Annual Election and Virtual Annual Meeting

Chugach members wanting to participate in the annual election and virtual annual meeting can help ensure a smooth process with current information on file with your electric cooperative. It's important we have:

- A current member application with your signature
- Your mailing address
- Your email address

Having current information from our members is key to the member-owner's participation in the voting process and the operation of the cooperative. Voting for your member representative on the board of directors is one of the many benefits of a cooperative. There is one open seat on the board for the 2021 election and some proposed changes to the bylaws. For assistance, call (907) 563-7494.

Voting opens April 16

Chugach primarily uses electronic voting for its annual election which makes it especially important we have



your current information. Please make sure we have your current email address on file which is the same as your paperless billing email. You can check your information or update it using the My Account portal on our website. For those who want a paper ballot mailed to them, please call (907) 563-7366.

Virtual annual meeting

On May 18, Chugach will hold a virtual annual meeting to announce election results followed by a special meeting of the board of directors. Signups for the meeting link will be available on the Chugach website beginning April 1.

My Account helps members understand energy use

Chugach Electric's member portal My Account is helping our members better understand the amount of electricity they are using. The easy-to-

use online portal and mobile app allow users to track and compare usage, view and pay bills, sign up for outage alerts, and track billing and payment history. Because of the technology built into Chugach's metering system, members can track how much energy they are using.

To sign up for My Account and take advantage of the many features, go to www. chugachelectric.com/myaccount.



COVID-19 financial hardship forms available to members

Members facing a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to fill out the hardship and deferred payment forms on our website. Signing the forms allows members to delay payment during the pandemic. {141025368} Members are still responsible for paying their electric bill. Make sure you have your Chugach member number available (found on a billing statement) when you fill out the form. For assistance, you can call (907) 563-5060.

Power Pledge Challenge prizes awarded



Some Anchorage middle school students are being recognized for their plans around how to save energy at home. The recognition comes as part of the 2020 Power Pledge Challenge. More than 550 students from 31 fourth through twelfth grade classrooms across Alaska participated in the 2020 virtual program.

The Power Pledge Challenge is an educational initiative involving several utilities and the Renewable Energy Alaska Project where students are taught how to better understand energy use and come up with an energy-saving plan to use at home. Jon Dykstra's 3rd period science class at Hanshew Middle School was the statewide winner. The Anchorage regional winner was Joanna Hubbard's 2nd period class at Mears Middle School. Students

In the community - Helping our neighbors

Chugach employees continue to volunteer with local non-profits as part of our Employee Volunteer Program. The latest recipient of an employee's time and talent is the Alaska Humane Society's Adopta-Cat Shelter. The shelter houses 150 cats and is grateful for the volunteer help. Chugach gives employees 16 hours a year to volunteer in the community with non-profit groups.



Member Services Phone

(907) 563-7366 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Chugach South Campus

5601 Electron Drive Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chugach North Campus Drive-thru only

1120 East 1st Avenue Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Member number hide-n-seek

in those classes received prize bags with Chugach swag and energy efficiency tools.



Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

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