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Join Us for the CLP Annual Meeting

Cooperative Light & Power's (CLP's) Annual Meeting of the membership will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, at the Two Harbors High School.

Why should you come? Let us count the ways...

- 1. FREE FOOD!** Take the night off from cooking and enjoy a sloppy joe dinner prepared and served by the local Lions Club.
- 2. MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!** Enjoy the sounds of the THUGS (the Two Harbors Ukulele Group).
- 3. ENJOY BEING A MEMBER!** Attend the business meeting, participate in the democratic process, vote in the director election, learn what is happening in your cooperative, speak with your CLP staff and elected officials, this is what sets cooperatives apart from the rest.
- 4. BURN OFF THE KIDS' ENERGY!** The kids can enjoy gym night with local school athletes where they will play multiple different games. Please bring clean, dry shoes. They can also bring their swimming suits and towel and go for a dip in the pool during open swim. Two lifeguards will be on duty, however, for safety, kids that are under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult for the open swim.
- 5. LEARN ABOUT ELECTRIC SAFETY!** CLP linemen will perform electrical safety demonstrations and will show off their protective gear.
- 6. PRIZES!** Immediately following the business meeting, CLP will give away four youth-size bicycles and a variety of prizes for the adults as well.





Power Lines Down & Dangerous

Hal Halpern, Chief Executive Officer/GM

Dear Member:

The National Academy of Engineers lists electrification as the most significant engineering achievement of all time.

Your cooperative takes great measures throughout the year updating and maintaining your electric lines, trimming foliage and inspecting surrounding infrastructure, but sometimes power lines can un-expectantly come down.

Power lines may come down as a result of windstorms, ice buildup and motor vehicle accidents. Assume **ALL** down power lines are 'live'. You cannot tell if a downed power line is energized just by looking at it. There are no sparks or movement. The electricity in a power line always seeks a path to the ground. This path might include a tree, a vehicle or a fence. These objects then become energized. If you touch the energized line or object, the electricity can flow through your body electrocuting you. Keep away from any object that is in contact with a power line.

Once electricity reaches the ground, the ground itself becomes energized. The electricity then flows through the ground over a wide area, spreading out like ripples in a pool of water. The voltage in the ground is very high at the point of electrical contact. Farther away the voltage drops off to zero at about 35 feet.

However, if the ground is wet, it will be more than that. **Four Down Power Line Scenarios and Safety Instructions to Follow:**

DOWNED AND DANGEROUS

Downed power lines can be deadly. **ALWAYS** assume a downed power line is live and avoid going near it or anything in contact with it.

USE PRECAUTION

- Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet** away.
- Never** drive over downed power lines or through water that is in contact with them.
- If you see a downed power line, immediately **notify** the local authorities.
- Never try to move a downed power line. Even using items that typically are not conductive **will not** prevent injury or death.

KNOW WHAT TO DO

- The safe way to move away from a downed power line is to **shuffle** away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times.
- If your car comes in contact with a downed power line while you are inside, **stay in the car**. Do not touch any part of the car's frame or any other metal. Use a cell phone or honk your horn to summon help. Allow only rescue personnel to approach the car.

If your car is in contact with a downed power line and you must exit due to fire or another imminent threat:

- Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the **same time** with any part of your body or clothing.
- Open the door to your vehicle without touching the metal door **frame**.
- Jump out of the vehicle with both **feet together** and so both feet land at the **same time**.
- Shuffle** away so that the toe of one foot shuffles forward along the length of the other foot, ensuring that both feet are in constant contact and always touching the ground.

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However, if the ground is wet, it will be more than that.

Four Down Power Line Scenarios and Safety Instructions to Follow:

1) If you see a downed power line what should you do? Move away from the line and anything touching it. Anything touching the line becomes part of the path to ground and could contain the same electrical current as the power

line. The proper way to move away from the line is to shuffle away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times until you reach a distance of 35 feet. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock. Electricity wants to move from a high voltage zone to a low voltage one—and it could do that through your body.

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Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166

it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires.

You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies).

CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.



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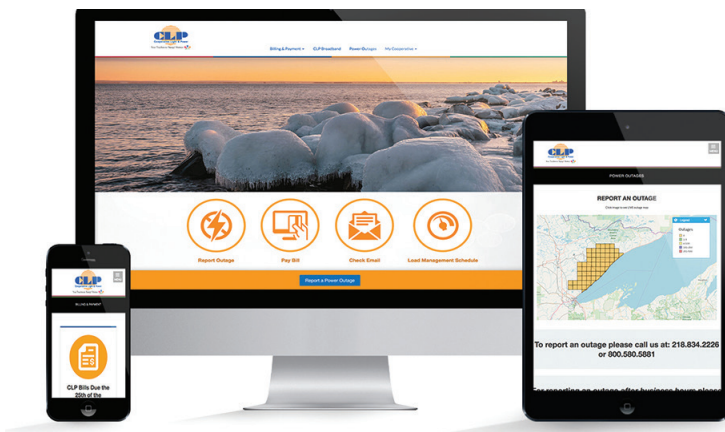
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New and Improved Website

Carey Hogenson, Marketing Manager

Check it out! We have updated our website, and we know you are going to love it as much as we do. The site is your source of information regarding CLP. It includes forms you may need, answers questions you may have, and is filled with information about your electric cooperative. With just a click of a button on our quick links, you can pay your bill, check your email, see if your interruptible heat and/or water is scheduled to be interrupted, or see if there is a current power outage with our live outage map.

The website will be kept up to date with current events and information. Are you looking for something you can't find? Let us know, we want the website to be user-friendly and include all the information you need.



Check out new website on all of your electronic devices at www.clpower.com.

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2) If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed power line what should you do? Do not touch the person or come within 35 feet of them. Call 911 and follow first responder instructions when they arrive. Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the line by using another object such as a broom or stick. Even normally nonconductive materials like wood or cloth, if slightly wet, can conduct electricity and electrocute you. Be careful not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.

3) What should you do if a power line falls on your car? Having a power line fall on your car can be one of the scariest things you could ever face while driving. If an active power line falls onto your car, it can charge the car with electricity, meaning that you must act with extreme caution to avoid getting electrocuted. If you are in a vehicle that is in contact with a downed line, stay in the vehicle. Honk your horn for help and tell others to stay away from your vehicle. Never drive over a downed power line. If your car isn't on fire, call 911 and stay

put in your car, being careful not to touch the car's frame.

4) If a power line falls on your car and your car catches fire or if there is some other imminent threat in which you must leave your vehicle what should you do? Open the door to your vehicle without touching the metal door frame. Jump out of the vehicle without making contact with the metal inside the car with both feet together so both feet land on the ground at the same time and avoid making contact with the energized vehicle and the ground at the same time. This way you avoid being the path of electricity from the vehicle to the earth. Then, still holding your legs together, shuffle to safety with both of your feet together on the ground until you're at least 35 feet from the car. If you come back to your parked car to see that a power line has fallen on it, call 911 and don't approach it.

It is your cooperatives primary responsibility to provide our members and community with safe, economical and reliable continuous power. As part of that responsibility we also want to make sure our members and community at large understands the danger and has the knowledge to react safely if there is an accidental power line that has fallen for any reason.

Cranberry Pecan Chicken Salad *From the Kitchen of: Ginny Young*

4 cups cubed cooked chicken	3 tbsp tarragon vinegar
1 celery rib, chopped	1/2 tsp salt and pepper
2 tbsp finely chopped green onions	1 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
1 cup dried cranberries	cooking spray
2/3- 3/4 cup mayonnaise	croissants

To toast pecans: preheat oven to 350°, lightly spritz baking sheet with cooking spray, place pecans on the baking sheet, and toast for about 5 minutes. Let cool then chop. Combine rest of ingredients and refrigerate for an hour. Serve on crossiants. Serves between 4-6.

Submit your favorite recipe! If your recipe is printed in an issue of "Powerlines" you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

Notice of Co-generators

In compliance with the Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, CLP is obligated to interconnect with, and purchase electricity from, cogenerators and small power producers whom satisfy the conditions as a Qualifying Facility. CLP is obligated to provide information, free of charge, to all interested members, upon request, regarding rates and interconnection requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become a Qualifying Facility. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the CLP Board of Directors. Interested members should contact CLP.

Board Meeting Summary

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 21, 2019. All directors were present at the time the meeting was called to order 9:46 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 20, 2018, as amended. Motion carried. Member account number six hundred thirty nine thousand eight hundred seventy four.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Reports for the month of November 2018. Motion carried. Member account number six hundred four thousand eight hundred fifty seven. Member account number six hundred forty seven thousand two hundred forty one.

Next, the board took up the 2019 Budget. After a discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the 2019 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Manager Wattnem led discussion on the internet business. Manager Wattnem indicated that tower climbers will be

needed very soon to make repairs on one of the towers that CLP has. In addition new CEO/General Manager, Hal Halpern led discussion on the future of broadband in Lake County. Member account number seven hundred seventeen thousand five hundred ninety three.

At last month's board meeting one of CLP's members led discussion encouraging the Cooperative to increase its transparency relating to right-of-way spraying in an effort to let the membership know that this event is happening. It was decided that we would invite the right-of-way spraying company to attend the township meetings and lead discussions on the issue as well as place the chemical compound make up on the clpower web page, to put notification in the CLP newsletter as well as the newsletters of the townships involved.

There being no further business to come before said meeting, adjournment was called for at 5:03 p.m. with a motion and a second. Motion carried.

Why do we do it?

Larry Sandretsky, Operations Manager

A Right-of-way (ROW) maintenance (clearing Co-op Light & Power's (CLP) power line ROW of under-growth and hazardous trees) is a necessary process to keep line workers and the general public safe, and to deliver you reliable electricity. A common cause of power interruptions is from trees brushing against, and falling on to, the power lines. ROW maintenance helps keep your blinks to a minimum, and reduces the frequency of total power outages. **An important note: Felled trees will be left on the ground. CLP does not have the necessary equipment to mulch and/or haul away felled trees.**



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you – our members!

Dates to Know...

Mar 15: Cookies and coffee in CLP's lobby

Mar 20: Spring begins!

Mar 21: CLP board meeting

Mar 25: CLP bills due

Apr 17: CLP Annual Meeting

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

DID YOU KNOW...

...Both Districts 2 and 5 are open for director elections. As a result of the nominating meetings, the current directors, Scott Veitenheimer and Robert Nikolai were nominated for their districts. If you would like to be nominated from the floor, please contact Hal Halpern no later than April 1, 2019.

Cooperative Light & Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE:

Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

BEFORE calling, please check your breakers. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

SPOT YOUR NUMBER:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

Credits claimed for January: Chester Johnson, Michael & Christina Scheller, and Bernena Antilla

Credits not claimed: Kerry Sve

OPERATION ROUND UP TOTALS:

January Donations: \$1,653.42

Year-to-date Donations: \$1,653.42

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.