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.
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 unexpectedly 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:**

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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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 cooperative’s 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 croissants. 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.

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

**Board Meeting Summary**

**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.**

**Dates to Know...**

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**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.