



Make Plans to Attend the 81st ANNUAL MEETING of Members

Please mark your calendar for the 2019 Sawnee EMC Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, October 5th at the cooperative's headquarters located at 543 Atlanta Highway in Cumming, GA.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Business Session is scheduled to begin at approximately 10:20 a.m. There are many family friendly activities planned for your enjoyment. Here is a "sneak peek" at what you can expect at this year's Sawnee EMC Annual Meeting:

Continental Breakfast – Enjoy delicious homemade biscuits, coffee, pastries, and fruit.

Health Screening – Northside-Forsyth Hospital staff will be on site to offer free health screenings.

Exhibits on Energy Efficiency – Learn about low cost ways to lower your monthly energy usage.



Kid's Activities –

Bring the children and/or grandchildren! There will be fun for children of all ages.

Live Entertainment –

Enjoy music from local groups as well as a high school choir.

Report of Cooperative's Activities –

Important information and report about the operations of Sawnee EMC.

Door Prizes – Don't miss your chance

to win one of our many prizes!

All Sawnee members, who are active members as of September 6, 2019, will be mailed a 2019 Annual Meeting Official Notice on September 13, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**When I was a boy
the Dead Sea was
only sick. "**

— George Burns

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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IMAGINE What We Can Do Together

By allowing Sawnee EMC to round up your electric bill each month and donate those funds to the Sawnee Foundation, your pennies help those in need. The Sawnee Foundation's "Operation Round Up" program provides a way for Sawnee members to help local charitable organizations meet needs that might otherwise go unmet. Since 2003, the Sawnee Foundation has provided over \$2.8 million in grants to our area.



How does it work? Sawnee EMC rounds up your monthly bill to the next highest dollar, and the extra cents are contributed to the

Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation, who reviews applications for grants and distributes the funds. 100% of the donated funds stay within our local communities and go to those in need.

Small change goes a long way.

Participating Sawnee EMC members contribute an average of 50 cents per month. The more members that participate, the more dollars add up to help those in need.



Ready to sign up? Visit www.sawnee.com/oru for more details and to sign up. You can also contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, chat online at www.sawnee.com, or text at 678-999-8124.

A LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE: Creating Community Along the Lines



Michael Goodroe, President and CEO

It might be easy to think that Sawnee EMC is defined by geography. After all, our service territory can easily be drawn on a map. But I've come to realize that our electric cooperative is much more than a set of boundary lines. It's "a community".

In a community, neighbors watch out for neighbors, families take care of families, and everyone works together towards a common set of goals and the greater good. That's not so different from an electric cooperative. We're community-focused, and our goal is to deliver affordable, reliable, and safe electric energy to the people who count on us. That means as long as we are continually watching out for our members, and doing our best for the community, we all come out on top.

And really, that's no surprise. We aren't a traditional for-profit company. Our electric cooperative was formed in 1938 by the communities we serve, for one reason.... to bring electricity to farms and homes that were doing without.

To me, the power of a community comes from the people who live there. People who love where they are, and love being together. I know that all of us at Sawnee EMC are glad to be a part of your community, doing our part to help it thrive: from securing 24/7 energy sources to building a smarter energy grid and much more.

I am sure our founders didn't set out to create a community when our electric cooperative began over 81 years ago. But I'd like to think, as we've grown and served you and your neighbors over the years, we've helped to create one along the way. For that opportunity, and so many others, I am truly grateful.

Best Wishes!

There's more to GAIN by staying True Natural Gas

Sawnee EMC has been promoting the superior natural gas services of True Natural Gas since 2007. Since that time, over 63,000 Sawnee members have enjoyed the benefits of True... extremely "low rates" and "exceptional customer service". So, if you have natural gas in your home or business, and you are not currently a True Natural Gas customer, you owe it to yourself to switch, and start receiving your "True Rewards".

Get rewarded for staying with True.

True Natural Gas is not interested in gimmicks or sign-up tricks. They are part of a cooperative, just like Sawnee, and are committed to serving their customers. True Natural Gas believes that their loyal customers are their most valuable asset and they want to prove it to you.

When you are a loyal True Natural Gas customer and pay your natural gas bill every month, you become eligible for

"True Rewards." After 18 months of incident-free payments, True Natural Gas will begin taking fifty cents off your customer service charge. And, every 12 months after, if you continue to keep uninterrupted service and keep your True payments in good standing, they will take another fifty cents off. Stay with True Natural Gas long enough and your monthly service charge could be as low as **\$3.45 a month**.



True Rewards is only the beginning. The loyalty program is True's way of saying "thank you" and just one of the ways they show their commitment to being the best natural gas provider in the state of Georgia.

True Natural Gas offers honest pricing and truly low rates, along with customer service that is considered the best in the natural gas market. It's easy to be loyal to True Natural Gas and that is why they will be loyal to you.

Ready to sign up for natural gas service through True Natural Gas? It's easy. Contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 or visit **www.truenaturalgas.com**.

True Rewards Program – Applies to active residential customers only. If the customer should disconnect service due to cut off for non-pay or switch to another marketer then they forfeit the Customer Service Charge Discount. This program will only be offered to good paying residential customers with no more than 2 delinquents and no broken arrangements, or returned checks. Residential customers that have had an account number change due to moving and/or location correction and seasonal customers do not lose their eligibility. This program may be modified or discontinued at the company's sole discretion. There is no cash value to the rewards apart from the program and the rewards are not transferrable, cannot be accelerated, or the terms changed for tender of payment.

Disclaimer – Sawnee EMC is not a certified natural gas marketer in the state of Georgia, but proudly promotes the natural gas services of True Natural Gas, the certified natural gas marketer, as a value-added service to its members.

SAWNEE EMC HOME ENERGY QUIZ



Test your home energy IQ!
Find out if you are among
the brightest bulbs when
it comes to home energy
usage trivia.

We can help!
Call (770-887-2363)
or email us (marketing@
sawnee.com) to have one of
our energy professionals
help you make your
home more energy
efficient.

Take the Quiz!

1. Taking a long bath saves more energy than taking a short shower.
A) True B) False
2. LED bulbs typically use _____ less energy than incandescent light bulbs.
A) 75% B) 50% C) 35%
3. Which of the following is an energy vampire? (Hint: Energy vampires consume energy even when they aren't being used.)
A) Dishwasher B) Electric mixer C) TV
4. What accounts for the most energy usage in an average residential home?
A) Water heating B) Heating and cooling C) Appliances
5. Turning off the tap water while brushing your teeth can save up to four gallons of water per minute.
A) True B) False

ANSWER KEY

ANSWERS: 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. B 5. A

Here's WATTS Cookin' Chilled Tomato and Mozzarella Summer Salad

Ingredients:

2 large beefsteak tomatoes

1 (12 oz.) pkg. fresh mozzarella pearls

3 tbsp. olive oil

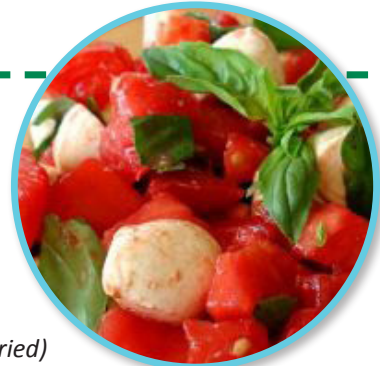
2-3 tsp. basil (can use fresh or dried)

Pinch of coarse sea salt

1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar, optional

Instructions:

Dice the tomatoes into bite size pieces. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix together. Chill for two (2) hours and serve.



👉 Thanks to Terry Morrissey for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.com.