

# THE SAWNEE HIGHLINER

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## Make Plans to Attend Sawnee EMC's 2020 & 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Please mark your calendar for Sawnee EMC's 2020 and 2021 Annual Membership Meetings both to be held **Saturday, October 2nd** at the cooperative campus located at 543 Atlanta Highway in Cumming. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the 2020 Business Session will begin at approximately 10:20 a.m. followed by the 2021 Business Session. There will be plenty of family friendly activities planned for your enjoyment. Here is a "sneak peek" at what you can expect at this year's annual meetings:

### Continental Breakfast

Enjoy delicious homemade biscuits, pastries, fruit and drinks.

### Exhibits on Energy Efficiency

Learn about low cost ways to lower your energy usage.

### Live Entertainment

Enjoy music from local groups.

### Free Health Screening

Northside-Forsyth Hospital staff will be on site.

### Door Prizes

Don't miss your chance to win one of our many prizes!

### Report of Cooperative Activities

Information about the daily operations of Sawnee EMC.

### Children's Activities

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

On September 10, 2021, all Sawnee EMC members who were receiving service as of September 3, 2021, will be mailed the 2020 and 2021 Annual Meeting Official Notice. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email at [customerservice@sawnee.com](mailto:customerservice@sawnee.com) or chat at [sawnee.com](https://www.sawnee.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Reminder:**  
Due to the Covid-19 limitations of mass gatherings during 2020 in the State of Georgia, Sawnee EMC's 2020 Annual Meeting was postponed to October 2, 2021.

### CONTACT US

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— Irving Berlin

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Paperless billing, also referred to as "eBill", means Sawnee EMC will email or text you a notification each month when your billing statement is ready to be viewed. You simply click a link to see your bill, instead of opening an envelope. Paperless billing **does not** mean you have to change your current payment method. If you receive an email or text bill notification from Sawnee EMC, you can still pay by any method you would like, including sending us a check.

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Signing up for paperless billing and receiving an email or text each month could not be easier. Call our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text "Sign Me Up for eBill" to 678-999-8124, chat online at **sawnee.com** or email **customerservice@sawnee.com**. You can also log into your SmartHub account and click "Yes" to turn off paper bills upon signing into your account.

Questions? Just let us know - we are here to help!



**Thank you for helping us rank Best in Residential Customer Satisfaction among Cooperatives, 2 out of 3 Years.**

For J.D. Power 2020 award information, visit [jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards)

# Take Our Word, You Can't Beat



Sawnee EMC is proud of our relationship with True Natural Gas, one of Georgia's lowest cost natural gas marketers for the last 14 years. True offers you the opportunity to receive natural gas service from a trusted source, at an excellent rate.

Take time now to compare current natural gas rates and see how True Natural Gas stacks up to other natural gas marketers. Visit the Public Service Commission's website at [psc.state.ga.us](http://psc.state.ga.us). You will see that True has been one of the top providers with the lowest standard fixed rate for several years. True Natural Gas is cooperative-owned; they are local, reliable and trusted in the natural gas industry. True Natural Gas would also welcome the opportunity to give our small commercial members a personal price quote.

Additionally, the "True Rewards" program is their thank you to loyal customers, which offers incremental bill credits. The longer you stay with True Natural Gas, the more you save, and the savings are automatic.

Sign up today! Find out what it means to be True. Contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-1824 or visit [truenaturalgas.com](http://truenaturalgas.com).

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



## Enroll in Operation Round Up Today

Regardless of how you connect with Sawnee EMC, we have an Operation Round Up sign up method to meet your communication needs.

*Complete the form below and return to Sawnee EMC with your next payment or Text "Round Up My Bill" to 678-999-8124 or Sign up online at [sawnee.com/oru](http://sawnee.com/oru).*



**SIGN ME UP TODAY!**

☐ I choose to support those in need in my community by having my electric bill rounded up each month to the nearest dollar with Operation Round Up.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Sawnee EMC Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Turn Your Coins Into Change



Sawnee Electric Membership  
**FOUNDATION**

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation (Foundation) offers members the opportunity

to participate in Operation Round Up. This program allows participating members to round up their electric bill to the next dollar and donate that change to worthy charities. On average, participating members will contribute \$6 per year. That extra change goes directly into the Foundation and is distributed to local charitable organizations, classroom grants, lineworker scholarships and more. A charitable program unique to electric cooperatives, Operation Round Up is designed to give members a means of working together to use their small change to make an impact in their local communities. Of the money collected through Operation Round Up, 100 percent is donated to charity in a series of local grants approved by a volunteer Board of Directors. Sign up for Operation Round Up today at [sawnee.com/oru](http://sawnee.com/oru), text "Round Up My Bill" to 678-999-8124 or complete the form to the left and return with your next Sawnee EMC payment.

## Here's WATTS Cookin' Chocolate Chip Cake

### Ingredients:

1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix

1 small box Jello instant chocolate pudding

1/2 cup Crisco or vegetable oil

4 eggs

8 oz. sour cream

1 tsp. vanilla

3/4 cup or a little more of regular size Nestle Chocolate chips

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat all ingredients, except chocolate chips, with handheld mixer. Fold 1/2 cup of chocolate chips into mixture. Pour batter into a greased bundt pan. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup of chocolate chips on top. Bake cake for 45-55 minutes until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Let cake cool completely before serving.



👉 Thanks to Patty Cunningham 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](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).