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Sawnee EMC Announces \$10 Million Retirement of Patronage Capital

Sawnee EMC will soon be refunding approximately \$10 million to over 114,800 active and former Sawnee members through a general retirement of patronage capital. This patronage capital retirement is for all customers who received electric service from Sawnee EMC at any time during 2002 and/or 2003.

As outlined in Sawnee's Bylaws, patronage capital is an allocation of the revenue received in excess of operating costs and expenses in a given year; those funds are then assigned to each member of record for that particular year.

Active members of Sawnee EMC, who received service at any time during 2002 and/or 2003, will receive their portion of this patronage capital retirement in the form of a "credit" on their March 2020 electric bill. Active members will

For more information and to watch a video overview about Sawnee EMC's Patronage Capital process, please visit sawnee.com/patronage-capital.

soon receive a letter, which provides details about this general retirement; including the amount of their refund, as well as a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Former members who no longer have an active account with Sawnee EMC, and have a valid forwarding address, will be mailed a check to their last known address on or around April 6, 2020. It is important that former Sawnee EMC members notify Sawnee of their new mailing address when they discontinue electric service. This helps to ensure that these former members receive their future patronage capital retirements when they occur.

In addition to the general retirement of patronage capital, it is important to remember that Sawnee EMC also retires patronage capital to the estates of deceased members. In 2019,

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“QUOTABLE QUOTE

Well done is better than well said."

— Benjamin Franklin

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Announcing 2020 Residential ENERGY REBATES

Anytime is a good time to get more energy efficient, but it is better when a Sawnee EMC rebate can help pay for it. Below is information about the 2020 energy rebate programs for residential Sawnee EMC accounts.

💰 Insulation Upgrade: Increase your attic insulation to an R-49 level or greater and receive ½ of the cost, up to \$200. The home must be at least five (5) years old.

💰 Second Refrigerator / Freezer Turn In: Replace your second refrigerator or freezer, which must be working and at least 10 years old, with an Energy Star model and receive a rebate of \$30, plus free removal of the old unit. This rebate does not apply to the replacement of the main kitchen refrigerator.

💰 Electric Hybrid Water Heater: Replace an existing water heater with a heat pump water heater and receive a \$100 rebate.

💰 New HVAC Unit: Replace an existing HVAC unit with a new 17 SEER unit. Please note, the yellow ENERGY GUIDE label located on the outdoor unit must clearly state 17 SEER or greater. Recipients must also agree to participate in one of Sawnee's Load Management programs in order to receive the rebate.

💰 Duct Sealing: Receive a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$100, for sealing all accessible HVAC ductwork with mastic. Visit Sawnee's Energy Center (www.sawnee.com/rebates) for full details.

💰 HVAC Tune Up: Receive a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$20, for each HVAC unit, when you have a "tune up" performed by a licensed HVAC technician. *Tune ups for "gas furnaces only" do not qualify.*

💰 Variable Speed Pool Pump: Replace a conventional swimming

pool pump with a variable speed pump and receive ½ of the cost, up to \$100 per pump.

Are you a commercial member? If so, please be sure to visit us online at www.sawnee.com for a list of rebates that your business may be eligible for. Questions? Contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Energy Services staff at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com if you have any questions about rebate eligibility.



PLEASE NOTE...

The rebates contained herein only apply for work completed in 2020. Please be sure to visit www.sawnee.com/rebates for additional information and limitations on Sawnee's 2020 energy related rebates and incentives.

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approximately 406 such retirements were made, totaling approximately \$457,725. If you know of an individual who is deceased, and they once were a Sawnee member, please remind the executor of their estate to contact our Customer Service Center at (770) 887-2363, by text at (678) 999-8124, or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com to learn more about claiming the former member's not yet retired patronage capital.

Sawnee EMC is committed to supporting the principles that make the "cooperative" business structure a success. Over the previous five (5) years, Sawnee EMC has retired over \$49 million to active and former members through general retirements of patronage capital.

If you have any questions about this general patronage capital retirement, please contact our Customer Service Center at (770) 887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.

Energy-Saving Tips that Work

There is no time like the present to take energy-saving measures that are good for you, your home and your wallet. Take these simple steps to save on your energy usage. Below is your guide to get started.



Adjust the thermostat setting 6 to 8 degrees for 8 hours a day, to save on heating and cooling bills.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$200



Use a power strip for multiple electronic devices and turn it off when not in use.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$30



Seal air leaks around doors and windows to avoid wasting heated or cooled air.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$100



Limit the use of hot water. The water heater is usually the second biggest energy user in the home.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$120



Replace your five most frequently used light fixtures with ENERGY STAR rated LED bulbs.

AVERAGE ANNUAL SAVINGS: \$75

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Source: www.energy.gov (Savings are based on averages and actual savings will vary depending on home, climate, products and use)



TAKE CAUTION While Using An Electric Space Heater

This winter has been a chilly one and we are all ready for some spring weather. For now, there is still an occasional need to take the chill out of a room, and many people use an electric space heater for this job.

Consider the following tips when using an electric space heater:

- Keep everything clear within three feet around the space heater.
- Do not leave your electric space heater unattended for long periods.
- Never use the heater near water... including sinks, bathtubs and showers.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Be sure to place the heater on a sturdy, flat surface to avoid tipping over and starting a fire.
- Always check the power cord for frayed wires and excessive heat building up.
- Use the thermostat, or the low setting, so the heater will cut off periodically.
- Always turn it off when you go to sleep.
- Remember, electric space heaters can impact your Sawnee EMC bill. A space uses approximately \$0.15 per hour. If you are using a space heater six or more hours a day, each day of billing cycle; this can really add up on your electric bill.

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Here's WATTS Cookin' Maple Butter Candied Pecans

Ingredients:

1 cup halved pecans

1 tsp. cinnamon

¼ cup pure maple syrup

2 tbsp. salted butter

Instructions:

In a large skillet, add all of the ingredients and cook on medium heat until maple syrup mixture comes to a low simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 20-25 minutes, stirring often, until the liquid in the maple syrup has evaporated and the sugars have crystallized. Place pecans on parchment paper to cool. Let cool for 20 minutes before storing them in an airtight container. As the pecans cool, they will crisp to a crunchy texture.



👉 Thanks to Rania Renno 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.