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TIPS for Maintaining an Efficient HVAC System

Summer is officially here. It's time for cookouts, swimming pools, camping and enjoying the great outdoors with family and friends. When it's time to come back indoors, there's nothing better than that cool blast you feel from your home's air conditioning unit.

Your HVAC system is essential to keeping your home comfortable all year long; and if it breaks down, it's also one of the more costly pieces of equipment to repair and/or replace. Luckily, there are simple steps you can take now to lengthen the life of your HVAC system.

- **Change or clean filters.** Dirty filters block airflow, which can greatly decrease the efficiency of your system. The Department of Energy recommends changing or cleaning filters every month or two.

- **Consider a tune up.** A thorough tune up from a licensed HVAC professional will ensure your AC is in tip top condition.



- **Clear space around the HVAC unit.**

Falling leaves and grass left behind from the lawnmower can create buildup around your unit. If you have foliage near the unit, trim it back at least 2 ft. around the condenser to increase airflow.

When HVAC equipment fails, it's inconvenient and uncomfortable — especially during the dog days of summer. Remember, your HVAC system runs best when it's regularly cleaned

and serviced. With a little maintenance along the way, you can add years to your system's lifespan. Questions? Please contact Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

Sawnee EMC offers a rebate (1/2 of your cost, up to \$20 per AC unit) for having a tune up performed on your air conditioning unit(s).

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. "

— Unknown

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Appointment of Sawnee's 2019 DIRECTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEES

District #2 – Chestatee:

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Effective June 7, 2019, the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC appointed nine (9) total members to serve on the three (3) Committees on Nominations ("Committee") for the directorate districts in which the term of the incumbent director is expiring. It is the function of these Committees to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for District #2 (Chestatee); District #7 (Italy); and District #9 (Webb), as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws.

To the left are the names of the members appointed to serve on each of the three (3) Committees. Interested SEMC members should contact the members of the Committee, for the district in which they reside, if they wish for the Committee to consider them as a candidate for the office of director in 2019:

The Committees will meet at the Sawnee EMC Headquarters in Cumming, GA as outlined below:

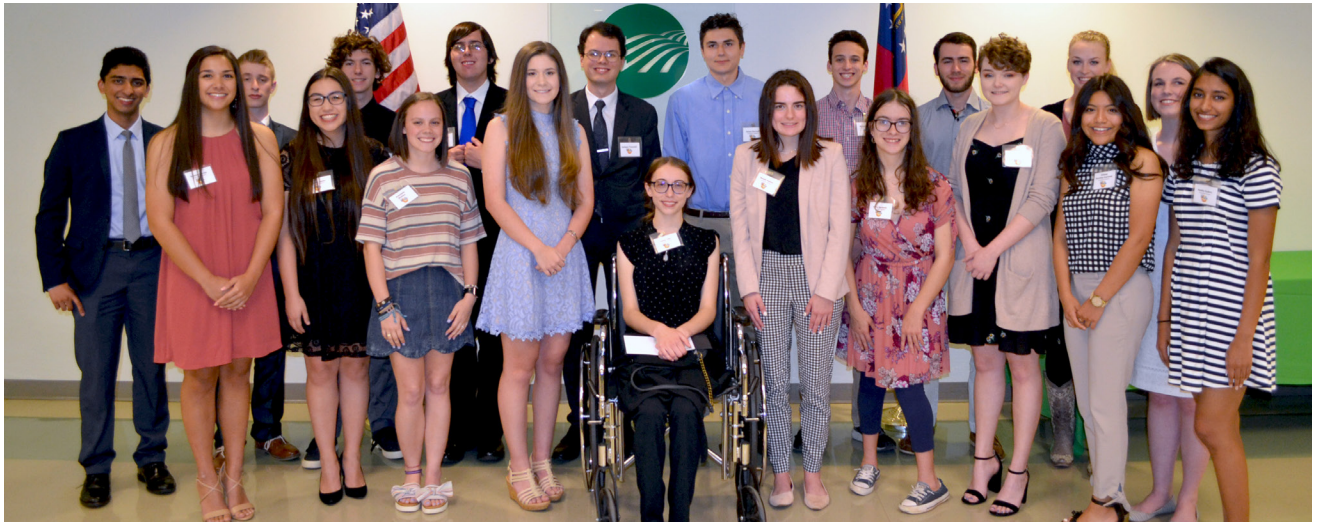
Directorate District	Committee Meeting Date	Time
District #2 (Chestatee)	July 24, 2019 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
District #7 (Italy)	July 24, 2019 (Wednesday)	2:00 p.m.
District #9 (Webb)	July 25, 2019 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m.

Qualified individuals, who wish to seek the office of director outside of the Committee process, may do so by utilizing the petition process. Petitions from potential candidates, as required in the Bylaws of the Corporation, must be submitted to Sawnee EMC no later than the thirty-fifth (35th) day "before" each directorate district meeting. These deadlines are as follows:

Directorate District	Petition Deadline Date	Time
District #2 (Chestatee)	July 30, 2019 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #7 (Italy)	July 31, 2019 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #9 (Webb)	August 1, 2019 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m.

If you are a Sawnee EMC member assigned to one of these three (3) directorate districts and have an interest in seeking the office of director in 2019, you are encouraged to review the director candidate information available online at www.sawnee.com/elections, or request a director candidate information packet from the office of the Sawnee EMC President and CEO.

Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation Announces



2019 Youth Scholarship Award Recipients

Katelyn Aquino – West Forsyth High School
 Jake Bischoff – Chattahoochee High School
 Sarah Cooksey – Dawson County High School
 Gabriel Fulbright – Forsyth Central High School
 Medha Guduru – South Forsyth High School
 Thomas Hughes – Forsyth Central High School
 Natalie Kandul – Lambert High School
 Eric Kraitman – West Forsyth High School
 Geneve Lauby – Lambert High School
 Bennett Mathis – Forsyth Central High School

Camryn McCraney – Fideles Christian School
 Brent Miller – Alpharetta High School
 Maanas Purushothapu – Chattahoochee High School
 Elifelet Sanchez-Espinoza – Chestatee High School
 Katie Sardonia – Creekview High School
 Melanie Smith – West Forsyth High School
 Haley Tidd – Haley's Home School
 Jackson Trammell – Dawson County High School
 Aimee Unger – North Forsyth High School
 AnnaBelle Wallace – North Forsyth High School

**Sawnee EMC
 is Highest
 in Customer
 Satisfaction
 Among
 Cooperatives"**

—J.D. Power

For J.D. Power 2018 award information,
 visit [//jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards).



The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation awards youth scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors seeking to further their education. The Foundation's Board of Directors recently approved the 2019 Youth Scholarship awards and selected the following 20 students to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Congratulations to this year's Youth Scholarship recipients. Questions about this program or the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation can be directed to Mrs. Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at (678) 455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.



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; and**
- **Reduce unexpected costs for repairs**

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!

Learn more. See our tree trimming guide at <https://file.sawnee.com/web-docs/library/right-of-way-guide.pdf>.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Quick Cheesy Chicken Risotto

Ingredients:

1 lb. boneless chicken breast
1 can diced tomatoes, drained
1 can cream of chicken soup

1 2/3 cup of milk
½ cup of grated parmesan
½ tsp. Italian seasoning
2 cups uncooked instant rice

Instructions:

Cook chicken in small amount of oil until lightly browned. Add soup, milk, cheese and seasoning. Stir and heat to a boil. Stir in rice and tomato. Turn heat to low, cover and cook for 5 minutes or until warmed through.



👉 Thanks to Amy Rubin 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.