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- Saves time and money.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter."

Walt Disney

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Appointment of Sawnee EMC's 2021 DIRECTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Effective June 11, 2021, the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC appointed nine (9) 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 in 2021. It is the function of each Committee to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for their respective district, as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws. To the right are the names of the Sawnee EMC members appointed to serve on each of the three (3) Committees. Sawnee members interested in being considered as a candidate for the office of director in 2021 should contact the Committee members for the district in which they reside.

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

Directorate District	Committee Meeting Date	<u>Time</u>
District #1 (Birmingham)	July 28, 2021 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
District #4 (Dougherty)	July 28, 2021 (Wednesday)	2:00 p.m.
District #6 (Matt)	July 29, 2021 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m.

If you are a Sawnee EMC member located in these three (3) directorate districts and have an interest in seeking the office of director in 2021, you are encouraged to review the director candidate information available online at sawnee.com/elections or request a director candidate information packet from the office of the Sawnee EMC President and CEO.

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

<u>Directorate District</u>	Petition Deadline Date	<u>Time</u>
District #1 (Birmingham)	August 3, 2021 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #4 (Dougherty)	August 4, 2021 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #6 (Matt)	August 5, 2021 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m.

Note: A petition form is available upon request via U.S. Mail, or online at sawnee.com/elections.

If you have a question about Sawnee EMC's 2021 director election process, the Committee on Nominations, or the petition process, please feel free to contact the Office of the Sawnee EMC President and CEO at (770) 887-2363.

District #1 – Birmingham:

Mr. Chris Brigham P.O. Box 1524 Canton, GA 30169 (404) 580-8140

Mr. Robert Nealey 286 Randy Lane Canton, GA 30115 (678) 393-9744

Ms. Wralene Pritchard 1942 Avery Road Canton, GA 30115 (770) 479-4154

District #4 – Dougherty:

Mr. Wayne Garrett 5008 Gillespie Road Gainesville, GA 30506 (770) 540-6902

Ms. Edna Mize 263 Woodland Circle Dawsonville, GA 30534 (706) 216-6313

Mr. Bobby Whitmire 12 Harbour Ridge Drive Dawsonville, GA 30534 (706) 215-2857

District #6 - Matt:

Ms. Shannon Harrington 6420 Manor Estates Drive Cumming, GA 30028 (678) 455-0632

Ms. Hannah Little 6550 Jewell Bennett Road Dawsonville, GA 30534 (770) 826-6184

Mr. Chris Woodall 5020 Arbor Creek Court Cumming, GA 30040 (678) 491-0806



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We're Ready for Storm Season. ARE YOU?

Now that summer is in full swing, most people welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summer brings about favorite activities such as cooking with family and friends, outdoor sports, or simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

However, the summer months also make conditions right for dangerous thunderstorms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to Sawnee's electrical distribution system, but we want you to know that our crews are ready to respond should power outages occur.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they work on any downed lines. Our staff would also encourage you to practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages. Below are a few suggestions for your consideration:

- Stock your pantry with a supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other items.
- Have adequate sanitation supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.



In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances like TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. If you plan to use a generator, make sure it is rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check Sawnee EMC's app, website (<u>sawnee.com</u>) and social media platforms (e.g.

Facebook and Twitter) for power restoration updates. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings and download our app at <u>sawnee.com</u> to stay up-to-date of power restoration efforts and other important news and information.

We hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At Sawnee EMC, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

10 Ways to Save on Laundry

Your washing machine and dryer contributes to a portion of your monthly energy consumption, and let's face it - laundry is no one's favorite chore. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends the following ways to save energy (and money) in the laundry room.

- 1. Wash with cold water. Switching from warm water to cold water can cut one load's energy use by more than half.
- Wash full loads when possible. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up.
- Use the high-speed or extended spin cycle in the washer. This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time.
- Dry heavier cottons separately. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.
- Make use of the "cool down" cycle. If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.

- Use lower heat settings to dry clothing. Regardless of drying time, you'll still use less energy.
- 7. **Use dryer balls.** Dryer balls, usually wool or rubber, will help keep clothes separated for faster drying, and they can help reduce static.
- Switch loads while the dryer is warm. This allows you to take advantage of the remaining heat from the previous cycle.
- Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle. This will allow more air to flow out of the exhaust vent for efficient operation.
- 10. Purchase ENERGY STAR®-rated washers and dryers. When it's time, look for the ENERGY STAR® label. New washers and dryers that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating use about 20% less energy than conventional models.

To learn more about additional ways you can save energy at home, visit Sawnee EMC's Energy Solutions Center at sawnee.com.

Here's WATTS Cookin'

Zucchini Bread

Ingredients:

2 cups flour 3 eggs 1 1/2 cups sugar 3/4 cup oil

1 teaspoon salt1 tablespoon vanilla2 teaspoons baking soda2 cups grated zucchini1 tablespoon cinnamon1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare two medium loaf pans with parchment paper. Combine the flour, sugar, salt, baking soda and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Stir and set aside. In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Add the oil, vanilla and zucchini and mix together. Add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture. Add the walnuts and mix till just combined. Divide evenly into two medium loaf pans and bake for 1 hour.

Thanks to Robin Fuller 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.