



NEWSLETTER FOR CO-OP MEMBERS OF ENERSTAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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Final call to apply for the Youth to Washington Tour

Deadline to represent EnerStar in D.C. is January 31



The deadline is quickly approaching to represent EnerStar Electric in Washington, D.C. this summer. For more than 50 years, electric co-ops of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials, and EnerStar is looking for two outstanding students in our cooperative family to represent us at Youth Tour this year.


EnerStar's Youth Tour is two separate events: **Youth Day** in Springfield, held **March 31, 2020** and the week-long, all-expense paid **Youth to Washington** trip on **June 19 - 26, 2020**.

During this trip, students will get the chance to meet other students from across the nation, shake hands with political leaders, and visit museums and monuments.

Candidates should be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors in the fall of 2020. In addition, candidates must reside in the EnerStar service territory and receive their electricity from EnerStar.

Visit www.enerstar.com to find the application in the Community Section. **Applications are due Jan. 31, 2020.** If you have any questions, please contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, extension 103 or via email at agriffin@enerstar.com.



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HOW THE ELECTRIC CO-OP WORKS



1. Member-owners elect board directors.

2. Board defines expectations for the co-op's general manager (GM/CEO) and provides policies & strategic goals.



3. GM/CEO interprets the board's expectations to create a plan.



8. Board reflects on policies and updates them as needed.



Member-owners provide input & feedback to board, GM & staff.



4. GM/CEO delegates responsibilities to staff who help carry out the plan.



7. GM/CEO shares results with the board.



6. GM/CEO collects data from staff about their efforts.



5. Staff develop and oversee programs to accomplish their tasks.

Members elect the co-op board at the upcoming annual meeting.



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Board petitions still available

The annual meeting of members is just around the corner, and the January 28, 2020 deadline to submit petitions is fast approaching. If you are interested in running for election to the EnerStar Board of Directors, pick up your petition now!

Prior to receiving a petition, candidates should verify with cooperative personnel that they reside within an open Representative District. Petitions require the signatures of 15 EnerStar members who live in the candidate's Voting District. All members signing petitions must have an original membership card on file and must be currently receiving electricity from the cooperative at their primary residence.

When petitions are submitted, candidates are encouraged to provide a short biographical sketch of 250 words or less and a digital photo to be included in the official notice to members. The biography will also be included in the March 2020 issue of this publication.

The role of director is a significant commitment – of time, energy and education – more than most members realize. The petition packet provides considerable detail about the role of a director.

To receive a packet or for questions regarding the petition process, contact EnerStar's Kim Stewart at 800-635-4145 or email her at kstewart@enerstar.com.

2020 Annual Meeting of Members

January 13, 2020 – First day to turn in petition and candidate biography and photo

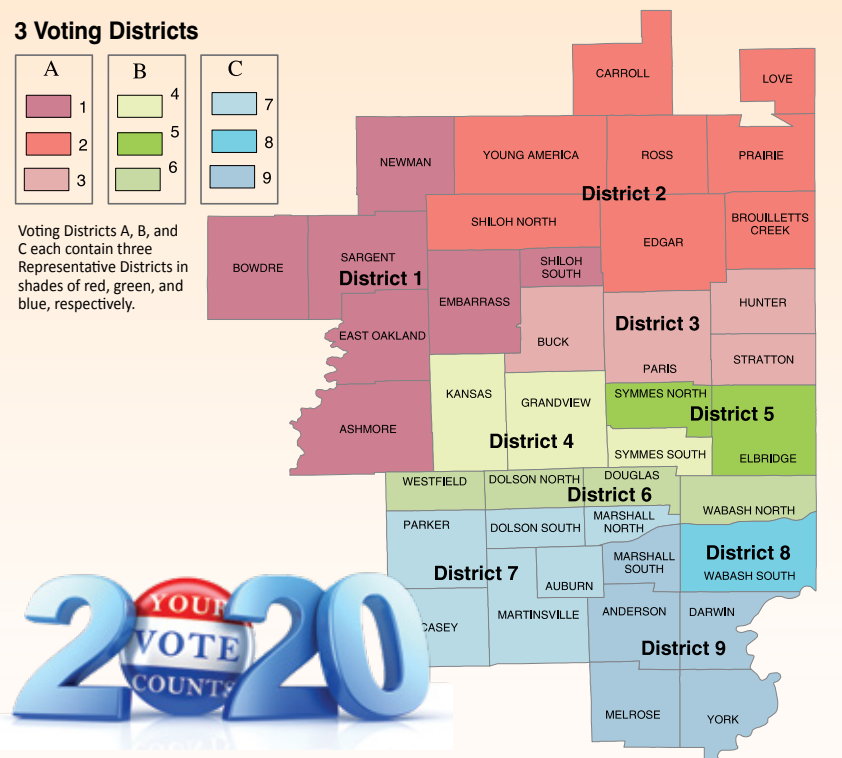
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March 28, 2020 – 79th Annual Meeting of Members

3 Voting Districts

A	B	C
1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

Voting Districts A, B, and C each contain three Representative Districts in shades of red, green, and blue, respectively.



Representative Board District Descriptions

✓ Voting District A

District 1- Jeff Zimmerman, Oakland

The Townships of Newman, Bowdre, and Sargent in Douglas County, Illinois; the Townships of East Oakland and Ashmore in Coles County, Illinois; the Township of Embarrass in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Shiloh lying south of the 1800th Road in Edgar County, Illinois

✓ Voting District B

District 5- Bob Staley, Paris

The Township of Elbridge in Edgar County, Illinois; all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying

north of the 400th Road and west of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying north of the 300th Road and east of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois

✓ Voting District C

District 9- Dan Gard, Jr., West Union

The Townships of Anderson, Darwin, Melrose, and York in Clark County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Marshall lying south of Interstate Highway 70 in Clark County, Illinois

3 year terms



**Office Closing
December 31
and January 1
for New Year's**

Planned Outage Notification Call List

If you depend on life support equipment, contact EnerStar

EnerStar does its best to keep the power on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Yet despite our best efforts, outages do occur. For most members, this is an inconvenience, but for those who depend on electricity to power life support equipment, an outage can present a real challenge. To protect yourself, be prepared by installing a generator or having some other form of backup plan.

While most outages are weather-related, a few are planned in advance for maintenance and construction purposes. In instances of a planned outage, EnerStar maintains a Planned Outage Call List for those members with a



verified medical necessity. These members receive notification in the event of a scheduled power outage.

If you or a relative depend on electrically powered life support equipment and would like to be put on the call list for medical reasons, it is necessary for the member's doctor to send a letter to EnerStar indicating the need for electrically operated life support. The letter should include information regarding the person needing life support

If your business depends on uninterrupted power supply, the use of an electric generator is highly recommended, and computers should have some sort of a battery back-up system.

equipment, the type of equipment, and location information. It is the member's responsibility to keep all contact information updated with EnerStar.

It is important to stress that by being placed on the planned outage call list, **EnerStar is in no way guaranteeing uninterrupted power supply.** Members must make personal arrangements for both unplanned and planned outages.

To apply for the Planned Outage Call List, send an email to EnerStar's Kayla McElheny at kmcelheny@enerstar.com or call her at (800) 635-4145, extension 112.

Why we plan outages

Sometimes, you may hear that EnerStar will be having a "planned outage." Ever wondered why?

Occasionally, the equipment we use to bring power to your home needs to be repaired or replaced. When this happens, as a way to keep our crews and you safe, we plan a power interruption.

"We do our best to plan these outages during times when you will be least inconvenienced," said EnerStar's CEO Mike Clark.

Clark explained that while it may be inconvenient, planned



outages are actually beneficial. "Regular system maintenance is critical for many reasons. Yes, power reliability is one issue to avoid after-hour outages but there is also the issue of public safety and the safety of our employees," he said.

Here at EnerStar, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep you safe and to keep our system running smoothly. So the next time you hear about a planned outage, know that it is one of the best ways we can provide you with quality electric service.

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