

SWAN'S ISLAND ELECTRIC CO-OP NEWSLETTER

ELECTRIC CO-OP BUSINESS

From the Manager:

It has been a very busy time in the last 3 weeks since Lorraine and I started the management transition. As you can imagine there is much to discuss and pass along. Highlights of the last couple of weeks have been the arranging for an off-island senior lineman to work with Steve Green in performing the normal repair work on winter damage, the completion of a grid map by Lorraine which will be critically important to proper and safe maintenance of the distribution grid, organizing a crew from Bangor Hydro to come in late April to do repairs to our main switching station nearby the ferry terminal, and planning for the replacement of the 3 phase service to the Fishermen's Coop which was damaged this winter. Another item which has taken up much energy has been working with the Town on the implementation of the new electric ordinance. The new ordinance is coming into effect at the same time as our implementation of installation standards adopted by your Board of Trustees in February. There is too much detail to explain here but all our members need to know that if they plan to do any electrical work in their island properties they must obtain an electric installation permit from the Town if the scope of work exceeds 5 socket receptacles or switches. We will be working closely with the Town's code enforcement officer Dave Niquette whenever we receive a request for a temporary service disconnection and whenever we are replacing a service line that has been downed in a storm.

One final request – for all our members who are seasonal residents – please give us plenty of time before you arrive if you need any electrical work done. We are short handed and we can only schedule certain work when we have our off-island senior lineman here.

Tom McAloon
Manager

From Your Board of Trustees:

As most of you know, the Board has begun the search for a new, permanent Manager of the Swan's Island Electric Cooperative. In response to our advertisements for the position throughout New England, applications are coming in and we will convene a special committee after April 30th to begin the selection process. In the meantime, the Board has secured the services of Swan's Island resident Tom McAloon as interim manager. Tom brings a strong engineering background and experience in utility development to the job, as well as exceptional organizational and management skills along with a good appreciation and understanding of the Swan's Island and Frenchboro communities.

At the same time that we are transitioning

in a new interim manager, our Line Superintendent, Jerry Laws, has been in the hospital recovering from a fairly serious stapf infection. While we are hopeful that he can rejoin us within a few weeks – if only in a limited capacity, the Cooperative will be short-staffed and all members should provide as much lead time and coordination as possible to any requests for electrical service.

Monday, April 18th will be the first date of disconnection for members who have neglected their electric bills over the winter. If you have received a disconnect notice in the mail and have not yet come into the office to talk over your options with our Manager, there is still time (but not much). Our Cooperative can only function if all members share the burden in proportion to their use of electric power.

Ed Schwabe
President

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- ELECTRIC CO-OP OFFICE HOURS
- PHONE # 526-4336
- 7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- OFFICE MAY BE CLOSED BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 12:00 PM FOR LUNCH.
- OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS.

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