

SWANS ISLAND ELECTRIC COOP NEWSLETTER

From the Manager:

As we come to the end of the summer season our focus has shifted to preparations for the winter. Our efforts to complete the application process with the RUS for the 800K infrastructure loan are not likely to produce the funds in this calendar year. Consequently we will be working on normal system maintenance, procuring critical supplies for the winter and trimming trees and branches from the lines. We will continue with our part time senior and assistant linemen to keep our operating expenses down.

One important item to report is the purchase of a lightly used pickup truck to replace the 1997 model that failed us in July and proved too expensive to repair. Our new vehicle is a gray 2008 Chevy V-8 and we hope to get as much work out of it as the truck it replaces.

A few requests for our members – our meter readers are having trouble accessing quite a few meters. A number of you will find a green notice in your bill requesting that you keep the area around and the access to your meters clear of vegetation (tall grass, trees, branches). Also, to those of you with gardens – please don't plant beautiful flowers and plants where our meter readers have to stand to read the meters. Thanks in advance for taking care of this work!

We have quite a number of security lights in place that no one is paying for. This is an obvious drain on our finances. Beginning in October our crew will be removing all security lights on the SIEC side of the

meter. If you are not paying for a light and would like to open an account to keep it shining, please contact Bonnie.

Finally, a request to our seasonal members and year round residents working as caretakers. If you have property on Swans Island please make sure that your contact information is up to date and you have given it to the Town of Swans Island. We use the same database maintained by the Town. For Frenchboro, please give us a call at SIEC and we'll take the contact information over the phone.

From Your Board of Trustees:

During the regular Board Meeting in August, the election of Board Officers for the upcoming year produced the following results: Ed Schwabe was re-elected as President; Jason Matthews was elected Vice President; Siobhan Ryan was re-elected as Secretary; and Jeffrey Ellison was elected Treasurer.

The winding down of Summer and the election of officers always brings about a renewed focus on the future. In the next month or two we should find out if

our Cooperative has merited enough confidence in Washington, D.C. to be awarded a new 4-year Work Plan Loan to bring about a much-needed (and long-delayed) improvement to our electric grid on our two islands. At the same time, the Wind Power Feasibility Study on Big Mountain is underway, and we hope to be able to provide an interim report to the community in early November.

Our work crew will be focusing on trimming back trees from our main power lines during the Fall in preparation for the Winter Storm season. As labor resources allow, we can undertake tree trimming jobs for members who need to keep their secondary power lines clear during this time.

Also, if you have received a notice that our meter readers are having difficulty getting to your meter because of vegetation, our crews are available to take on the job of providing a clear path – if you are unable to attend to it yourself.

Again, this depends on availability of labor. Please contact the Manager to discuss the labor and equipment rates and possible scheduling of the work.

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Town of Swans Island Notice:

There is now a 48 hour maximum parking time in the "back" line for the ferry. Please display the time and date of your anticipated departure in your vehicle window. Forms are available at the ticket office.

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

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