

## **DEC to Host Annual Meeting**

After two years of virtual annual meetings, Delaware Electric Cooperative (DEC) is delighted to host an in-person event once again. The member-owned Co-op invites its members to attend the annual meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington.

Familiar sights and sounds of past meetings, including the much-loved chicken dinner, will be part of the festivities. In addition to gathering with Co-op employees, DEC members have a chance to visit with various community organizations and receive an update on the state of the Cooperative from President and CEO Greg Starheim.

The meal and community fair will begin at 3 p.m. in the Centre Ice Rink, with the business meeting to follow, starting at 7 p.m. in the Dover Building. DEC anticipates an attendance of approximately 6,000 people at its 86th celebration of membership.

According to Starheim, “We are really looking forward to meeting with our membership in person this year, after two years of meeting virtually. It’s an experience that is truly unique to Co-ops — gathering with those we serve each year and providing updates on the progress DEC has made over the year.”

Returning this year to the annual meeting is the utility demonstration, where Co-op crews will show members how they restore power and how to be safe around electrical infrastructure. The demonstrations will be held at 4 and 6 p.m. outside the Centre Ice Rink.

The Co-op gathering will also feature live entertainment from Junior Wilson and Big Hat, No Cattle. Members of DEC are encouraged to bring their family members to enjoy the music and food.

“Attending the annual meeting is a great way for our members to connect with their Co-op and their community,” said Starheim. “We look forward to visiting with as many of our members as possible.”

The Co-op’s Annual Meeting is the largest private gathering in southern Delaware.

Delaware Electric Cooperative is a member-owned not-for-profit utility powering more than 110,000 homes, farms and businesses in Kent and Sussex Counties. For more information, visit DEC on the web at [www.delaware.coop](http://www.delaware.coop) or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.