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Co-op Bylaws

Article III Section 3: Nomination and Election of Directors

(a) Any fifteen (15) or more members, acting together, may nominate a qualified candidate from any district of the Cooperative from which there is to be elected a member of the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the members held for that purpose. Such petition shall be in writing, signed by the members presenting such position, and filed at the principal office of the Cooperative not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which such election is to be held. The Secretary shall promptly cause such petition to be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative and shall cause to be mailed with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates, arranged by districts. Only candidates who have been nominated by petition in accordance with this section shall be eligible for election. The members may, at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations, except that the new directors must be bona fide domiciliaries in the same district as the directors in respect of whom the vacancy occurs. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section, shall not affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any election of directors.

(b) Election of directors (and amendments to the bylaws) shall be by printed ballot or voting machines as determined by the Board of Directors; provided that if there are no contested directors' seats and no proposed By-Law amendments, election of directors may be conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. The ballots/voting machines shall list the candidates arranged by districts. Each member of the Cooperative present in person at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district, for which a director is to be elected. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered elected as director.

(c) In the event that the votes counted at any meeting of the members for the election of a Director or amendment of the By-Laws results in a tie vote, such tie vote shall be decided by secret ballot of those sitting directors physically present at the meeting; except that no incumbent director shall be permitted to cast a vote regarding his own re-election.



“Delaware Electric Cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable and competitively priced energy services and empowering our members to improve their quality of life.”



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Annual Meeting

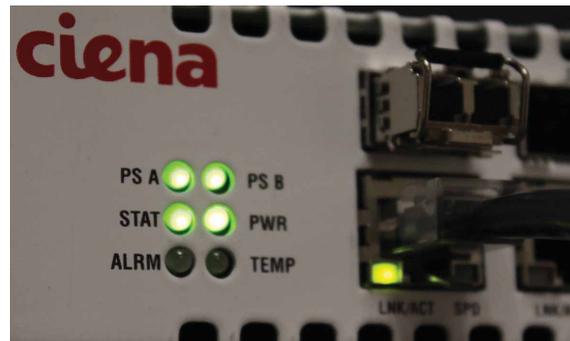
Official Notice of 2017 Member Meeting

Tuesday, August 15th at the Delaware State Fairgrounds

We hope you'll be able to join us on August 15th for dinner, a community fair and an update on your Cooperative. Our annual meeting begins with registration and dinner at 3 p.m. at the Centre Ice Rink at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. If you are interested in being a candidate for your Co-op's Board of Directors, you must submit a petition to our office in Greenwood, DE by June 16th, 2017. The petition must include 15 member signatures. This year, directorships are open in Districts two (2), five (5) eight (8) and At-Large. For more information on the election process, go to www.delaware.coop and search for "By-Laws." Copies are also available in our office. At our annual meeting, action will be taken on the following items:



1. Registration of members attending the annual meeting
2. Report of officers
3. Election of four directors for Districts two (2), five (5) eight (8) and At-Large
4. Any proposed By-Law Amendments
5. All other business which may properly come before said meeting



Delaware Electric Cooperative (DEC) and Lighttower Fiber Networks have completed work on a project that will improve the utility's reliability and may bring additional broadband providers to southern Delaware.

The Co-op and Lighttower partnered in 2016 to construct a 250-mile, all fiber, network connecting DEC's substations to the headquarters building in Greenwood, Del. The project is providing a secure

and reliable broadband network connecting electrical devices across Kent and Sussex Counties. The project makes it easier for Co-op engineers to remotely operate DEC devices, leading to faster power restoration during major storms and outages. The fiber lines were lit in March.

Aside from the benefits to Delaware Electric Co-op members, broadband providers now have the option to purchase additional fiber lines owned by Lighttower, which could expand fast, affordable broadband service to rural Delaware. The project cost \$3 million and is part of the Cooperative's ongoing efforts to provide clean, affordable and reliable energy to its 92,000 members.

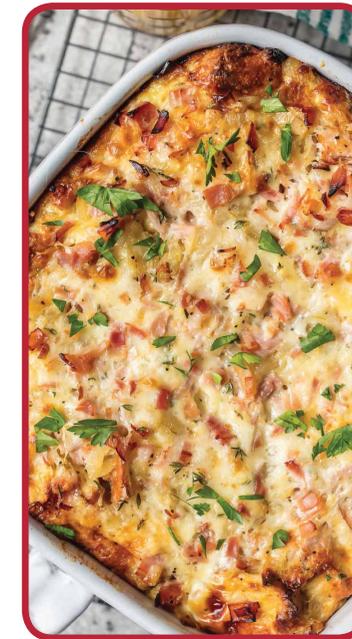


A double rainbow over Prime Hook, taken by Joan Winchester. Want your photo published? Email pictures to jtucker@decoop.com or mail them to 14198 Sussex Highway Greenwood, DE 19950.

4 cups, day-old, challah or brioche bread, cut into 1-inch cubes.
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 1 medium sweet yellow onion, peeled and diced
 ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 ¼ teaspoon granulated sugar
 ½ lb. thinly-sliced good deli ham, roughly cut
 6 large eggs
 1½ cups milk or half 'n half
 ½ teaspoon dry mustard
 ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg
 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves, minced
 Salt & Pepper, to taste
 1 cup shredded Gruyere or Swiss cheese

1. Spray an 8-inch baking dish (1½-2 qt) with non-stick cooking spray.

2. Spread the cubed bread in the bottom of the dish.
 3. Heat oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add diced onion, salt, black pepper and sugar. Sauté until onions are lightly caramelized, approximately 10 minutes. Be careful not to burn the onion.
 4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, nutmeg, thyme, salt and pepper.
 5. Spread the ham over the bread cubes, then spread the onion mixture on top of the ham. Layer on the Gruyere or Swiss cheese then pour the egg mixture over the cheese.
 6. Press down gently on the top to ensure all bread cubes get soaked with the egg mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
 7. Before baking, warm the casserole on the counter for 15 minutes and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
 8. Bake, uncovered, 35-40 minutes or until center is set and edges are bubbly and top begins to brown. A knife inserted in the center should come out clean.
 If casserole is browning too soon, loosely cover it with foil near the end of the cooking time.



Find more recipes at www.thecookierookie.com!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

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Once you're logged into your DEC Smarthub account:

1. Click on "My Profile"
2. Select "My Info" and update your printed bill settings. You can elect to receive billing notifications via email or text message. You can also download our app, DEC Connect, to manage your account 24/7 from your phone or tablet.

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