Support SVEC Energy Assistance and Help Members in Need

Winter is a trying time of year. Cold, wet weather drives people inside their homes. This also tends to drive up consumer energy bills. Individuals having a difficult time paying utility bills tend to have an even harder time during the winter, and now they face an added challenge with the higher cost of energy. The utilities are essential in providing warmth, comfort and a quality standard of living. Those experiencing difficulty may be in need of assistance.

The purpose of the SVEC Energy Assistance Program is to aid individuals and families experiencing financial stress in paying their winter energy bills. Individuals receiving SVEC Energy Assistance funds must be consumers of SVEC, but this does not mean the Energy Assistance will be only for electric bills; it will assist with any type of energy bill (i.e., electric, oil, gas or wood). However, the funds will not be available for use as utility deposits.

SVECs Energy Assistance Programs are administered by a number of outside organizations including the ones listed below.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may voluntarily add $1, $2, $5, $10 or more to their electric bill payment in excess of the amount due, or they may make a separate check payable to SVEC Energy Assistance. Contributions are accepted from Oct. 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018.

Member-owners requesting assistance should contact one of the organizations listed below in their county. Acceptance of applications for Energy Assistance and the distribution of funds will begin Jan. 2, 2018.

Please help support SVEC Energy Assistance and those less fortunate than yourself; remember, it is member-owners helping member-owners.

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. SVEC supports our armed services and veterans in employment opportunities.
Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) is celebrating National Cooperative Month in October, along with 40,000 other cooperative businesses serving more than 120 million people nationwide. “Cooperatives Commit” is the theme of this year’s celebration, when cooperatives across the nation engage in efforts to make more people aware of the advantages of the cooperative business model.

As member-owned and member-controlled businesses, cooperatives commit to meeting the needs of their members and communities, rather than generating returns for distant investors. Electric cooperatives, specifically, provide power to more than 18 million homes, schools and businesses around the United States. More than 900 electric cooperatives exist in 47 states.

Please join SVEC in celebrating all cooperatives this month!

America’s distribution cooperatives provide electric service to an estimated 42 million people in 47 states. Their service territories, which collectively cover 56 percent of the nation, are highlighted in this map.
Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative is currently rebuilding its Strasburg Substation to improve reliability and service to member-owners in the surrounding area. Recent project highlights include the relocation of transformers, installation of new fencing and gates, and placement of the ground grid for the new substation area.

VMDAEC Education Scholarships Available

Any high school or home-school senior graduating in 2018 whose parents or guardians are consumer-members of Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative and whose primary residence is served by the Cooperative is eligible for a $1,000 scholarship. For the online application and instructions, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com/community/scholarship.htm. The deadline to apply is Feb. 9, 2018.

Some of the requirements have changed for 2018:
- A letter of recommendation is not required.
- The SAT and/or ACT score MUST come from the College Board. This information can be found on www.collegeboard.org and the ACT student report can be found on www.act.org. **Scores listed on transcripts do not qualify.**
- If a student takes the SAT more than once, he/she may take the best score from each test (“Super Score”) for the online application but both tests must be submitted in the package to qualify.

Scholarships are awarded by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives’ (VMDAEC) Education Scholarship Foundation. An applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a post-secondary or technical/trade school in the fall of 2018 and scholarship funds must be used towards tuition, student fees, room and board or textbooks.

The Scholarship Foundation’s board of directors will select recipients based on a combination of the following weighted criteria: financial need at 40 percent; academic achievement at 40 percent; personal statement at 20 percent. Preference will be given to applicants who indicate a planned career as a lineworker. Successful applicants will be notified no later than May 31, 2018.

Donations to this program are welcomed! The Scholarship Foundation can accept tax-deductible donations and also participates in the Amazon Smile program. To use this option, visit www.smile.amazon.com to create an account and enter “VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation” as the name of the charitable organization.

Questions about donations and the application process should be directed to Nina Jacobs, manager of administrative services, at njacobs@vmdaec.com or 804-968-4084.

### SVEC Major July Outages

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Bring SVEC to You!

At Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, we enjoy getting out into the communities that we serve to discuss the Cooperative, energy efficiency, safety and more. If you are interested in having us visit your civic club or organization, please contact us at svecpr@svec.coop. We will be glad to visit groups of any size and we can cater our presentation to address specific questions or concerns of your membership.

Also, now that the school year is off and running, we are again excited at the opportunity to bring our safety demonstration to classrooms around the Shenandoah Valley. We believe strongly in educating young people about the dangers of electricity. Our display educates students about the possible hazards of electricity and how to best approach situations when an electrical danger might be present.

We would welcome the opportunity to come to your school, day care or after-school program and present our electrical safety display to any of your students; the display is appropriate for any elementary-aged student. It covers safety topics including the importance of avoiding substations, the need to be aware of overhead power lines, ensuring common household appliances are used correctly and more.

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SVEC Eazy Pay: Convenient & Free

The SVEC Eazy Pay plan allows the amount of your electric bill to be automatically deducted from your financial institution account. This service is optional, secure, safe and FREE. HOW EAZY PAY WORKS — IT’S AS EAZY AS 1, 2, 3...

1. Read Material: Learn about Eazy Pay through our website, www.svec.coop; contact your local office for more information; or ask for a brochure to be mailed to you.

2. Sign Up: Enroll online at our new E-biz website, www.svec-online.coop; print out an authorization form online, or pick up a brochure at your district office. Fill out information and return to SVEC with a voided check (checking account) or deposit slip (savings account). Your account must reflect a zero balance before enrolling, modifying or discontinuing your participation in Eazy Pay.

3. Enjoy Worry-Free, Timely Payments! Upon receipt of this authorization form, SVEC will implement the direct debit of your financial institution account. You will continue to receive a monthly bill from SVEC as usual. On this bill you will see a new statement to the effect that, “Your bank account will be debited for $ (total amount due) on (date).”

You will be charged ABSOLUTELY NOTHING for this service, and you may cancel at any time, just remember to allow at least five (5) business days prior to the debit date to cancel the payment deduction or make changes to your financial institution information. Also, please remember that the payment will have to be made by another payment method.

Energy Vampires Are Lurking In Your Home

Save energy in your home by locating energy vampires! These are the electronics and appliances that consume energy even when they are not being used. Circle the energy vampires below, and use the key to check your answers.

Key:
- Oven
- Laptop charger
- Dishwasher
- Lamp
- Cell phone charger
- CABLE/SET TOP BOX

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