

CLARK ENERGY LINES

A publication of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc., proudly serving our members since 1938.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

When: Friday, June 23, 2017
Where: Stanton City Park
 1 Pirate Drive, Stanton

Business Meeting: 2 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Establish Chairman for Meeting
- Welcome
- Recognition of Board of Directors
- Determine Quorum Present
- Reading of the Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing
- Approval of Minutes of Membership Meeting held May 20, 2016
- Announcement of Board of Directors Election Results
- Comments and Reports from Clark Energy Cooperative's President and CEO
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment



Registration will be held at Stanton City Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As a member-owner of Clark Energy Cooperative, you are urged to attend your annual membership meeting. Each registered member-owner will receive a bucket and bulbs and will be entered into drawings for the door prizes—you must be present to win. In order to be eligible to participate in the business meeting and register for prizes, you must:

- Hold an active membership in Clark Energy Cooperative.
- Register only once, even though you may hold multiple accounts.
- Be the person whose name appears on the membership application.

From the President's Desk

Contact Us

CLARK EC OFFICE LOCATIONS

2640 Iron Works Road,
Winchester 40391
28 Bible Camp Lane,
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OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Monday - Friday

OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

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**To report an outage, please call
(800) 992-3269.**

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Clark, Fayette, Bourbon
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Steve Hale - Powell
Vice Chairman

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Bath, Bourbon
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James Wells - Clark

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Rowan, Morgan, Bath

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Menifee, Montgomery, Bath

Bobby Russell - Madison

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Clark Energy to offer solar power to members this fall



Clark Energy members who want to help the environment and future generations by powering their home or business with renewable energy will soon have their chance. We are teaming with other Kentucky Touchstone Energy

Cooperatives to build and operate a 60-acre solar farm that is expected to begin generating sun-powered electricity this fall.

State regulators recently gave the green light to plans for Cooperative Solar, the largest sun-to-electricity community solar farm in Kentucky. The facility is expected to produce enough electricity to satisfy the power needs of about 1,000 homes.

More than 32,000 solar panels are being installed on land adjacent to the headquarters of Clark Energy's power supplier, which is based in Winchester and generates electricity for our co-op as well as 15 others in the state.

Cooperative Solar One, as the new solar farm is called, will provide Clark Energy members an easy, affordable way to benefit from sun power without the hassle, maintenance, and expense of owning your own solar electricity generation. The program is ideal for those who rent, have shaded property, or don't want to put solar panels on their roof.

Interested members will pay a one-time fee of \$460 to license a single solar panel for 25 years. Each panel is expected to produce up to 50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month, and other factors. Every month, the energy output of your licensed panel will be calculated and credited to your bill.

Panel licenses are now available. To learn more, visit

www.cooperativesolar.com.

If you happen to be driving on Interstate 64 just east of Lexington, keep an eye out for the solar farm we're "planting" in a field by the roadway. Soon, we will be harvesting the sun to benefit members of Clark Energy.



Chris Brewer, President & CEO

Cash in on old refrigerators and freezers with Clark Energy's recycling program

It was a deal too good to pass up.

While reading their electric bill insert, co-op members Bob and Jan Swope learned how to cash in on the 30-year-old refrigerator they were replacing with a new ENERGY STAR appliance.

"Ironically, I had just been quoted a cost of \$150 to haul my refrigerator off," said Bob. By making a call to the co-op, the Swopes were paid \$50 to recycle their old, energy-wasting refrigerator and have it hauled away at no charge.

The Swopes also cashed in on an ENERGY STAR rebate of \$100 for their new refrigerator. So instead of spending \$150 to get rid of their old appliance, the co-op members pocketed \$150 in rebates.

The Appliance Recycling Program from Clark Energy and Ken-

tucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives allows members to get a rebate for each qualifying unit hauled. A single phone call to 1-844-HAUL4ME (1-844-428-5463) sets an appointment for our trusted partner, Appliance Recycling Centers of America, to pick up your retired refrigerator or freezer.

Whether you're buying a new appliance or ready to rid yourself of the energy guzzler hiding in your basement or garage, Clark Energy's appliance recycling program offers a deal too good to



Claude Lucas, right, of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, takes away Bob Swope's 30-year-old refrigerator at no charge. The co-op member received a \$50 check for choosing to recycle his retired appliance.

pass up. It's just one of the ways our co-op can help you save electricity and money.



DON'T FORGET!

May 5 is the deadline for 2017 Citizen-Scholar applications and essays to be submitted to your counselor's office or any Clark Energy office location. Mailed entries must be postmarked on or before May 5.



Tune up your A/C

It's not too early to think about staying comfortable when the mercury starts rising.

Spring is the perfect time to call a qualified service technician to give your central air-conditioning system a once-over. Why wait until the middle of July for it to break down when you can have an expert tell you now if the unit is going to make it through the summer?

You should have your a/c checked every single year, as soon as the weather begins to warm up in the spring.

The tech will make sure it's running efficiently—which will save you money in the long run—and that it's not in need of any repairs that could leave your family sweltering indoors when the weather is at its peak mid-summer.

Use ladders safely this spring: Look up and stay safe

Ladders are a great help for any job where you need to reach high, but remember that many people suffer serious injuries every year working on them. One major job hazard is the danger of contacting overhead power lines. Here are examples:

- A painter was fatally electrocuted moving a ladder while pressure washing a church.
- One person died and two others were critically injured when their ladder fell into power lines.
- A man caulking windows on a three-story building died when his ladder contacted the overhead power line.
- After being verbally warned about the overhead power line, a man was electrocuted when carrying his metal ladder to his work van.

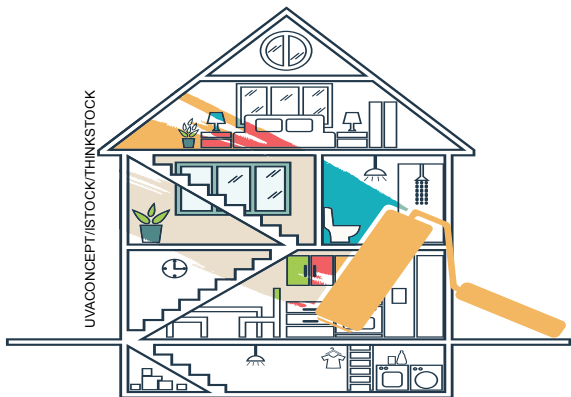
Unfortunately, these accidents are not uncommon. In 2015, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recorded seven work fatalities due to ladders contacting electrical lines.

To be safe, assume all power lines are energized. Reduce risks by using non-conductive ladders. Ask for help when moving a ladder and bring the extended section down before moving.

Clark Energy wants you to be safe. Remember to always look up and locate power lines to avoid contact.



Prevent DIY projects from landing you in the hospital



Spring has a way of sprouting do-it-yourselfers along with the daffodils. If you like to work around your house and yard when the weather clears up, do it safely.

Here are some tips for DIYers:

- Leave complicated jobs—especially those involving electricity—to the pros. Even

the most seasoned handy-men stay away from jobs that could put them in danger or start a fire.

- If you do work with electricity, your tools need insulated grips.
- Switch off the circuit breaker that corresponds to the project you'll be working on.
- If you're repairing a lamp, appliance, or other plugged-in device, unplug it before you start your work.
- Plug power tools into ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). That will prevent you from getting shocked.
- If you need an extension cord for your power tool, choose

one with a cord that measures less than 100 feet.

- Water and electricity don't mix, so don't use power tools in wet areas.
- If you're drilling into a wall, check that you will not come into contact with electrical wires or water pipes.
- Shield your eyes and ears, and suit up with heavy-duty gloves and other protective gear when you power up your tools.
- Wear sturdy, protective shoes and long pants when using power tools—even your lawn mower.