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Importance of Ongoing Right-of-Way Clearing

In late May and early June of 2011 Otsego Electric Cooperative had several isolated power outages. These outages were mostly due to trees damaging our lines during storms. Even though we have an active right-of-way program in place, we can't prevent trees from falling on our lines from outside our rights-of-way.

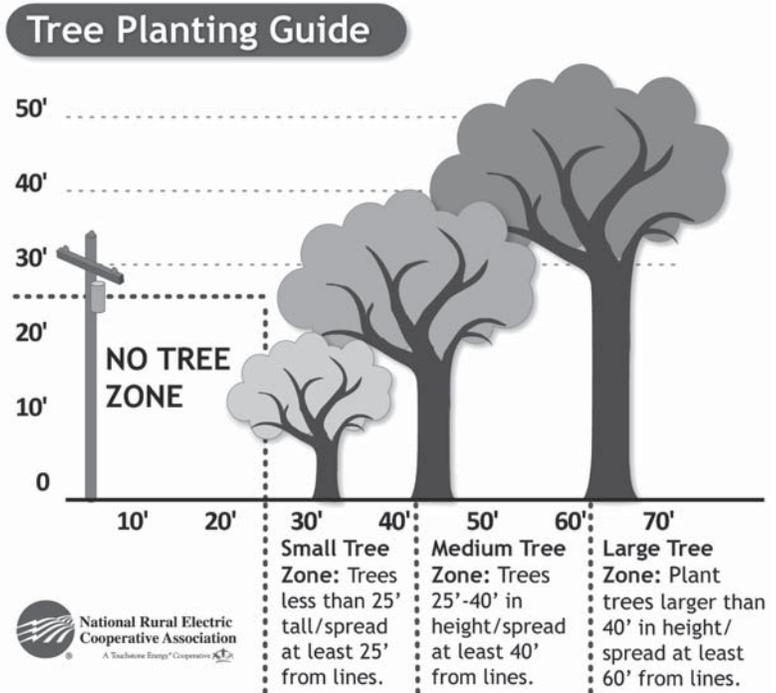
When our crews are maintaining our rights-of-way they trim a 30' path under our lines, or 15' either side of the lines. We have a dedicated crew that trims trees year-round. In the last four years our crews have mowed and/or trimmed more than 100 miles of line per year.

We have 763 miles of distribution lines to maintain in, and around, Otsego County.

As a safety reminder, it is important to remember not to plant trees underneath power-lines.

If you see a tree contacting a power-line do not try to remove it yourself, it could be a deadly mistake, please contact our office.

Tree trimming and right-of-way maintenance are an important part of delivering you safe and reliable power.



Congratulations to Christopher Steckline of South New Berlin and Emma Worobey of Jordanville for being awarded this year's Marlette Scholarship.



Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Stephen Rinell, CEO

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Wendell Saunders
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Roger Erway
Director

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Director

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Director

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Director



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

One of the easiest ways to make your home more energy efficient is to add insulation in the attic. To see if you need insulation, look across an uncovered attic floor. If the insulation is level with or below the floor joists, you probably need to add more.

Source: Energy Star

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND INVITATION

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, 693 State Hwy 51, Gilbertsville, New York. Registration will open at 4:45 P.M. with the business meeting to begin promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Official notice and an open invitation is hereby extended to all bona fide members and their families of the Cooperative to attend and take part in the proceedings.

REGISTRATION 4:45-6:45 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 P.M.

A special drawing will be held for all members who register before 7:00 P.M. and are seated in the auditorium.

Plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members. Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q will be serving a chicken Bar-B-Q from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. by reservation only. There will be door prizes and musical entertainment by **Just Throw Money** from the Oneonta area. Qualified technicians will be available to take blood pressure readings. Other displays and exhibits will be available. Children and young adults will be entertained in the cafeteria at 7:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

During the transaction of the official business of the Cooperative, there will be presented: the official CEO's report, the official reports of the officers, and three directors will be elected to office.

A Nominating Committee composed of: Linda Franzese, John Sovocool, Thomas Clapperton, Glen Kohler, and Richard Eldridge met June 14, 2011 to confirm the petitions for the slate of nominees for directors to be elected to a three year term. Nominees are Kathleen Del Plato, Town of Exeter, Charles Arnold, Town of Edmeston, and Edward Clarke, Town of Springfield. Directors presently serving three-year terms are: Roger Erway, Steve Child, Frederick Braun, Gary Potter and Wendell Saunders.

A Member's Financial Report, from the audit performed by Gruver & Scott, Certified Public Accountants will be available at the registration table.

RESERVE THE DATE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND TAKE PART IN THE OPERATION OF YOUR COOPERATIVE.



President of the Board of Directors



Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Our featured Connections Card business for July is **The Jive Café**, located at the Commons in Hartwick Seminary.

Show your **Connections Card** on Friday and get 25% off lunch.

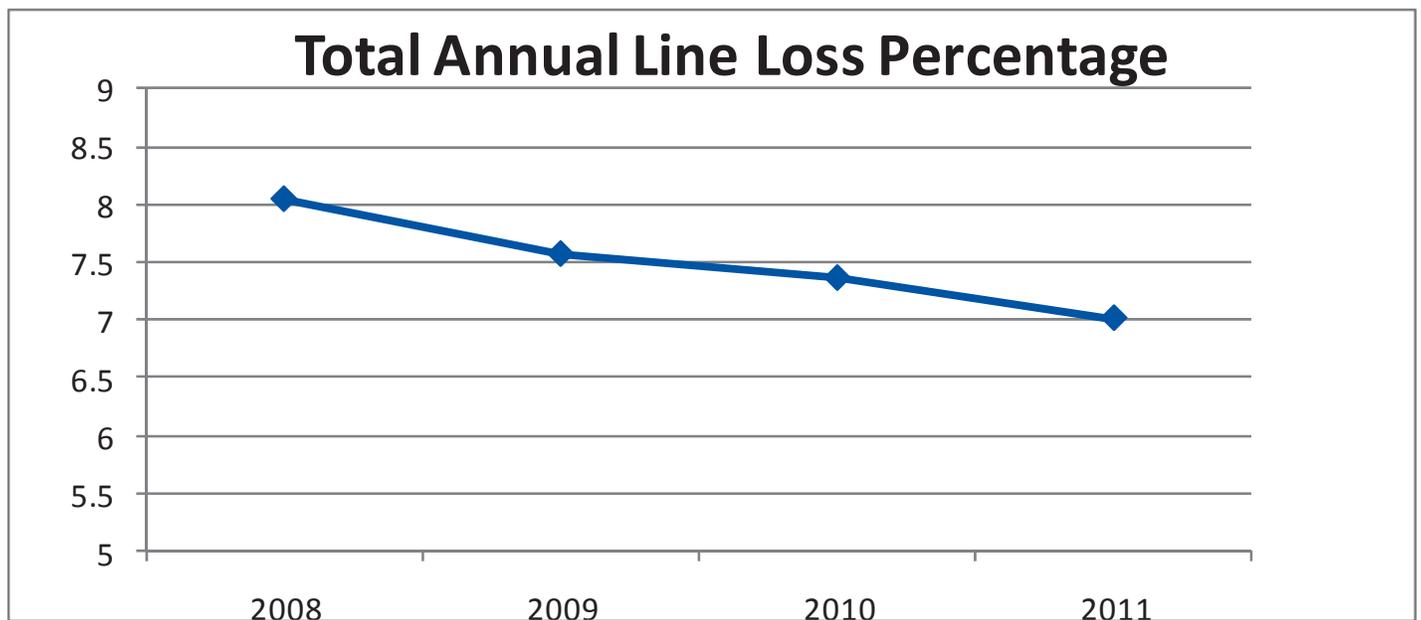
(Offer good through the summer, Fridays only)



Line Losses Improve

In the last several years your Cooperative has been making a concentrated effort to make our distribution system more efficient.

The graph below shows our system line loss has gone from just over 8% per year to 7% over the last four years. One percent may not seem like much, but these improvements are important. Reducing line loss is a big step in keeping your cooperative's operational costs down. One percent reduction in line loss represents a savings of approximately 328,650 kWh per month for Otsego Electric Cooperatives Members.



AUTOMATIC – Bank Draft

PAY YOUR BILLS AUTOMATICALLY – WITHOUT WRITING A CHECK.

It's a convenient, easy way to pay your electric bill – without writing a check. You save the cost of a check, postage, inconvenience, and the possibility of forgetting to pay. Join today! Using Otsego Electric Cooperative's automatic bill payment system is simple, all you have to do is sign up. You can choose to have your payment made with a bank draft from your checking or savings account.

Otsego Electric Cooperative does not charge its customers for automatic bill payment. It is best to ask your financial institution if they have a charge. If they do, it is usually less than a paper check charge. **Contact our office at 607-293-6622 if you have any questions.**

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Somewhere in the body of this newsletter there is a service map location number. Your map location number is located on your bill. If you find your map location number in this newsletter call the office within 15 days and your account will be credited \$25.

67th Annual Meeting - Brooks' Chicken Bar-B-Q

\$5.00 Per Serving



Enclosed Please Find \$ _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$5.00 Each (*No takeouts.*)

Name _____

(Otsego Electric Cooperative Members and Family Only Please)

Cut out the coupon above and send it in by August 10th if you plan on attending Otsego Electric Cooperative's 67th Annual Meeting.



Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.

67th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2011



The Annual Meeting of the Members is the most important day of the year for your cooperative. This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Gilbertsville Mount-Upton Central School is located at 693 County Highway 51, in Gilbertsville, NY.

The Pathfinder Village Hand Bell Choir will be performing at the Annual Meeting. They were founded in 1982, and include talented musicians who live at Pathfinder Village in Edmeston, a residential community for people who have Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The Hand Bell program provides the residents with opportunities for musical expression and public interaction, and encourages members to develop performance skills. The group gives over 25 concerts each year and has appeared at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Holiday Gala, the New York State Fair, and at the Kennedy-Krieger Institute Festival of Trees, Baltimore, MD.

The ever-popular Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q chicken will be served between **5:00** and **6:30 P.M.**, with the business meeting starting promptly at **7:00 P.M.**

Please complete and return the coupon above, along with the \$5.00 per dinner payment. Please make your check payable to Otsego Electric Cooperative. **Do not include this in your check for payment of your electric bill.** No tickets will be sold at the meeting. Members not wishing to attend the Bar-B-Q are encouraged to attend the business meeting and take part in the election of Directors and other business matters.

Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Office Hours

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

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