

# STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC THE ENERGIZER



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## Call 811 Before You Dig

Building a deck? Planting a tree? 811 is the number to call before you begin any digging project. 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on projects. Making assumptions about where the utility lines are under your property can be extremely dangerous. Make the call and you'll be notified of any dangers lurking underground. Once you provide your name, phone number, proposed digging time and location, utility companies will mark the location of their underground services for FREE. 811 is available by calling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Third Party Notification

In accordance with the provisions of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative is required to permit a residential customer to designate, in writing, a third party to receive a copy of every notice of discontinuance of service to the customer, provided that such third party indicated in writing a willingness to receive such notices. If you wish to designate a third party to receive these notices, please contact the main office at (607) 776-4161 for a copy of the applicable paperwork.



## Please Make Room For Roadside Crews

When the power goes out, so do SREC's line crews. Line workers are the first to respond after an outage occurs and they work tirelessly to restore power to the communities we serve. If you're traveling and see one of our crews on the side of the road, we kindly ask that you move over if possible and give them a little extra space to work. We deeply care about the safety of all and this extra precaution ensures just that. Utility crews aren't the only ones who could use the extra space. If you see police, fire fighters or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible. Together, we can keep our crews safe. 193102

## Right-of-Way Update

The Cooperative's right-of-way ("ROW") maintenance program started mechanical and hand clearing operations in early March. Crews are currently working in both circuits of the Connor Hill substation. Two companies will be conducting vegetation mitigation and control efforts on the Cooperative's right-of-ways. Asplundh Tree Experts, LLC. will be conducting the bulk of mechanical clearing, and Strauss Tree Service, Inc. will be doing the majority of the hand clearing, as issued by our utility forester throughout 2019.

Crews will be moved to the Cherry Creek District at various times throughout the year, and will once again have a focused and concerted effort in this area during the summer months. Right-of-way crews will periodically assist line crews throughout 2019 by clearing non-utility compatible vegetation in association with pole changes and capital construction efforts on an as needed basis in support of the New York State broadband program initiative.

Ash trees infested with Emerald Ash Borer continue to be a problem on our system. An aggressive removal approach of all ash trees within striking distance of our lines is key to mitigating the threat dead ash trees pose to our ability to provide our members with reliable electricity.

In addition to routine maintenance work, ROW crews work regularly to complete service orders as requested by members and operations department representatives. The primary focus of service order work is to address hazardous trees within striking distance of the overhead primary lines around homes and private land. Service orders are issued when a Cooperative representative meets with a member to discuss removing or trimming specific trees that threaten the infrastructure in a given area. Please do not attempt to remove or trim a tree in proximity of a power line. Call our office, at (607) 776-4161, and we will send a representative to assess your tree(s) to determine if the Cooperative can aid in your efforts, or if you will need to hire a private contractor.

2019 second quarter hand and mechanical clearing operations will continue in the Connor Hill substation circuits, with the mechanical clearing crews being moved to the Cherry Creek District sometime in early June. Herbicide application will begin at the substations and pole yards, then throughout the Curtis north circuit as soon as the weather permits.

## New York Power Authority Contract Extension

As you are likely aware, approximately eighty-five percent of the Cooperative's wholesale energy is purchased from the New York Power Authority in the form of low-cost hydro power. Access to this tremendous resource is the lifeblood of the four rural electric cooperatives in New York State. We are pleased to report that the New York Power Authority's Board of Trustees has approved a hydro contact that will extend our existing agreement through September 1, 2040. This contract extension is critically important to the Cooperative's ability to provide low-cost electric distribution service to our rural communities.

The previous power contract wasn't set to expire until 2025, however contract discussions were expedited to support the efforts of the consumer-owned utilities in the development and deployment of energy efficiency measures and grid modernization. Beginning in the June bills, the Cooperative will commit \$0.001 per kWh sold towards energy efficiency measures and grid modernization. This will be displayed as a separate line item on the bills and will be revenue-neutral, as it will be removed from the existing efficiency rider included in the distribution charge.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the New York Power Authority and being able to provide low-cost, reliability electric distribution to our members!



### SREC Welcomes New Employee

Richard Pendle joined the Cooperative's team on February 19, 2019 as a 2nd Class Lineman in the Bath District. Richard is a graduate of the North West Lineman College in Fairport, New York.

Richard is originally from New Jersey and has lived in the Finger Lakes Region with his family since 2001.

Richard enjoys working outdoors, golfing, watching his children play sports and camping with his family.

Please join us in welcoming Richard to the Cooperative's team.

## Nominating Committee

As a member-owner of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, you can vote for or run for a term on the Board of Directors. Districts 1, 2 and 9 are scheduled for election at the October 2019 annual meeting, together with the remaining two years of the three-year term for District 5. Members interested in being nominated for one of the districts listed below should contact the Bath office at (607) 776-4161 for more information regarding the committee, nominations, and qualifications of directors.

### District 1:

Wayland, Cohocton, Fremont, Avoca, Hornellsville, Hartsville, Greenwood, West Union  
Incumbent Director: James R. McCormick  
Nominating Committee Member: Mr. Curt Williamson

### District 2:

Cameron, Howard  
Incumbent Director: Janice L. Hoad  
Nominating Committee Member: Mrs. Donna Bossick

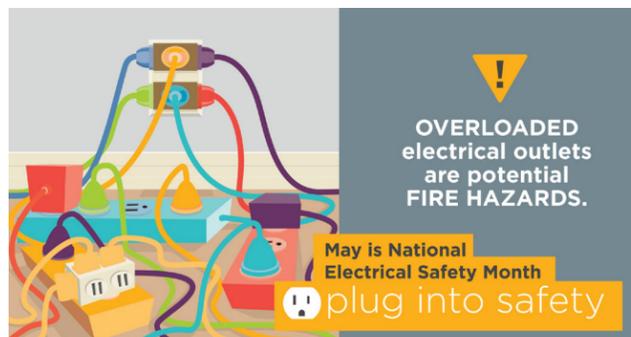
### District 5:

Canisteo, Jasper, Troupsburg, Woodhull  
Incumbent Director: Vacant  
Nominating Committee Member: Mr. Loren Hayes

### District 9:

Chautauqua County  
Incumbent Director: William H. Moss, III  
Nominating Committee Member: John D. Robinson, Sr.

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## May is National Electrical Safety Month

each year. These fires result in 418 deaths, 1,570 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage. Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Help lower your risk of electrical fires by not overloading your electrical system. 406200

### How To Prevent Electrical Overloads

Never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for major appliances. All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Only plug one heat producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time. A heavy reliance on extension cords and multi-outlet converters is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have a qualified electrician inspect your home and add new outlets. Power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet. *Source: esfi.org*

### National Electrical Safety Month

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy.

Along with ESFI, Steuben Rural Electric wants to raise awareness and help co-op members keep their homes and families safe.

### Don't Overload Your Home

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 47,000 home fires in the U.S. are caused by electrical failures or malfunctions

# The Trading Post

**For Sale:** New Gazelle Supreme exerciser, tracks your heart rate & miles walked while exercising - \$300.00. Call 607-695-2329.

**For Sale:** Used motor oil for furnace - \$1.50 a gallon in a barrel. Contact Brian at 607-324-3324 or Kevin at 607-324-0785 and leave a message.

**For Sale:** Electric snow blower - \$75.00; brand new small wood stove - \$300.00; exercise bike - \$300.00. Call 607-776-4847.

**For Sale:** Try a Hereford Bull. "Heterosis" is your most powerful profit tool. Angus and Black Baldie Bulls are also available - yearling to mature. Quality at a reasonable price. ABC Ranch - A. Byron Collins. Call evenings at 607-324-2286.

**For Sale:** Cow/calf combo's - registered Hereford and Black Baldies. We're overstocked. A great opportunity to add quality to your herd, 45 plus years raising and breeding stock. ABC Ranch - A. Byron Collins. Call evenings at 607-324-2286.

**For Sale:** A-5 Browning 12 GA, H&R Ultra 20 GA with 1.75-5 scope, S&W Mod

29-3 44 Mag with 10.5 bal, Chanter Arms Bulldog 44 spl with 2.5 bal, Ithaca Mag 10 with extra chokes S&W 357 Mag, 3 pt scoop, boom for small trac 10ft trailer, 18ft trailer, tires & wheels off 2800 Kabota, makings for people trailer, also 6 wheel max, will go in water. Call 607-776-6570.

**For Sale:** Animal lures & baits, deer lures & cover scents, hunting/trapping supplies. Supply catalog - \$1.00. Bill Russ Trading Post Store, 25 William St in Addison, NY.

**For Sale:** Trapping supplies. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford, NY. Call Bill Bowdoin at 607-583-4600.

**Miscellaneous:** Ann's Housekeeping & Cleaning service, "Old Fashion Cleaning, We Get In All The Corners". References and reliable! Homes, offices, cottages, parties & seasonal cleaning. Gift certificates also available. Call 607-329-4906.

**Miscellaneous:** Custom welding - aluminum, stainless and brazing. Light fabrication & repair. Call 607-776-8018 for appointment.

**Wanted:** Raw fur and deer hides. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford, NY. Call Bill Bowdoin at 607-583-4600.

**Wanted:** 8ft drag, 3pt would be best. Call 607-776-6570. 524602

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Please read your newsletter carefully. If you spot your account number hidden in this newsletter, please contact Steuben Rural Electric immediately to claim a \$10 credit on your bill!

## Bath District Office

9 Wilson Ave • Bath, NY 14810  
(607) 776-4161 • (800) 843-3414

Monday - Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

## Cherry Creek District Office

5966 South Rd • Cherry Creek, NY 14723  
(716) 296-5651 • (800) 883-8236

Monday - Friday 7:00am-3:30pm

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James R. McCormick, President • Robert V. Nichols, Vice President • Janice L. Hoad, Secretary • Gary Brockway, Treasurer

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Email: keleveland@steubenrec.com



Office Holiday Closings

May 27, 2019 and July 4, 2019

