



Chimney Rock News



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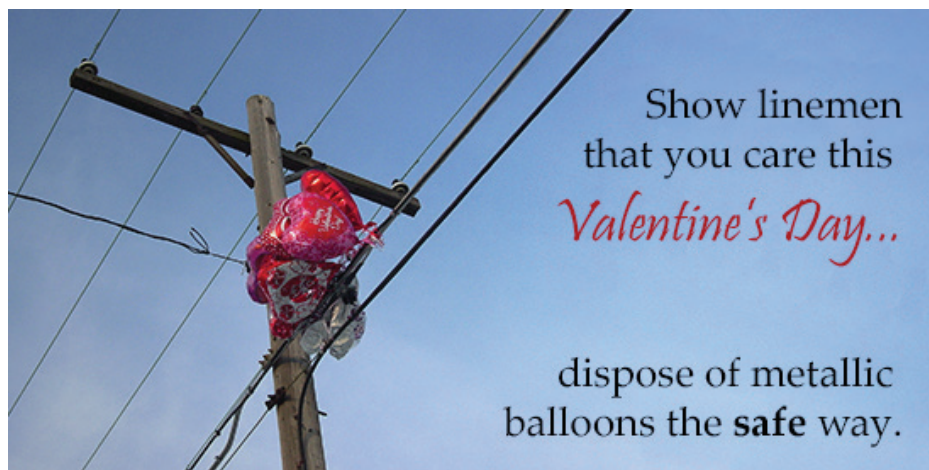
Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

February is now here and only about 45 more days until spring arrives, (at least on the calendar). Here at Chimney Rock we have been working on some upgrades to our Minatare substation and some line sections to make sure everything works as it should, especially during the summer months when we are running at peak capacity, and during the winter months when mother nature tries her best to knock out the power supply.

The month of February is the shortest month of the year and on the 1st is the Chinese New Year and National Freedom Day, on the 2nd is Ground Hog Day and hope winter is short!! On the 3rd some of us old timers remember the day the music died when in 1959 a plane crash killed Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the big Bopper (Jiles Perry Richardson Jr.). The 4th is the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics, then on the 5th it is Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day then not to be out done the 6th is National Frozen Yogurt Day and Chopsticks Day (try eating that yogurt with chopsticks). On the 7th is the birthday of Boy Scouts, the 12th is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and on the 14th don't forget Valentine's Day then the 16th and 17th kind of tie together as they are Do a Grouch a Favor Day and Random Acts of Kindness Day. The 20th is the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics, on the 21st is Presidents' Day and the 22nd is George Washington's birthday. The 28th is National Tooth Fairy Day, on the 29th it is actually March 1st as the next leap day is not until 2024.

Stay safe and warm and remember our phones are answered 24/7 so please call if you are experiencing any problems.



Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, Energy Star appliances and LED lights. Must be new installations only. and submitted within 90 days.

Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits include:

- *Electric water heaters - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers)\$30-\$90
- *Induction Cooktops 30" or larger, must be replacing gas
- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater
- *Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$150
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25

Receipts are generally required. Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Just in case: Be prepared for an outage

Thankfully, lengthy outages do not happen on a regular basis. That does not mean you should not prepare for them, however.

Chimney Rock Public Power provides you with the following tips:

- Have a storm kit ready that includes flashlights, bottled water, non-perishable food, battery-operated radio, batteries, portable cell phone chargers that are fully charged, hand sanitizer and first-aid supplies.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating or accessing medicines and using power-dependent medical devices.
- Find out where your local storm shelters are and have a plan for getting there if needed and it is safe to do so.

During a power outage:

- Call us to report the power outage.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed to preserve food.
- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows and doors; do not use them in a garage.
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- If safe, go to an alternate location for heat or cooling.
- If weather conditions allow, check on neighbors. This is especially important since cell phone and internet communications may be disrupted and they may be unable to call for help.

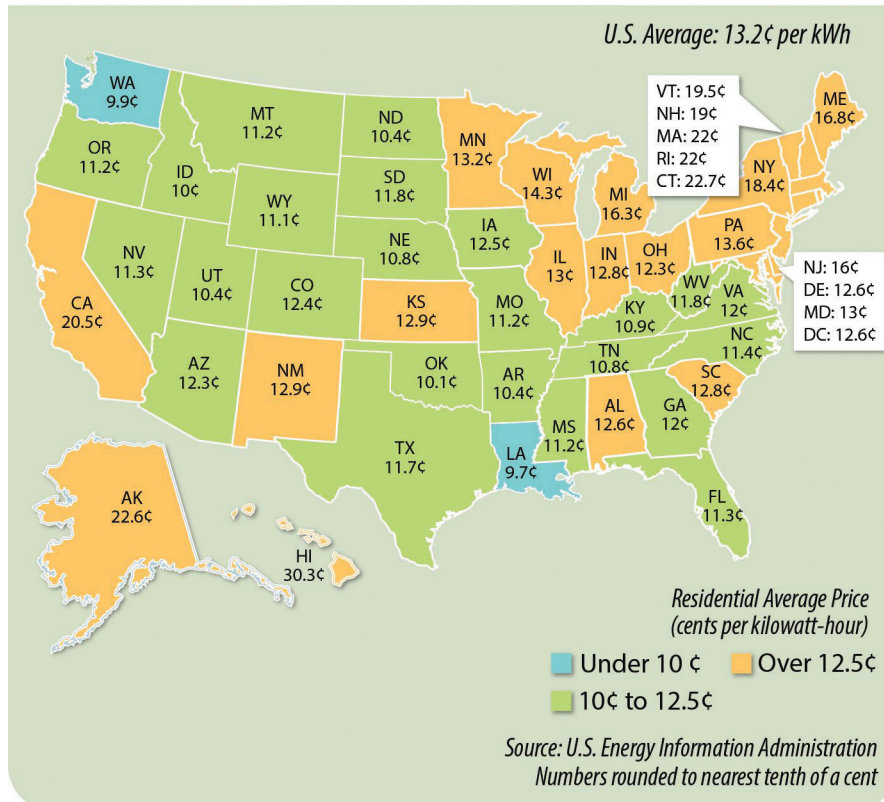
Attention Irrigators

Spring is right around the corner and plans for farming are being made. Irrigation facility fees will bill out the end of April. If you are farming new land or are no longer farming land that has an irrigation service on it, please let our office know as soon as possible so changes on billing information can be made.



Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2020 figures, in cents per kWh



CRPPD Director Elections

There are to be two directors elected to the Chimney Rock Public Power District's Board of Directors in the November 2022 General Election. The incumbent directors are Kevin Stuart and Corey Henkel.

If you would like to run for Chimney Rock's Board of Directors you need to follow these guidelines:

- 1) You must have service with Chimney Rock Public Power.
- 2) Incumbent directors are required to file as candidates by July 15th. All other candidates are required to file for office by August 1st.
- 3) A filing fee of \$10 is required, payable to the Secretary of State. File nomination papers, voter registration certificate and completed Statement of Financial Interest with the Secretary of State prior to your filing deadline; you must make sure there is enough time allowed for mailing the filings to the Secretary of State. The Statement of Financial Interest must also be filed with the County Clerk or Election Commission.

Four-Cheese Pasta with Peas and Ham

Kosher salt
12 ounces penne
1 cup frozen peas
2 large eggs, plus 1 egg white
1 cup evaporated milk
4 T unsalted butter
3 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated
3 ounces part-skim mozzarella cheese, grated
3 ounces fontina cheese, grated
3 ounces deli ham, diced
1 ounce parmesan cheese, grated

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until very al dente, about 8 minutes, adding the peas in the last 2 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk the egg, egg white, evaporated milk and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a bowl.

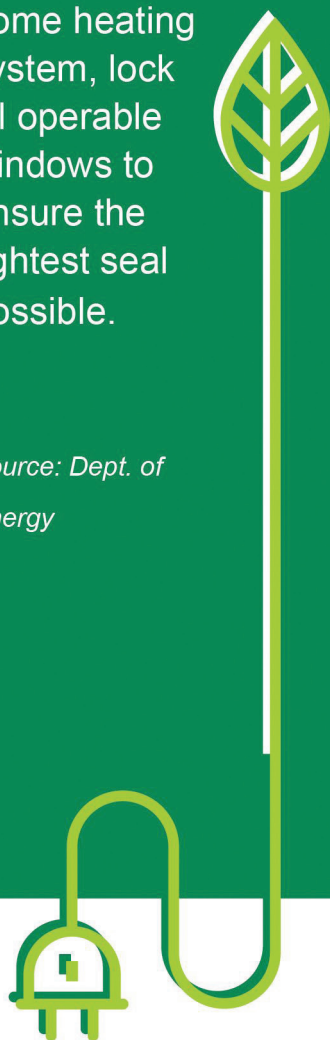
Drain the pasta and peas; wipe the pot dry and return the pasta and peas to the pot. Add butter and stir to coat. Add the cheddar, mozzarella, fontina and egg mixture. Place the pot over medium-low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until thick, add ham halfway through cooking (don't let the mixture boil or eggs will scramble). Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the parmesan.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

*Source: Dept. of
Energy*



WHAT TO LOOK FOR AFTER A STORM

When the skies clear and the birds sing, know that the storm's fury could have created **electrical hazards** that you may or may not be able to see. Conditions in which stray electricity could energize the area, a person or objects include:

DOWNED POWER LINES

- On the ground.
- Under storm debris.
- Draped over or touching a metal fence.
- Covered by standing water.
- Across or by the road.
- Hidden in tree branches.

OTHER POSSIBLE DAMAGE

- Drooping or sagging lines (never try to move one).
- Split or broken utility poles.
- Damage to a padmount transformer (green box).
- Lightning strike to a substation transformer.
- Damaged or unstable guy wires.

NEVER GO NEAR downed power lines or other damaged electrical equipment to assess damage or clean up the area.
STAY AWAY and call 9-1-1 to report damage.

Power lines and other electrical equipment **do not** have to be sparking, arcing (giving off a flame) or on fire to be energized.

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February Board Meeting:
Februray 14th - 9:00 am

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