



# Chimney Rock News



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## **Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon**

Dear Consumer,

Now October and Halloween are gone, and we can move into November with All Saints' Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> and National Deviled Egg Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and I will be in the office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> if anyone wants to take advantage of Give Someone a Dollar Day. On the 4<sup>th</sup> is Check Your Blood Pressure Day because on the 6<sup>th</sup> we must change our clocks again as Daylight Savings Time ends, on the 7<sup>th</sup> is Alvin's birthday and 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day, so be sure to get out and vote. On the 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and the 13<sup>th</sup> is International Tongue Twister Day and on the 14<sup>th</sup> is National Pickle Day. The 15<sup>th</sup> is National Recycling Day, and the 17<sup>th</sup> is National Homemade Bread Day. The 20<sup>th</sup> it is National Peanut Butter Fudge Day which brings us to Thanksgiving on the 24<sup>th</sup> which leads to National Throw Out Your Leftovers Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>. November is also Adopt a Turkey Month (I tried this last year, but the end of the month did not work out well for the turkey).

We are still working on projects from our work plan as we can but are limited by availability of materials and added costs on what we can get. We are still in the process of the rate study (the last one was in 2016) and are waiting for advice on our rates as well as word from our supplier (Tri-State G&T). As I mentioned last month, we did add two dollars to the monthly base charge which keeps us just below our neighboring systems. Watch for trucks and machinery on the roads and if you are in the field watch for poles and wires, if there is a problem, please call our office. Be safe and have a good November!



## **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, clotheswasher 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.

## Look Out for Scams

Unfortunately, in today's world, scams are inevitable. Scammers can threaten you with everything from legal action involving the IRS to turning off power to your home.

Utility scams often involve an individual or group posing as an employee of your electric company. The scammer may use threatening language in order to frighten you into offering your credit card or bank account information. Don't fall victim to these types of scams. Understand the threats posed and your best course of action:

- \* If someone calls your home or cell phone demanding you pay your electric bill immediately, gather as much information as you can from that individual, hang-up the phone and contact the local authorities. Scammers often use threats and urgency to pressure you into giving them your bank account number or loading a pre-paid credit or debit card. If you have doubts about your utility bill, contact Chimney Rock PPD.

- \* If someone comes to your home claiming to be an employee of Chimney Rock PPD that needs to collect money or inspect parts of your property, call us to verify they are, in fact, an employee. If they are not, call local authorities for assistance and do not let the individual into your home.

- \* Government agencies like the IRS will never call to inform you that you have unpaid taxes or other liens against you. You will always receive this type of information in the mail. If someone call claiming to be the IRS, hang up immediately.

- \* If you receive an email from an unknown sender; an email riddled with spelling errors and typos; or an email threatening action unless a sum of money is paid, do not click any links provided within the email, and do not respond to the email. Simply delete the email or send it to your spam folder.

- \* If someone calls your home claiming to have discovered a virus on your computer, hang up. This caller's intent is to access personal information you may be keeping on your computer.

Chimney Rock PPD wants to make sure you avoid any and all types of scams that could put you and your financial information in jeopardy. Don't fall victim to scammers.



*Our office will be closed:  
Friday, November 11th  
In Honor of Veterans Day*



*Our office will be closed:  
Thursday & Friday November 24th & 25th  
In Observance of Thanksgiving*



## ***RATE CHANGE ON BASE CHARGE UPDATE***

At the September 12, 2022 board meeting our Board of Directors approved a small change in the base charge on the monthly bill. In most cases this change will be less than three dollars per month. This increase is to offset the rising cost of materials, and has not changed since 2016. We are working hard to keep up with the supply and price problems to keep you supplied with the most reliable and affordable electricity service available. Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions, please contact our office.

## ***Safety Presentation***

On Friday, October 7th, some of our line crew gave an electrical safety presentation to the 4th graders at Bayard Elementary. The students learned that electricity is always looking for the ground and it is important to keep kites, augers, and irrigation pipe away from power lines. Safety demonstrations can be done for other groups too, if you would like to have a presentation done just contact our office.



Presenting to the 4th grade class were:  
Joel Duffield, DJ Kearns, Justin McAllister and Ron Hubbard



Students were taught not to get off a school bus if a power line falls on top of it unless the bus is on fire, then they need to jump off and hop away from it.



Kayson McAllister, pictured above, demonstrates some of the lineman safety equipment.



## ***Easy Totchos***

8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (2 cups)  
1 (32 ounce) bag frozen tator tots  
1 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 lb ground beef  
1 Tbsp. taco seasoning  
1 cup frozen corn  
For garnish: chopped tomatoes, jalapeños, and sour cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the tater tots on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add ground beef, season with 1 tablespoon taco seasoning, and cook until cooked through and browned.

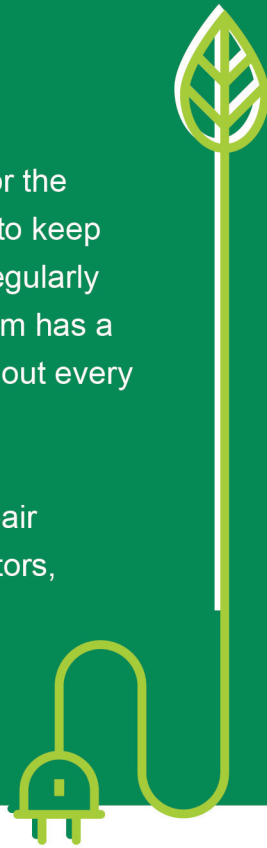
Stir in 1 cup frozen corn and remove from the heat. Spoon the beef and corn over the tots, then sprinkle with cheese. Continue baking until the cheese is melted and bubbly, about 10 minutes. Top with chopped tomatoes, sliced jalapeños, and sour cream.

# Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to boost efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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**(308) 586-1824 or**  
**(877) 773-6300**

November Board Meeting:  
November 14th - 9:00 am

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## **BE SAFE ON THE HUNT**

- Always implement firearm safety techniques.
- Do not lean a tree stand against a utility pole.
- Never fire toward power lines or equipment.

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