

CONNECT WITH US IN OCTOBER



COOPERATIVE MONTH

October is National Cooperative Month, which reminds us to celebrate the benefits of being powered by a local not-for-profit electric cooperative, as opposed to a private power company. Since our incorporation in 1939, LPEA has existed to bring power and light to all corners of our area, improving lives and powering a strong local economy.

Here are three reasons to celebrate being served by a cooperative:

1. Electric cooperatives are built by, and belong to, the communities they serve. They are led by members of the local community and are uniquely suited to meet local needs.

2. Electric cooperatives score higher on customer satisfaction than all other electric companies, according to the 2021 American Consumer Satisfaction Index.
3. Any margins (i.e., profits) earned by LPEA are returned to LPEA members in the form of Capital Credits each November.

For more on what makes cooperatives unique, visit lpea.coop/cooperative-difference.

To celebrate National Cooperative Month, we're giving away an electric chainsaw to two lucky members who complete the Cooperative Month Quiz! More details below.

LPEA TOWN HALL MEETINGS: FUTURE OF POWER SUPPLY

LPEA has been exploring options on how to best source affordable, reliable, and low-carbon electricity to power your lives. Join us to get the latest updates and engage in a live Q&A session.

Two virtual sessions are scheduled for your convenience:

- **Monday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.**

Pre-registration is required. Attendees will be entered to win several **\$50 gift cards to local businesses**. Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of each meeting.

Details and registration at: lpea.coop/powersupply



COOPERATIVE MONTH QUIZ : chance to win an electric chainsaw!



In celebration of National Cooperative Month, we're giving away an electric chainsaw to two lucky LPEA members! Enter to win by reading this newsletter for the answers, **filling out the below quiz, and sending it back to LPEA with your bill**. The winner will be drawn and announced in early November. You can also take the quiz online at lpea.coop/quiz.*

1. Electric cooperatives are led by members of the local _____.
2. Any profits earned by LPEA are returned to our _____ in the form of Capital Credits.
3. LPEA will host two virtual town hall meetings on power supply on October ___th and ___th.
4. What is the website address to LPEA's online outage map? _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service Address: _____

*One entry per household please.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER READY?

Winter is coming, bringing with it storms, outages, and higher bills. Here are five quick and easy things you can do now to be prepared this winter:

1. Log in to LPEA's SmartHub app to report outages, manage your account, check your usage, and pay your bill anytime, anywhere.
Call us at (970) 247-5786 or visit lpea.coop to get access.
2. Get outage alerts and updates on your phone by signing up for LPEA's Outage Texting Service. Make sure the phone you wish to receive alerts on is registered on SmartHub, and then using this device, **text "TEXTLPEA" to 1 (888) 247-5786**. Please call us if you need help registering your phone on SmartHub.
3. Bookmark LPEA's outage map, which provides up-to-the-minute details on LPEA outages: **outage.lpea.coop**
4. Try these five quick ways to weatherize your home and get the most out of your electricity:
 - Install door and window weatherproofing and door sweeps.

- Seal any gaps and cracks with caulk and foam.
 - If your water heater is in a cold place, cover it with a specialized water heater blanket.
 - Insulate your attic door.
 - If you have older windows, install plastic window seals.
5. Prepare an emergency kit for your home.

EMERGENCY Supply Kit Checklist



- Non-perishable food and water for each member of your household for 3-5 days
- Wet wipes and hand sanitizer
- Back-up plugs and chargers for your electronic devices (solar, car, battery, or crank)
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlights and lanterns with new batteries
- Carbon monoxide detector
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit and prescription/OTC medications

LPEA WIRE

The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at comments@lpea.coop.



BOARD MEETINGS

October 20th + November 17th
9:00 a.m.*

The agenda, access, and location details will be posted online in advance. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.

More at: lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance + Audit

October 7th
1-3:00 p.m.*

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November 4th
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

Committee on Polices

October 4th
1-2:30 p.m.*

More at: lpea.coop/board-directors-committees

**All meetings are open to the public. Depending on the latest guidelines around COVID-19, meetings may be held in person, virtually, or both. Visit lpea.coop for the most up-to-date details.*



LPEA GRANTS

The Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved **one grant totaling \$5,000** in August for the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association.

Sight your scopes for free!

A service made possible by La Plata Electric Association

The Durango Gun Club's outdoor range will be open to the public 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, conditions permitting:

- October 14, 15, 28 and 29
- November 11 and 12

For more information: 970-749-3453