WATT'S UP APRIL 2022

LPEA La Plata Electric Association, Inc. A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

2022 LPEA ANNUAL MEETING



Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m. LPEA Durango Truck Barn (Bodo Park) or via Zoom Join us to learn more about LPEA's major 2021 accomplishments. Snacks! Door prizes! Live Q&A session. **More at: Ipea.coop/annual-meeting**

BEFORE YOU DIG – CONTACT 811 by David Waller, 811 Damage Prevention Liaison



Spring has sprung and so have plans to improve our yards! For some of us that means finding the right plants, for others it means buying lumber for a new fence. But regardless of your project type, remember to contact 811 BEFORE you dig.

Contacting 811 is the most important step in planting your garden, installing a sprinkler system, or any other project that requires digging. Buried utilities are everywhere, so digging at any depth (even as shallow as six inches) requires a locate. Digging without one is dangerous and can damage electric, gas, water, sewer, and internet lines.

Ready to start safe digging? Visit www.co811.org and request a locate through iDig811, or call 811 at least three business days before your planned digging project and we will notify the utility companies in your area.

Pro Tip! Pre-mark your dig area with white flags or paint to ensure the locators don't miss your dig project area. The utility companies will then send a locator out to mark their underground utilities up to their meter with paint and/or flags. It's important to remember that sometimes the meters are not on your house. Often, meters can be found at your property line which means utilities in your yard might not be marked by the locator. In this case, it is your responsibility (or the responsibility of the property owner if vou rent) to have the utilities from the meter to the house located at your (or the property owner's) expense.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

We may owe you money!

LPEA is seeking current and former members who are due to receive Capital Credit refunds.



Call us at (970) 247-5786 or visit lpea.coop/capital-credit-refunds to see if you are on the list.

Luckily Colorado 811 has you covered to find the right professional to perform your private locate. To learn more and for a list of private locate companies in your area, visit www.co811.org and search for the Private Locate Companies Directory.

Once your utilities are located, avoid digging within 18 inches of the marks to avoid costly and dangerous accidents. Thank you for keeping our communities safe and always contacting 811 before you dig!

YOUR POWER WORKS BECAUSE THEY DO!



April is National Lineworker Appreciation Month to honor the hard work, innovation, and dedication of America's electrical lineworkers. We proudly recognize our lineworkers for keeping the power safely flowing through wind, ice, and snowstorms.

If you see a lineworker this month, make sure to say "thank you" or post #ThankaLineworker on social media. Lineworkers by numbers:

- 115,000 = US lineworkers
- 19 = LPEA lineworkers
- 4 = Years of training required to become a "journeyman"
- 24/7 = Hours a lineworker is on call
- 100 = Percentage of time that safety is a priority

\$5 BILL CREDIT!

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Switch to paperless billing with LPEA in April or May.

Scan the QR code here, visit lpea.coop/paperless, or call us at (970) 247-5786.



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



April 20 + May 18 9 a.m. - 3 p.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-boarddirectors-resources



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LPEA committee meetings change regularly to accommodate board member schedules. For upcoming meeting dates and times visit: lpea.coop/board-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 Ipea.coop for the most up-to-date details.

HOLIDAY LPEA will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

LPEA GRANTS There were no grants awarded in February. Apply at Ipea.coop/ grant-programs.