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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 PM. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in conjunction with any regular meeting, special meeting, or workshop. Notice of any changes will be listed at <https://www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-meetings-workshops/>.

The Low Down on the Rise Up



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

As we progress into the New Year, we often reflect on the changes that occurred the previous year. While change can be challenging at times, we must move forward with a positive mindset and remember that, ultimately, change is inevitable.

Talquin is a Member-owned and not-for-profit cooperative. We purchase power on a wholesale basis from Seminole Electric Cooperative, and distribute it to Members. We also provide water and wastewater services. Talquin's services are provided at cost with margins above cost returned to Talquin Members in future years. Talquin, like other rural cooperatives, provides utility services to fewer consumers per mile compared to other electric and water utilities, requiring the cooperative to spread increased costs across fewer consumers.

As Talquin Members know, the cooperative is not immune from the increasing costs associated with providing services. Most Members have noticed increases in their monthly statements. In 2022, Members received information about increases in Talquin's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) and other adjustments. Many factors contribute to the fluctuations Members see in the WPCA, including changes in the cost of natural gas, low coal supply, railroad delivery issues, and supply chain issues – just to name a few.

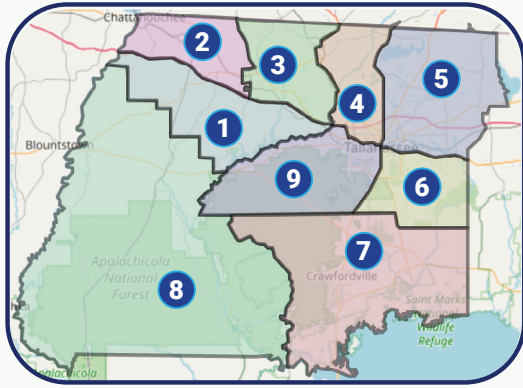
While fluctuations in the WPCA are reflected by the increases and decreases in the cost of power purchased from Seminole Electric, rate adjustments are determined by entirely different factors. Talquin continuously evaluates its cost of service to ensure rates reflect the true cost it takes to serve Members. Aside from changes to the WPCA, other recent rate adjustments are necessary to support operational cost increases, such as right-of-way maintenance costs and interest expenses, as well as new lender contract requirements. However, in addition to providing electric, water, and wastewater services to Members in a safe, reliable, and efficient manner, Talquin also remains dedicated to educating Members on ways to save and reduce energy and water consumption.

The New Year is a great time to take advantage of opportunities to learn about the information provided on monthly bill statements and resources available to all Talquin Members to help reduce monthly electric and water usage. These resources can be found on Talquin's website or by calling and speaking with a Member Service Representative or other utility efficiency expert.

The Board of Trustees and employees at Talquin wish all Talquin Members a safe and wonderful new year filled with energy and water efficiency and savings!

2023 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. has designated **Saturday, April 29**, as the date for Talquin's Annual Meeting of the Members in 2023. All voting will be by mail-in ballot. In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with fifteen current Members' signatures, no sooner than **Thursday, January 19**, and no later than **Tuesday, February 28**. Petition packets may be obtained from Talquin Electric Cooperative Inc. Headquarters Office during normal business hours at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, 32351, or by calling 850-627-7651.



Districts with terms expiring in 2023 and present incumbents:

District 3 – Joseph Alexander

District 6 – Jason O'Steen

District 9 – Sam Fenn

This map is provided as a general guide only and can also be viewed online in greater detail at www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-districts-map/.

Precise lines are determined by those printed in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, of the By-laws.

BYLAWS PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND TRUSTEE SELECTION

ARTICLE III Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held once each calendar year at a time and place in the service area of the Cooperative as shall be selected by the Board of Trustees and designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing Trustees, passing upon reports for fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. A majority of a quorum is required to approve each motion or matter presented to the members for a vote. The voting method may either be by in-person ballot or mail-in ballot as determined by the Board of Trustees. If the vote will be in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the Board shall designate the voting method not less than one hundred forty (140) days prior to the members' meeting. If the vote will not be in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the vote shall be by mail-in ballot and the Board shall provide members notice of each specific matter to be voted upon not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the ballots are due. However, notwithstanding the foregoing or the remainder of this Section, all voting shall be conducted in person for mergers, consolidations, or voting required by Article VIII of these Bylaws for the disposition or sale of all or any substantial portion of the Cooperative's property.

To be eligible to vote, a member must be a member of record: (a) at the time the ballot is cast if voting is conducted in-person or at the time the ballot is due if voting is conducted by mail in ballot; and (b) as of sixty (60) days prior to the date of the members' meeting if the voting (whether by mail or in-person) is to be conducted in conjunction with a members' meeting or sixty (60) days prior to the date on which ballots are due if voting is by mail in ballot and not in conjunction with a members' meeting.

If the designated voting method is by in-person ballot, then all voting shall be by in-person ballot at the members' meeting.

If the designated voting method is by mail-in ballot in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the ballot must be mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. If not in conjunction with a members' meeting, then the ballot must be mailed to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which ballots are due. Mail-in ballots must be returned by mail or in person to a secure drop box at a location(s) designated by the Board. For votes conducted in conjunction with the members' meeting, completed ballots must be received by the Cooperative or its designee not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting to be counted as a vote of the member at such meeting. The date of receipt of a ballot by the Cooperative shall be the day the ballot is physically received by the Cooperative. The failure of any member to receive a copy of any such ballot by mail shall not invalidate any action which may be taken at the meeting at which the ballot is to be voted. The counting of ballots shall be by an independent third party designated by the Board. Unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws or the Florida Statutes, the Board shall establish the

procedure for conducting member voting by mail-in ballot.

To ensure the winning candidate in a Trustee election meets the required vote threshold of a majority of a quorum, where three or more nominees qualify as candidates for election from a single district, votes shall be cast and counted by "Ranked Choice Voting." Under Ranked Choice Voting, voters will select a first-choice candidate and have the option to rank backup candidates in order of their preference: second choice, third choice, and so on. If a candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, then that candidate wins. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then the race is decided by an "instant runoff" (i.e., the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and voters who selected that candidate as their first choice will have their votes for their second choice counted). The Board shall adopt policies and procedures for conducting an election by Ranked Choice Voting not less than one hundred forty (140) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

In the case of any tie vote in the election of a Trustee, the prevailing candidate will be decided by coin toss. The coin toss shall be conducted by the Cooperative's attorney or designee. The nominee whose last name appears first alphabetically by last name shall choose heads or tails.

Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

ARTICLE IV Trustees

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE. The persons named as trustees in the articles of incorporation shall compose the Board of Trustees until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If the election of trustees shall not be held on the day designated herein for the Annual Meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Trustees shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Meeting of the members beginning with the year 1941, by and from the members, to serve the established term of office or until the next Annual Meeting of the members or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. To become or remain a Trustee, a person must have the following general qualifications:

- Is a natural person or individual;
- Has earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution, or obtained state certification through General Educational Development tests (GED), by the deadline to submit nominations by petition;
- Is a member and bona fide resident in the area served by the Cooperative and is a resident of the district for which he or she is nominated to serve;
- Is not in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative;

(e) Is not presently employed by and has not been employed for a period of at least five (5) years, by the Cooperative or any entity controlled by the Cooperative or an entity in which the Cooperative owns a majority interest;

(f) Is not the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary or compensation in excess of one hundred dollars per annum is paid;

(g) Has the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;

(h) Has not been convicted of a felony;

(i) Has been subjected to a criminal background check administered by the Cooperative;

(j) Has been subjected to and passed the initial and periodic random drug screenings administered by the Cooperative for its employees;

(k) Has been subjected to a credit check performed by the Cooperative without evidence of a history of financial irresponsibility;

(l) Is a member in good standing of the Cooperative without any disconnections for non-payment of utility services within the last five (5) years;

(m) Is willing to devote such time and effort to his or her duties as a Trustee as may be necessary to oversee the Cooperative's business and affairs;

(n) Not be a close relative of a Cooperative employee, Trustee, or any person in a position of trust with the Cooperative. A close relative is considered to be an individual who through blood, law, or marriage, is a spouse, child, stepchild, father, stepfather, mother, stepmother, brother, stepbrother, half-brother, sister, stepsister, half-sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law; or resides in the same residence; and

(o) Is not employed by another Trustee, or employed by an entity over which another Trustee exercises substantial control.

All persons desiring eligibility to become or remain a Trustee shall be required to (1) execute a document that affirms compliance with the qualifications as stated in this Article IV, Section 2 of these Bylaws, and (2) provide a release for the Cooperative to investigate and acquire reports necessary to affirm such compliance in order to be deemed qualified. Verification of a nominee's qualifications to be a Trustee shall be made by a Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney. Any current or potential Trustee who is found not qualified may submit an appeal of that decision in writing to the Board of Trustees for final determination. A Trustee shall recuse himself or herself and abstain from any discussion, deliberation, or vote concerning his or her own qualifications or the qualifications of any candidates from his or her representative geographic district.

For purposes of this section, the term "convicted" shall include a finding of guilt, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or a verdict of guilty, whether or not adjudication was withheld or clemency has been granted.

Upon establishment of the fact that a Trustee is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, it shall immediately become incumbent upon the Board of Trustees to remove such Trustee from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall effect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

As terms of office are staggered, trustees shall be elected for a term of office of three (3) years.

SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

(b) Nominations. Nominations for Trustee shall be by Petition only. To be nominated and included on the ballot to represent one of the nine (9) geographic districts, a candidate for Trustee must submit to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 a written Petition including the names, addresses, and verifiable signatures of at least fifteen (15) current Cooperative members. All Petitions must be submitted to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters prior to the deadline prescribed below and shall include the name of the nominee and his or her district. A member may sign the Petition of more than one candidate.

To be considered for inclusion on the ballot, Petitions must be submitted to Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 by 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. not less than sixty (60) days, but not more than one hundred (100) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney shall verify the signatures on the Petitions and refer the names of those candidates who have satisfied the fifteen (15) signature requirement for qualification review in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

Not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall be responsible for posting the names of the qualified nominees for election at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. If the designated voting method is by in-person ballot, then the Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the Annual Meeting Notice a complete list of the names and addresses of all qualified nominees for election. If the designated voting method is by mail-in ballot, then the ballot shall be mailed with the Annual Meeting Notice.

If any of the dates for compliance specified in this Article shall fall on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday, then the next business day following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be the day of compliance. All dates for compliance specified in this Article shall be posted on the Cooperative's website at least one hundred thirty-five (135) days before the Annual Meeting.

For a full set of By-laws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or visit <https://www.talquinelectric.com/trustee-elections/>

STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING TALQUIN'S SERVICE TERRITORY



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Wastewater Sewer Caps

Members with Talquin's water and wastewater services are billed based on the number of gallons consumed through the water meter. Wastewater services have a sewer cap (or limit) to ensure billing is based on normal household water usage. The sewer cap is calculated for each Member's account by taking the highest billing month's consumption during the winter months (January to April) when irrigation is usually not taking place. This cap ensures Talquin is calculating the household's normal water usage to determine the sewer billing for the following twelve months, beginning on the May billing statement. However, there is a minimum sewer cap of 10,500 gallons for residential Members using less than 10,500 gallons of water during the winter months. If water consumption is less than the established sewer cap for the next twelve months, the actual number of gallons consumed through the meter will be billed. The table below demonstrates the sewer cap as applied on a monthly billing statement.

Water Meter Reading	Established Sewer Cap	Water Billed	Wastewater Billed
5,853 Gallons	10,500 Gallons	5,853 Gallons	5,853 Gallons
15,965 Gallons	10,500 Gallons	15,965 Gallons	10,500 Gallons
27,912 Gallons	12,695 Gallons	27,912 Gallons	12,695 Gallons

Save The Date!

Talk with Talquin – Member Update Events

Saturday,
March 11, 2023

Riversink
Elementary School

Saturday,
March 25, 2023

Gadsden County
High School

Saturday,
April 1, 2023

Hosford
Elementary School

Saturday,
April 25, 2023

Lawton Chiles
High School

Join us for an in-person event with updates on the cooperative, chat with the General Manager & Trustees, as well as a Q&A forum.

Members will receive a \$10 bill credit and will be entered into a prize drawing. Members must be in attendance and are only eligible for one bill credit and prize drawing per calendar year.

Doors Open at 9:00 AM – Meetings Begin at 10:00 AM

Door
Prizes

Breakfast
Pastries

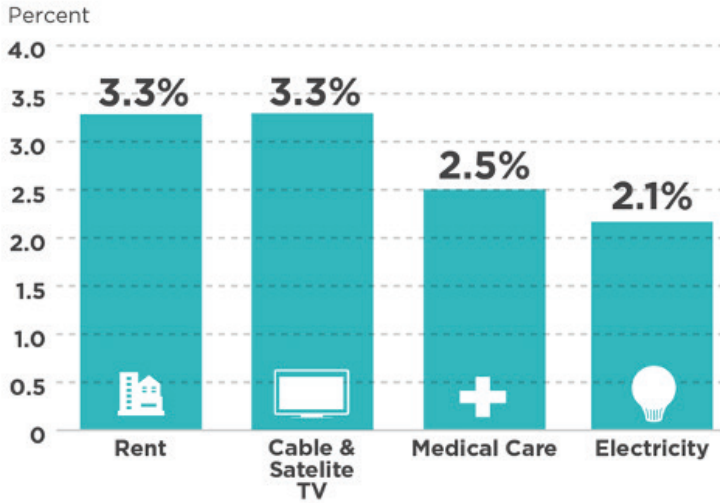
Informational
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Give-A-
Ways

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value.

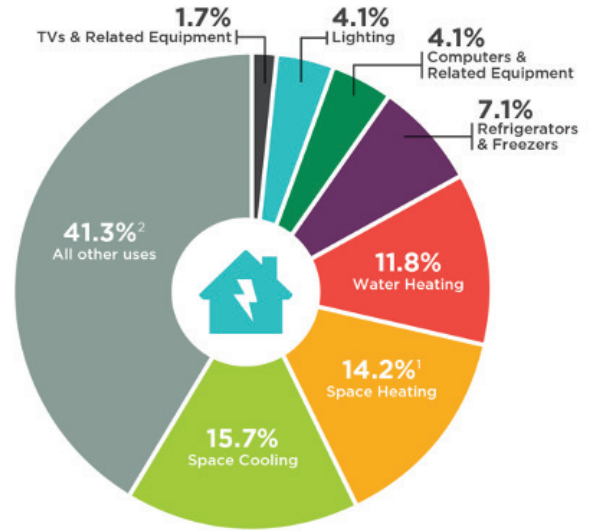
Average Annual Price Increase 2016-2021



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: Energy Information Administration 2021
¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.
²Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

Energy Efficiency Tip

Did you know insulating your electric water heater could reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%? This could save you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs. Insulating your electric water heater is an easy, inexpensive project that can improve energy efficiency and save you money each month. The Department of Energy rates this project level as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit energy.gov for project tips and additional considerations.



Safety Tip

Ever wondered about the big green boxes on your street? Safety Sam says steer clear! Those boxes include electrical equipment and supply power to your neighborhood.



New Year, New Recipes

Southern New Year's Day Dinner Skillet

Recipe from Family Food on the Table: (<https://www.familyfoodonthetable.com/southern-new-years-day-dinner-skillet/>)

Total Time: 25 minutes / Prep Time: 5 minutes / Cook Time: 20 minutes / Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

5 slices bacon	¼ cup low-sodium chicken broth
1 small onion, chopped	1 can (14.5 ounces) of black-eyed peas
2 cloves garlic, minced	1 ½ cups cooked chicken breast, chopped
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes	1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 bunch of collard greens	
¼ teaspoon salt	
¼ teaspoon black pepper	

For Serving:

Cooked brown rice, shredded cheddar cheese, sliced green onions

Instructions:

1. Heat a large sauté pan over medium heat and add bacon. Cook bacon until crispy, about 8-10 minutes, flipping as needed. Remove bacon, crumble and set aside.
2. Drain all but 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease from the pan. Add onions to the pan and sauté in the bacon grease over medium heat for 4-5 minutes, until tender. Add garlic and red pepper flakes and sauté for another 30 seconds. Stir in collard greens and season with salt and pepper. Add chicken broth and sauté until the liquid is mostly evaporated- 2-3 minutes. Stir in black-eyed peas and cooked chicken. Cook for 1-2 minutes until heated through. Add white wine vinegar, taste, and adjust the seasoning. Serve over brown rice and top with reserved crumbled bacon. Top with cheddar cheese and green onions, if desired.



Bacon Wrapped Jalapeno Poppers

Recipe from My Recipes: (<https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/bacon-wrapped-jalapeno-poppers>)

Total Time: 40 minutes / Prep Time: 15 minutes / Cook Time: 25 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

12 medium jalapeños
12 bacon slices
¾ teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons chopped garlic
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup pepper jack cheese, shredded
½ cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

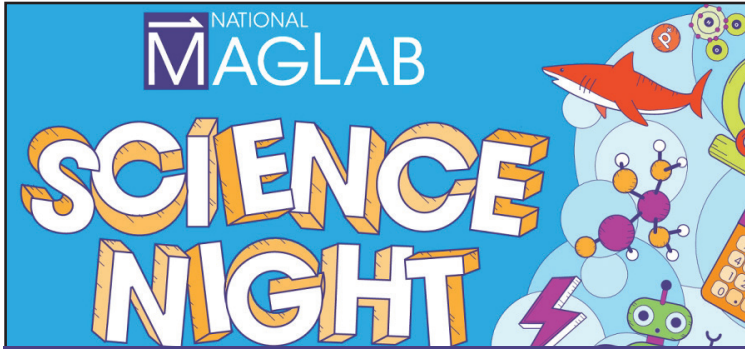
Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Cut a slit lengthwise in each jalapeño, leaving the stem intact. Using a spoon, remove and discard seeds and membranes. Stir together garlic, cream cheese, pepper jack, cheddar, and salt in a medium bowl. Spoon about 1 heaping tablespoon of cheese mixture into each jalapeño.
2. Wrap each stuffed jalapeño with a bacon strip. Wrap bacon strip so that ends are on the bottom (unstuffed side) of the popper. Arrange poppers, stuffed side up, in a single layer on prepared baking sheet. Bake in oven until bacon is crispy, about 22 to 25 minutes.



SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES


If you have some tasty recipes that you would like to share, submit them to us at TradingPost@talquinelectric.com, drop them off at any of our Member Services offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.



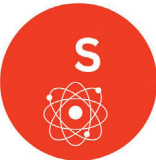
NATIONAL MAGLAB
SCIENCE NIGHT

Thursday, January 19, 2023 | 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
Leroy Collins Leon County Main Public Library
 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301


You are swimming in a sea of waves, and you didn't even have to go to the beach! From radio waves to rays of light, we will take a look at the invisible ocean of electromagnetic waves around us. Hang out with a scientist that is channeling powerful waves to make new scientific discoveries. Science Night is a FREE, fun, family-friendly, hands-on science event jointly hosted by the National MagLab and the Leon County Main Library.




Harrell Memorial Public Library
STEM Lab (Ages 5 - 12)



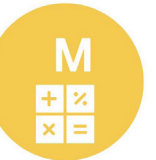
S
Science



T
Technology



E
Engineering



M
Math

Thursday, January 26, 2023 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Harrell Memorial Public Library
 13016 NW CR 12, Bristol, Florida


Children will explore science, technology, engineering, and math through monthly challenges, experiments, and creativity fostering a love of learning through play! A program geared for ages 5-12.

HELP SAVE A LIFE AND JOIN TALQUIN AND ONEBLOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVES!

Each successful donor will receive an eGift card, OneBlood t-shirt, and wellness check-up, including, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged! Please visit oneblood.org/donate-now/ to view hours and sign up now!



UPCOMING DRIVES AT OUR MEMBER SERVICES LOCATIONS:

Quincy	Crawfordville	Lake Jackson
Monday, February 13, 2023	Tuesday, February 14, 2023	Wednesday, February 15, 2023
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
1607 West Jefferson Street	681 Wakulla-Arran Road	4808 Portal Drive


24th Annual VALENTINE'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL
 February 11, 2023



Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wakulla

Saturday, February 11, 2023 | 10:00 AM
Azalea Park in Crawfordville

Participate in the fun and excitement of the Valentine Celebration and contribute in a very special way to the community's effort to raise money for the Rotary Club of Wakulla. The parade begins at 10:00 AM, along with arts & crafts and food vendors. Lots of heart-filled fun for the entire family!



FIELD DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

BENEFITING THE JUDY FIELD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Sunday, February 26, 2023 | 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 General Admission \$30, Kids 12 & Under Free
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park
 3540 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309

Have a field day with us to raise money for pancreatic cancer research awareness and benefit the Judy Field Memorial Foundation and here in our community. Live music, food trucks + family-friendly games. For more information, visit: <https://www.fielddaytallahassee.com/>

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Two 24-hp trolling motors. \$75.00 each. Call Tom @ 850-445-6718

For Sale: Weslo Cardio Stride 4.0 Manual Treadmill \$50. 850-544-5799

Antique Wood Secretarial desk with Hutch \$350. 850-544-5799

Black dining table with four padded chairs. Cost \$995.00. Sell for \$300. New grey sofa. Paid approximately \$650. Asking \$500. Call or text 850-878-0579.

2 32" by 80" screen doors \$25.00 each: 4 and 6 pane windows 1940's \$2.00 each: 2016 – 2019 Front Rotors and pads for Kia \$60.00: Sony LCD 48" screen TV \$150.00: 3 Living room tables call for info \$150.00: TV Hutch glass doors on bottom, fits a 32" TV \$50.00. Call 850-524-3852

Two water heaters. Both for \$25. Both work and do not leak. One is about 5 years old, the other is more than 20. Must take both. Will help load them on your truck or trailer. Call Glenn, 850-508-2665 before 10 PM.

Lifeline AGM Batteries New.

Have two brand new Lifeline 12V AGM GPL-24T 80AH batteries. In boxes. Came with our new RV but we traded for Lithium so we do not need. \$325 each or \$600 both. 850-756-4001.

260D Backhoe used <10 hours \$5500: 60D Mower Deck used once \$2000. Call or text 850-328-8016

Solid oak collector's coffee table - \$100.00. Glass top with drawer. 40" Wide x 40" Length X 19" Tall. Pictures available upon request. Text/Call 904-612-1753.

FREE

43 VHS tapes near Midway. 7 prerecorded, others recordable. Call 850-539-1915. If no answer please leave a message mentioning tapes. Come get them all!

16' X 6 ½' drop tail dual axle trailer. New decking and recent rewire. Electric brakes need work. Located in the Miccosukee area. \$2,000. 850-599-6919

For Sale Harley 2003 Duce Softtail. Custom Harley Davidson including custom paint.

TRADING POST GUIDELINES

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of The Current, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. Talquin provides "The Trading Post" ads for the convenience of our Members. Talquin is not responsible for the content of the ads. Talquin does not endorse or warrant the products or services offered in the ads. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad per issue (six times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- No event promotion of any kind
- No firearm sales of any kind

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32352-1679 or email to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

Perfect condition. Under 50,000 miles. All service records available. \$7500. Call or text 850-212-5461

Handmade wooden furniture: porch glider (pine) \$200, custom coffee table (pecan) \$280, end tables (pecan) \$155 pair, custom wall table (sycamore) \$225, coat hooks (pecan, iron) vertical \$55, horizontal, \$90. Photos on request, text 352-257-4594

For Sale: Women's Sketchers relaxed fit Trego Alpine hiking boots, brown & tan size 7, waterproof, memory foam, excellent condition \$60.00. 850-980-4455

Innova Inverter table \$50, like new, barely used. 2018 3-car hauler, less than 5,000 miles. \$7,000. Call Curtis @ 850-567-5306 for further details.

REAL ESTATE

Beautifully Furnished Room with walk-in Closet for rent! EVERYTHING included! Utilities,

safe touch security, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. Convenient to I 10, Apalachee Pkwy. \$675 and up room rates, \$50 background fee, \$675+ deposit. 12-month lease. Based on single occupancy. Available Now! CALLS ONLY PLEASE 850-284-4892

Prime land for sale by owner. Must see to appreciate. Within 5 minutes of the airport, very private. Call James or Mary 850-688-0979

CEMETARY/ BURIAL

Cemetery lot in Chapel Garden, Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Park, Timberlane Road. Located near mausoleums on west side. \$4,000.00. Current value \$6,295.00. Call 850-566-2856

Two plots at Memory Gardens in the beautiful Garden of Apostles for \$1300 each. Steve at 850-508-9018

For sale one cemetery plot in Tallahassee Memory Gardens. \$1200. Contact 850-570-5546

AUTOMOTIVE

2008 Mercury Grand Marquis LS, silver/blue, 250,000 miles, runs but needs some work; \$2500. 850-997-0473

LOOKING FOR

Toy trains – Lionel, American Flyer, Marx HO or N gauge. Any amount or condition. Call 850-893-8718

SERVICES

Compassionate, Christian caregiver available. 25+ years' experience. Personal care, meds, meals, laundry, light housekeeping. Excellent references, reasonable rates, reliable, CPR certified. 850-575-8906

CARETAKER – for your loved one. Experienced in personal caregiving for Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, etc. Years of experience and references. Avail: Mon – Fri. 850-386-3562

Notify County Agency of Any Special Needs

Registry is used for resource planning during emergencies

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "In order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

The Special Needs Registry Shelter Program is designed to provide hurricane or disaster-related evacuation assistance and care for those without other alternatives. Anyone that needs transportation assistance or has a health/medical condition that requires medical attention while at a shelter should register for this program. Clients of a hospice or home health care agency should ensure that they have already registered in the system. This registration helps the local emergency management agency identify those in need of assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those needs.

Persons with special needs may authorize emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search-and-rescue operations, if necessary, to ensure their safety and welfare following disasters. This registration must be updated annually. Talquin Electric Cooperative helps local emergency management agencies get the word out about this program.

If someone has a special condition affecting eyesight, hearing, speech, walking, breathing, or an emotional condition, and would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering, they should contact their local emergency management agency. The level of care given in special needs shelters goes above the basic first-aid care available to shelters open to the general population.

All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

Gadsden County:
(850) 875-8642

Liberty County:
(850) 643-2339

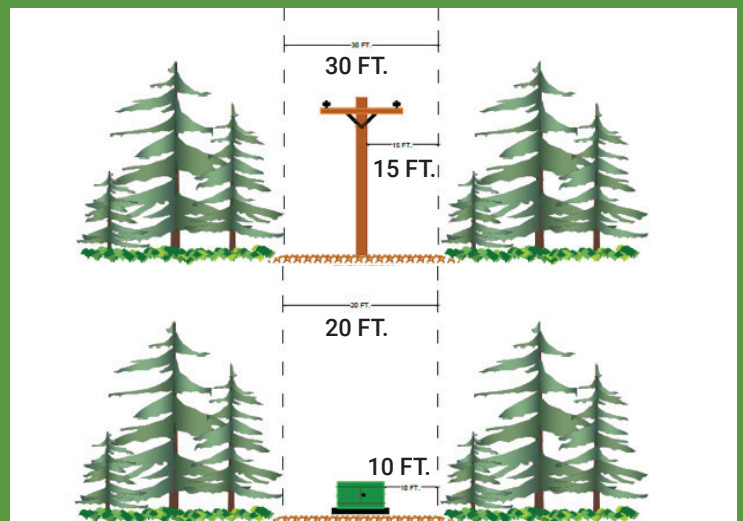
Leon County:
(850) 606-3700

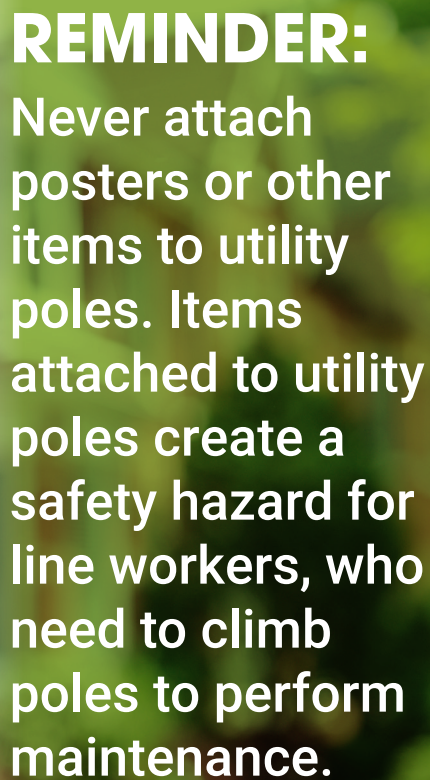
Wakulla County:
(850) 745-7200

*All 67 counties in the state now utilize a new electronic format for the Special Needs Registry Shelter Program. Contact your local agency to find out how to access this electronic form. Anyone can access the registry online at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>. A login and password are needed to access the portal. Anyone with any questions or who does not have internet access should contact their local emergency management office.

Friday, January 20th is Florida Arbor Day

If planting a native tree this Arbor Day, please be aware of where all of your utility lines are located. And before you dig, call 8-1-1 so you will always **Know What Is Below.**





REMINDER:
Never attach posters or other items to utility poles. Items attached to utility poles create a safety hazard for line workers, who need to climb poles to perform maintenance.



Do you know where your property water shut-off valve is?

In the event of a catastrophic leak, knowing the location of your property shut-off valve could save you money on water and water damage repairs. The faster you can turn off the water, the less goes to waste.

Happy Retirement!

Traci Sansom has been employed at Talquin Electric for nearly 35 years! She began her career in April of 1988 in the Information Services Department and was promoted to the position of Information Services Clerk III before transferring to the Finance Department. After working in Finance



for several years, Traci was promoted to Information Services Supervisor where she has served Members for the remainder of her career. As a trusted resource and dedicated employee over many years, she has earned the respect of her colleagues. "Traci has been a wonderful individual to work with daily. She has kept the Information Services Department going in the right direction and will be greatly missed. I'm very happy for her to be able to enjoy retirement," said Dwight Callahan, Information Services Manager. We wish her all the best and hope that she won't be a stranger. Her husband, Ricky, and children are very proud of her and excited she's reached this milestone!

About 45 years ago, Tim Waddle began working with Talquin Water & Wastewater while he was a land surveyor with Southern Engineering Company. In 1981, he completed his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Southern Tech before returning to Southern Engineering in 1985. In his new role as a Project Engineer, Tim worked with several companies



in the southeast, including Talquin. In addition to a degree in civil engineering, he also became a registered Land Surveyor, a Licensed Professional Engineer in Georgia, and a Licensed Professional Engineer in Florida. In 1992, he joined Jim Stidham & Associates, a consulting firm in Tallahassee, where he continued working with Talquin to expand the water and wastewater systems. Tim officially signed on as a Talquin employee on September 10, 2001, as the Director of Water Services, and has maintained this position for the remainder of his career. He often comments he has worked with or for Talquin for over 41 of his 45-year professional career! After retirement, Tim and his wife, Jann, plan to travel before returning to their small farm in South Carolina, where they will continue building their home. Congratulations on your retirement, Tim!

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Quincy Member Services Office

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Crawfordville Member Services Office

681 Wakulla Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Services Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
Hosford, Florida 32334
(850) 379-8679

Lake Jackson Member Services Office

4808 Portal Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 562-0125

Bradfordville Member Services Office

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Report an Outage

Via Mobile App

Download the Talquin mobile app on your iOS or Android device to report outages and receive updates. All with the click of a button!

Via Text

Text #OUTAGE to 85700
to report electric outages.

If not registered, visit our website at
www.talquinelectric.com

Via Phone

Automated System:
1-866-899-4832

Live Operator:
1-888-802-1832



! CORRECTION !

One of the dates for our Talk with Talquin - Member Update Events, listed on page 5, is incorrect.
The correct date for the event hosted at Lawton Chiles High School is Saturday, April 15, 2023.

TALQUIN'S 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Talquin will hold voting by
mail-in ballot.

More information coming soon!



Is Your Contact Information on your Talquin account(s) up to date?

You may not be receiving important information and cooperative updates. Please provide updated email address and phone number information by calling a Member Services Representative at 850-627-7651.

Member Survey Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Member Survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback as your voice assists us in learning about ways we can better serve our Members. Congratulations to the winners, below, of the \$100 gift cards!

Joseph T. Langdon Jr.
Catherine Rollins Horne
Sheila G. Johnson
John Strutko
Amy Griffith-Kunkel

Johnny Earl Siets
Cynthia Ballenger
Debra Leggett
Sharon Haughton
Patricia Armstrong

