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THE ERA OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES HAS ARRIVED

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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/>.

Seeing the Future Clearly in 2020

Each coming year brings excitement and thoughts about what the next year will hold. The arrival of 2020 not only marks the onset of a new year, but the arrival of a new decade and wonders about what is to come in the next ten years. 2020 is also a milestone year for Talquin Electric Cooperative as we mark 80 years since our founding on July 31, 1940.



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Through contributions to the community, education, and the Membership, Talquin has cemented itself as a pillar in the four-county service territory. Since January 1963, Talquin has issued refunds of capital credits to the Membership, reaffirming Talquin's dedication to service in North Florida.

On top of Talquin's commitment to service, Talquin is committed to changing with the times and staying a step ahead of industry standards. In 1965, Talquin was one of the first electric cooperatives in the country to make use of underground electrical lines. In 1969, Talquin became one of the first rural electric cooperatives to own and operate a wastewater treatment plant with the development of Paradise Village in Wakulla County.

These days, changing with the times involves serving Members in ways that promote efficiency and respect for the planet we call home. Since 1981, Talquin has offered in-home energy audits to its Membership to better assist them with energy efficiency in their homes and other facilities powered by Talquin Electric Cooperative. On August 1, 2017, Talquin's generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative, Seminole Electric, began commercial operations at its first solar farm, Cooperative Solar.

2020 marks Talquin's continued dedication to its Membership, efficiency, and the planet. While Talquin is already a leading provider of renewable energy in Florida, we have plans to continue decreasing our use of fossil fuels and moving towards the use of renewables. As previously announced, Seminole Electric will be removing a coal unit from service by 2023. In addition to this move away from coal, Seminole plans to add 300 megawatts of solar generation at the same time.

Moreover, the popularity, availability, and reliability of electric cars has continued to grow since the first mass-produced electric vehicles hit the market in the 90s. This year, in partnership with Seminole Electric, Talquin will participate in "Choose EV". This program will allow Talquin to provide additional information on electric vehicles to the Membership. The "Choose EV" platform will include material on the types of electric vehicles available on the market, a savings calculator to compare the cost of owning an electric vehicle versus a conventional gas-powered car, a public charger finder, and much more. We will be rolling out the "Choose EV" platform on our website soon.

No one can say what the next decade will hold, but we are looking forward to it with a 2020 vision of service!

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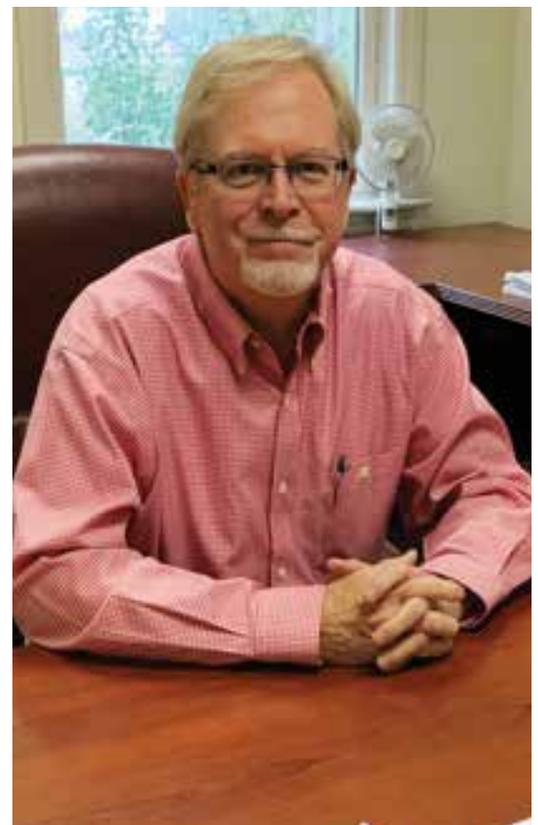
Congratulations to Bill James on retiring after 48 years of service at Talquin!

After 48 years of dedicated service to Talquin, Bill James has decided to retire from his position as Manager of Engineering. As you can imagine, there is a lot that we could share about Bill. However, 48 years of anecdotes are more than we can fit in this edition of our newsletter!

Bill has worked as an engineer for Talquin all of his career and knows the ins and outs of Talquin's electric system. He is a walking, talking, Talquin encyclopedia – and his wealth of information will be missed. It is not only his experience that will be missed, but also his mentorship of others.

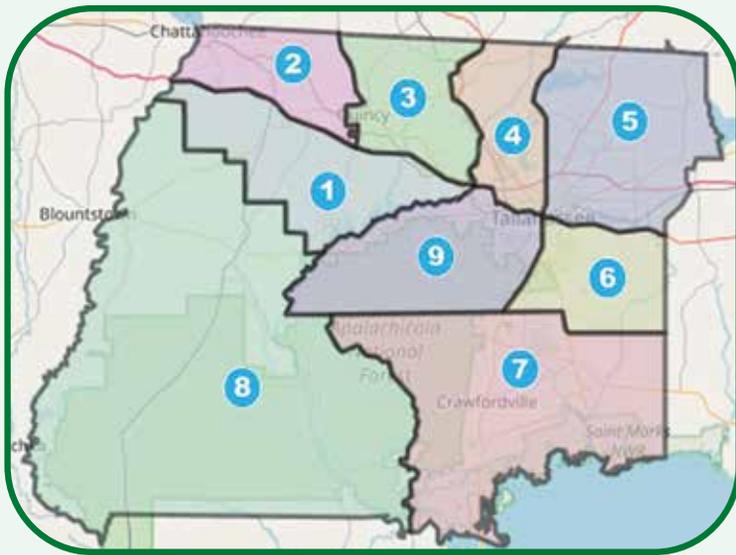
For over 20 years, Bill has been heavily involved in Talquin's Youth Tour in Tallahassee and has been an integral part of the event. Throughout the years, he has shared with high school juniors the things that set Talquin and other electric co-ops apart from other companies and what makes Talquin exceptional. Bill has made our Youth Tour special, and for that, we will always be thankful. Now, Bill gets to retire with his loving wife, Marjorie, and hit the open road in their Airstream.

Bill, have fun exploring, and we hope everyone that you meet along the way appreciates you as much as we have for the last 48 years! Congratulations on your retirement!



2020 Trustee Elections

In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with 15 signatures, no sooner than **Monday, January 27**, and no later than **Wednesday, March 11**. Voting will occur at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting to be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2020**.



Districts 3, 6, and 9 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:

District 3 – Joe Alexander

District 6 – Doug Bruce

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. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the Members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws. No voting by mail or by proxy shall be permitted.

ARTICLE IV

Trustees

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.

To become or remain a Trustee, a person must meet the qualifications listed in the By-laws approved and amended effective April 29, 2017.

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 pre-

scribed 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 forty-five (45) days, but not more than ninety (90) 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 thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall post the names of the qualified nominees for election at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. The Secretary shall mail with the Annual Meeting Notice a complete list of the names and addresses of all qualified nominees for election.

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 ninety (90) days before the deadline.

For a full set of By-laws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or download a copy at www.talquinelectric.com.

Leon County Senior Outreach:

Explore “Lunch and Learn” to stay connected. No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Each session features a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 850-891-4065 for more information.

- No Lunch & Learns in January
- Miccosukee Community Center – February 6 & March 5
- Bradfordville (Bradfordville Presbyterian Fellowship Hall) – February 12 & March 11
- Woodville Community Center – February 13 & March 12
- Fort Braden Community Center – February 18 & March 17
- Lake Jackson Community Center – February 20 & March 19
- Chaires Community Center – February 25 & March 24

Arbor Day Celebration @ Hudson Park:

Wakulla County’s Arbor Day Celebration, organized by the Wakulla County Garden Club since 2005, provides over a thousand free trees for Wakulla County residents to choose from. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. This annual event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 18, from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**, and includes food vendors, artisan & craft vendors, as well as live music.

Heroes in Public Safety Celebration Banquet:

Friday, January 31, 2020, Tallahassee Community College

Celebrate those Heroes in Public Safety who have been selected as Lifetime Achievement honorees and those who have been chosen for induction into the Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$50.00.

7th Annual Tally Shorts Film Festival:

February 7-8

Bringing the best of short-form filmmaking from around the world to the Big Bend, the Tally Shorts Film Festival is a unique cinematic experience. Enjoy a weekend of fascinating films, stimulating conversations with filmmakers, and fun social events. Admission \$18-\$20. For more information, go to <https://tallyshorts.com>.

4th Annual Field Day Music Festival @ Maclay Gardens:

Saturday, February 23 (2:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Live music, food trucks, family-friendly games, and more! Bring your blanket and chair to have a field day with us to benefit the Judy Field Memorial Foundation. General admission \$30 (After dark \$15 – entry at 5:00 PM), kids 12 and under are free. Call 850-491-7333 for more details.

29th Annual North Florida Home Show:

February 7-9, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center

The show will feature vendors for new homes and construction, remodeling, lawn care and landscaping, security, home furnishings, lighting, plumbing, kitchens, and more! Admission \$7. For more information, go to <https://www.tuckerciviccenter.com/events/detail/29th-annual-north-florida-home-show>.

Rotary Valentine’s Day Parade:

Saturday, February 8 (Parade starts at 10:00 AM)

Come out and contribute in a very special way to the community’s effort to raise money for Wakulla County scholarships.

Havana History and Shade Tobacco Museum Events:

- **January 4, 10:30 AM** – Doyle Conner, Jr. will present a talk on Florida’s Cattle History. (Cattleman’s exhibit will close Jan. 11.)
- **January 18, 11:00 AM** – Author Dale Cox will present research on his recent book “Prospect Bluff”.
- **February 15, 10:30 AM** – Dr. Lou Hill will present “Fire & Fury & Flood” at the Shade Tobacco Museum, an archeological and historical account of the demise of the 1837 Apalachicola waterfront including a display of Native American artifacts.
- **February 29, 7:00 – 8:30 PM** – Rick Smith, son of renowned author Richard Smith, presents Florida is “A Land Remembered” at the Pat Thomas Academy Conference Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- **March 14, 10:30 AM** – A presentation on Historical Scrapbooks of Gadsden County’s 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs by Krystal Thomas, Digital Archivist, FSU, Strozier Library.
- **March 28, 10:30 AM** – Second showing of the historical Voices of Havana film.

Education:

TCC offers GED Prep and ESOL classes as the first step to your new career through TCC2WORK. Students receive career pathways services including career assessments and planning, activities and workshops, and transition advising. GED classes are offered mornings and evenings in-person in Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties, as well as online. ESOL classes are offered in Tallahassee and Quincy. For more information, call 850-201-8760 or email workforce@tcc.fl.edu.

Did you know?

Talquin Members are eligible to bank with the Florida Rural Electric Credit Union (FRECU). Banking with FRECU offers Members free checking, free billpayer, a free ATM/Debit Card, online banking, and much more. Please contact FRECU at www.frecu.org or call 1-800-542-1246 for further details.

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

FEBRUARY 1 | NOON - 4 P.M.
FLORIDA PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE | 75 COLLEGE DRIVE, HAVANA, FL

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF **FREE FAMILY FUN** AND A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 4 **\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS**



FOOD & GAMES | TRUCKS, HELICOPTERS & DRONES
KID'S PLAY AREA | RECRUITERS | REPELLING & MORE!


TCC.FL.EDU/TCCSAFETYHEROES

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 into 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 each 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 is needed to access the portal. Anyone with any questions or who does not have internet access should contact their local emergency management office.



Picture from left to right: David Roberts, Assistant General Manager, City of Tallahassee; Carrie Durden, Board President, Talquin Electric Cooperative

“Best of the Best” Water Award

Talquin Electric Cooperative’s Meadows Regional Water System has been named Florida’s “Best of the Best” by the Florida Section American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) in its 2019 Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest. The Meadows Regional Water System placed first among 12 other water systems across the state to earn the title. This is the second time Talquin has won the statewide contest for one of its water systems with the Meridian Hills Plant having won in 2005.

Employee Recognition

Talquin would like to recognize Sara Khan for providing first aid and contacting EMS when she encountered a man severely injured from a fall after a seizure while walking her dog on Saturday, November 30th. Thank you, Sara and Diesel, for your responsiveness and for demonstrating the 7th Cooperative Principle – Concern for Community!



Energy Tip:

Open the drapes or blinds on sunny days and enjoy the “free” heat. Keep south-facing windows clean to let the light through. Remember to close the drapes or blinds when the sun sets.



Water Tip:

Use either low-flow shower heads or adjustable flow-reducer devices on your shower heads. They may reduce flow by at least 25%.



TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Collectors Bicycle- AMF Hercules Genuine English Lightweight. Made in 1950-60, 3 speed. Intact but very rough condition- 850-591-2967

2011 3.5 Ton Rheem A/C Heatpump package unit \$400- 850-933-3452

Hot Tub- 2 person- Free- 850-894-6828

Adult Walker, double bar, wheels on front sturdy up to 300 lbs, **3 Mens XL LS Denim Shirt** (unworn) \$5, **Vintage Quilt** \$40- 850-576-1315

Want awesome legs for summer? Take my mint condition professional indoor spinner bike home and ride in comfort. Original retail \$1,119- Buy Now \$399- 850-264-8395

TV Cabinet- Excellent Condition- Very Nice- You must haul- Pictures available- Free- 850-597-1255

2 Kitty Condos- (H49" W48" D21") and H55" W20" D22") - Each four levels, Carpet/ Cord lined. Slightly clawed \$25 each- 850-321-1167

Dresses- sm/med \$5, **Skirts-** sm/med \$2

Blouses- sm \$1- 850-878-5081

Chair w/footstool \$300- **Futon** \$250- **Glass top table w/4 chairs** \$250- **Desk** \$50- **Gazelle Exercise machine** \$100- **2 Bar Chairs** \$100- **2 Porch Chairs** \$100- **Small table** \$35- OBO- 850-875-2445

Stereo- 6 150W Speakers, 1 150W AMP, 1 Graphic Equalizer, 1 Reverbration AMP, 1 Reel to Reel, Minor scratches and dents- No reasonable offer refused- 850-570-3291

1 Burial Plot- Located in Section 16 Serenity Culley's MeadowWood. Current sales price through Culley's is \$5,595. Seller's price is \$5,000 and Seller will pay transfer cost. -850-878-0345

AUTOMOTIVE

2001 Pontiac Bonneville (1 Owner), 3,800 V6, Auto Transmission, 4door, Silver W/Grey interior, Runs good, interior in good condition- 850-663-4785

1989 Chevy C1500- Ext Cab Pickup-239K Miles, New tires and battery \$1,000- 850-933-3452

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**

*Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January/February edition.)

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

REAL ESTATE

18.52 Acres in Reston for Sale- Beautiful property! Not in HOA, partially cleared home site- \$77,000. OBO 850-545-4487 or 850-743-9339

1998 Jacobson DW MFD on 2.07 Acres- 3/2, 1792 sq ft, 34X 14 FI Room, Well, fireplace, shed w/2 carports- As is- \$55,000- 850-815-1075

For Rent-Beautifully Furnished Rooms, In E TLH, Private bath, Everything included (Utilities, Dish TV, Safetouch Security, shared kitchen and common spaces, WIFI, linens) Available now- 850-284-4892

For Rent- 3 bedroom 2 bath, Double wide Mobile Home, HUD accepted, Lake Talquin Community, \$800/month- 850-544-8772

FARMING

Covington Planters-2 Row- No tool bar-\$650, **John Deere Plow-**3 Bottom \$550, **Corn Wagon-** Crib style- new wood \$750, **Tygart Spray Rig-** 50Gal- 2 row \$450, **8Ft. Heavy Duty Tank Trailer** \$500, Call 850-459-2203

1999 Kubota B8200 Tractor w/Box blade and Bush Hog, runs great \$6,000- Call or text 850-491-8461

2 Strong and Sturdy pasture keepers Pigmy Goats for sale. 4 and 5 years old, not neutered asking \$300 for the pair and must be sold together- 850-894-1160

SERVICES

Affordable Caregiver- Experienced female, Non- smoker- pet friendly, honest, dependable, caring and patient, specializing in Alzheimer's, open to all companion aide- 850-875-3041

Need Help- Diesel and Gas Tuning, including semis

and tractors. Diesel performance and repair- 850-528-9246 or email zfg_diesel@yahoo.com

Space Planning- Interior decoration, kitchens, bathrooms, closet projects, consultation and organization. Home assessment for aging and disability. 850-627-1481 or 954-512-0560

WANT TO BUY

Looking to buy the following: Good condition extended/passenger van- older model- Need used refrigerator, Older chest freezer in good condition- Used Toyota pickup- Older Hoover upright vacuum, & tank vacuum- 850-879-5509

Fishing Lures-I collect, research and write about fishing lures made before 1970. I would like to look at and possibly purchase any you have- fandl@comcast.net

SAFETY NEAR SOLAR

Like any other source of electricity, solar panels can pose potential hazards. Keep these safety tips in mind when you're near solar panels.



Stay at least 10 feet away from the installation.



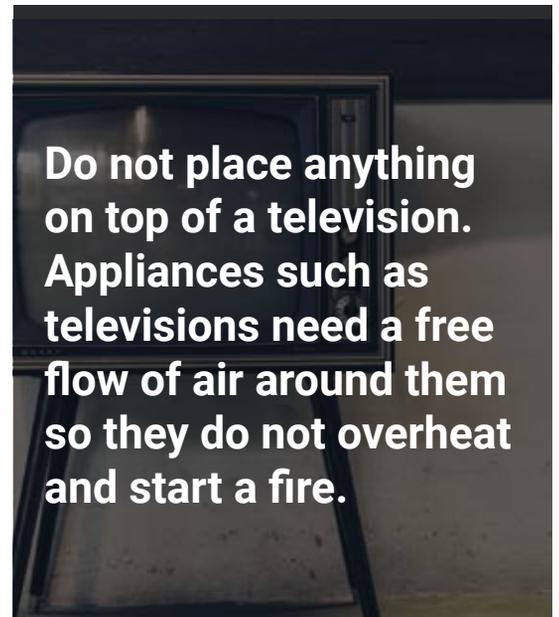
Never walk on solar panels.



Never cut any wiring to the solar panels.



Never touch broken or damaged solar panels.



Do not place anything on top of a television. Appliances such as televisions need a free flow of air around them so they do not overheat and start a fire.

Talquin Electric Cooperative will be adjusting fees beginning February 1, 2020. Below is a table outlining the current fees and the updated fees after the adjustments. Deposit adjustments will occur later in 2020. Please contact Talquin with any questions at (850) 627-7651.

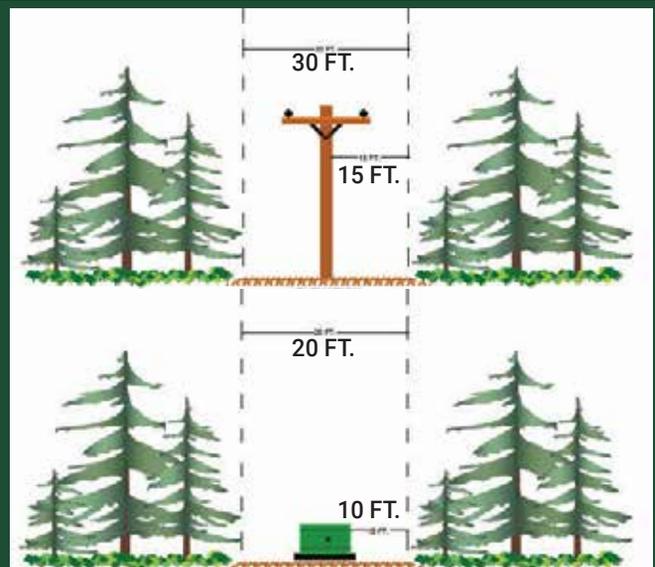
Fee Changes as of February 1, 2020

Fee Type	Cost Before Fee Adjustment	Cost After Fee Adjustment
Total Connect/Disconnect Fee	\$50.00	\$60.00
Residential Late Fee	5% of unpaid bill, maximum of \$10.00	5% of unpaid bill, minimum of \$10.00
General Service Late Fee	5% of unpaid bill, maximum of \$10.00	5% of billed usage or a minimum of \$25.00
Payment Arrangements	No cost, maximum of three payment arrangements in a 12 month period	\$10.00 and a maximum of three payment arrangements in a 12 month period
Collection Trip Charge	\$25.00	\$30.00
Outdoor Light with New Pole	\$125.00 for installation, includes pole and equipment. (Currently does not include labor/transportation costs)	\$525.00 for installation, includes pole and equipment. (can be paid in six (6) installments of \$87.50)
Replace Existing Operational Mercury Vapor Light (MVL) with LED	\$50.00 per fixture (Currently does not include labor/transportation costs)	\$125.00 per fixture. (first fixture is \$125.00 and each additional fixture on the same trip is \$30.00)

Deposit adjustments will occur later in 2020.

Friday, January 17th 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.**



Love at First Bite

Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti

Ingredients:

- 1 pound chicken breasts, boneless skinless
- 1 onion – diced
- 1 can(s) Rotel tomatoes
- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1 stick butter
- 1 pound Velveeta cheese – cubed
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper



1. Boil chicken breasts in a large pot adding ½ teaspoon of salt and ½ teaspoon of black pepper to water.
2. When chicken is done, remove from water and shred.
3. Boil spaghetti in leftover chicken broth (add water if necessary).
4. Drain pasta and set it aside (reserve about 1 cup of the water).
5. Melt the butter and sauté the onion.
6. Add Rotel, cooked chicken, and spaghetti one at a time to the sautéed onion mixture.
7. Add Velveeta cheese and stir together, mixing well. At this point, you can add the reserved pasta water, as needed.
8. Add salt and pepper to taste. Heat until cheese is melted thoroughly, stirring occasionally to keep from scorching.

Southwest Georgia Pound Cake

*By Paula Deen

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract (you may use lemon or almond flavoring instead)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 sticks softened butter



1. Generously grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan.
2. Using an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Alternately add flour mixture and heavy cream to butter-sugar mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Stir in flavoring.
3. Pour batter into prepared pan. Place in a cold oven, set oven temperature at 325 °F, and bake for 1 hour 15 minutes without opening oven door. Bake for an additional 15 minutes if necessary. Remove from oven and cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert cake onto cake plate, and for a real treat, serve yourself a slice while it's still warm.

Philly Cheese Steak Sloppy Joes



Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup beef broth
- 8 ounces provolone cheese slices, chopped (use 6 ounces if you don't want it too cheesy)
- 6 brioche hamburger buns

1. Add the ground beef to a large skillet and brown until a deep brown crust appears before breaking the beef apart.
2. Remove the beef (you can leave the fat) and add butter, onions, and bell peppers.
3. Let brown for 1-2 minutes before stirring, then let brown for another 1-2 minutes before stirring again.
4. Add the beef back into the pan.
5. In a small cup, mix the beef broth and cornstarch together.
6. Add the ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, salt, black pepper, and beef broth/cornstarch mixture into the pan.
7. Cook until the mixture is only slightly liquid (about 75% of the mixture is above liquid), approximately 3-5 minutes.
8. Turn off the heat, add in the provolone cheese.

Notes: Serve on toasted brioche bun!

Florida Guacamole

*freshfromflorida.com

Ingredients:

- 2 Florida avocados, pit removed and mashed
- 1 Florida tomato, diced small
- 2 Florida key limes, juiced
- ¼ red onion, diced small
- 2 tablespoon fresh cilantro, roughly chopped
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- Several dashes hot sauce (optional)
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste



1. Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl and stir to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. Store in an air tight container in the refrigerator.

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 Service offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

Apprentice Graduates

Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates Lance Rivenbark, Ryan Chase Bradley, and Jake Lord on completing the Lineman Apprenticeship Program.



Talquin Office Locations

Headquarters

1640 W Jefferson St
Quincy, FL 32351
850-627-7651

Member Service Offices

Talquin Member Service Office lobby hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm, excluding holidays. All Member Service Offices are closed for lunch from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Quincy	Hosford	Lake Jackson Area	Bradfordville Area	Crawfordville
1607 W Jefferson St Quincy, FL 32351 850-627-9666	20557 NE Cooperative Way Hosford, FL 32334 850-379-8679	4808 Portal Dr Tallahassee, FL 32303 850-562-0125	6724 Thomasville Rd Tallahassee, FL 32312 850-893-6853	681 Wakulla Arran Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327 850-926-7422

- Sitio en Español www.talquinelectric.com/es
- Billing statements available in Braille, contact a Member Service office for more details.

Reporting an Outage

Please report an interruption in your electric and/or water service using one of the methods below:

By Phone: Please call 1-888-802-1832 for a live operator or 1-866-899-4832 for an automated attendant.

Online: You may report your outage on our website, www.talquinelectric.com.

Text Notification: You can enroll in our text option to report an outage. Through this service, you will also be notified if there is an outage that possibly affects your service. You can also receive status of your outage through this system as well. To register, please visit our website www.talquinelectric.com for instructions.

Paying Your Bill

By Mail: Please return the bottom portion of your bill along with your check or money order, payable to Talquin Electric Cooperative, in the envelope provided to; P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353.

In Person: You may bring your payment to any of our Member Service Offices listed above. For your convenience, all locations have a drive-thru service. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards, bank debit cards that utilize these networks, checks and money orders.

Bank Draft: Your payment can be automatically drafted monthly from your checking or savings account or your credit card. Please sign up for this service on our website; www.talquinelectric.com. You must be registered on the payment portal. In order to register you will need to have an active Talquin account number and the most recent statement ID associated with that account number. The statement ID is located on your bill statement.

By Phone: Call any Talquin Office and choose the prompt to pay your bill using our Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. You may pay by credit/debit card or electronic check.

Online: You may pay your bill online at www.talquinelectric.com. You can pay by credit/debit card or electronic check. You must be registered on the payment portal. In order to register you will need to have an active Talquin account number and the most recent statement ID associated with that account number. The statement ID is located on your bill statement.

Breakdown of Current Charges

FACILITY - Facility Charge	\$32.00
KWH - 1000 KWH @0.1018	\$101.80
KWH - 18 KWH @0.1234	\$2.22
SUBDIVISION LIGHT - Subdivision Lighting	\$2.10
WATERFAC - Water Facility	\$17.85
GALLONS - 3930 Gallons @0.0015	\$5.90
SEWERFAC - Sewer Facility	\$38.75
GALLONS - 3930 Gallons @.00285	\$11.20

COMING SOON!

Updated Billing Statements

Talquin will be updating its bill in the upcoming year. The new bill now includes Talquin's Member Service Office hours. In addition to Talquin's office hours, it also includes a breakdown of current charges. This new information can be found on the back side of your Talquin billing statement!

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Hosford Member Service Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
Hosford, Florida 32334
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Tallahassee, Florida 32303
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Bradfordville Member Service Office

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(automated systems)

Visit us and report and view
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www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification at
www.talquinelectric.com to report your
outage quickly and to receive
outage information.



Come See Us

Talquin Annual Meeting Saturday, April 25th

**Gadsden County High School
27001 Blue Star Hwy, Havana, FL 32333**

Registration begins at 8:30 AM
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM



Office Closure

All Talquin offices will be closed on January 20 and will
reopen on January 21.