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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/>.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Our Members know Talquin is a little different from other utilities, such as investor-owned or municipal systems. But for those unfamiliar with the cooperative model, the differences may not be so apparent.



Joseph Alexander
President



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General Manager

That is where the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association (FECA) comes in. FECA represents 2.7 million Floridians receiving electricity from 17 cooperatives throughout the state, strengthening the co-op voice with elected officials at both the state and federal levels.

FECA works to ensure Florida's electric cooperatives are able to complete their mission of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electric service to Members. As FECA develops relationships with lawmakers and their staff, they help educate legislators on the not-for-profit electric cooperative model, its difference from for-profit and government-owned utilities, and how energy policies impact electric utilities and specifically co-op Members; their constituents.

However, that is just a piece of the overall services FECA provides to its Member cooperatives. Another big piece of the pie, one our gulf coast region is highly aware of, is securing mutual aid following a disaster. When a hurricane, ice storm, or other catastrophic event occurs, there are many moving parts within the electrical industry. Mutual aid is the process of receiving additional resources to help the co-op restore power to Members as safely and quickly as possible. FECA steps in during a time of disaster to help coordinate with Florida's co-ops and other states to fill the needs with crews and equipment. This assistance allows the affected co-op to focus on restoring power to their area.

Receiving mutual aid is much more complex than simply waiting for visiting crews to arrive, and most people have never thought about what goes on behind the scenes. As the receiving co-op, Talquin coordinates food, housing, laundry, and all day-to-day items involved in taking care of crews that are away from home. Before they arrive, FECA coordinates logistics to ensure the needs required by a receiving co-op are reflected by the multiple crews traveling to the impacted area. They coordinate equipment needs, Department of Transportation waivers to assist crews along their route, fuel needs, road closure notifications, and anything else to help streamline the process of getting crews where they need to go.

Electric cooperatives are a family. When we are not receiving mutual aid for disasters, we help by providing mutual aid to other co-ops - wherever the need might be. The logistics in sending mutual aid can be just as complex and fluid as receiving it.

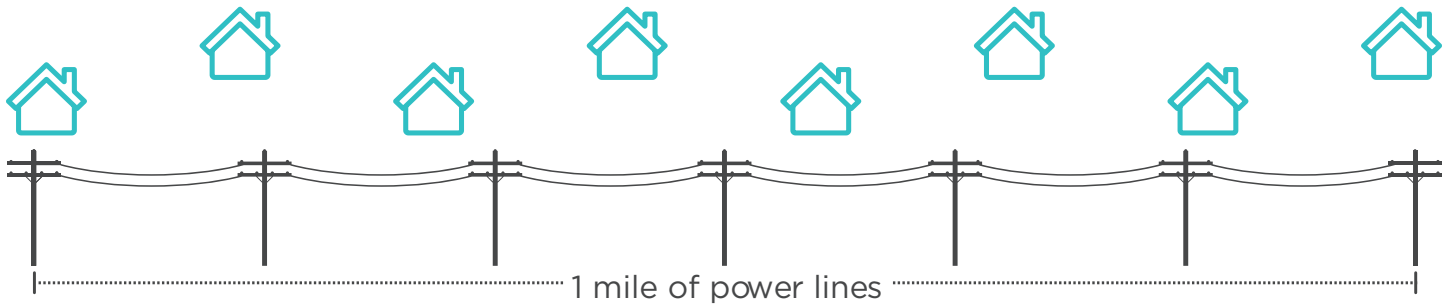
FECA is a valued asset within our communities. While they are not often seen by our Members, their impact is felt. The cooperative difference is what makes us so unique. We may be small, but we are part of a much larger network that makes us very strong, Co-op Strong.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Did you know electric co-ops power fewer Members per mile of line compared to other utilities?

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Serve 8 Members per mile of line



OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Serve 32 Members per mile of line

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?

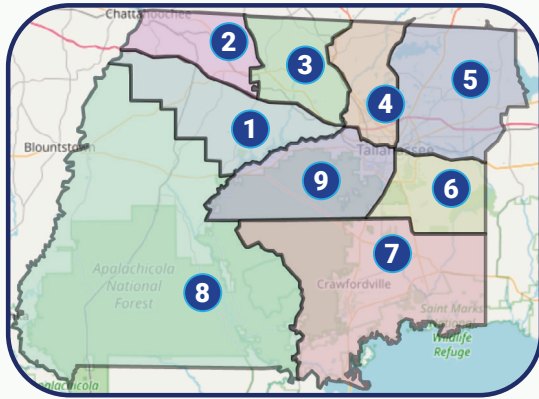
In the event of a catastrophic leak, knowing the location of your property shut-off valve could save you money on water and water damage repairs. The faster you can turn off the water, the less goes to waste.



2022 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. has designated **Saturday, April 30**, as the date for Talquin's Annual Meeting of the Members in 2022. All voting will be by mail-in ballot.

In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with 15 signatures, no sooner than **Thursday, January 20**, and no later than **Tuesday, March 1**.



Districts 2, 5, and 8 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:

District 2 – David Wright

District 5 – Carla Pararo

District 8 – Clifford Bristol

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 click <https://www.talquinelectric.com/trustee-elections/>

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Meeting with Florida Public Service Commissioner

Thank you to Florida Public Service Commissioner Mike La Rosa for meeting with us to discuss major event planning, training, and response; technologies being utilized for efficiency and service improvement; and other utility-related items.



**Pictured left to right: Mike Temple, Mike Grice, Michelle Hershel, Ana Ortega, Commissioner Mike La Rosa, Grayson Johnson, Tracy Bensley, Mike Bjorklund, and Ken Stocks*

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Purebred Belgium Malinois puppies for sale- 850-643-7894

Dining table inlay with four woods, mainly burl, fine lacquer finish, modern style, legs are post legs, 74"X43"X29". May be seen by appointment, 850-508-1861, \$975. Chairs are optional.

Manuel Electric Transfer Switches, Midwest Electric model GS1202B20M, 200A, 120/240 V. 2 each, like new, installed but never connected to generator. \$200 each OBO- 832-444-7816

2 pair Johnson and Murphy dress shoes; One H.S. Trask moccasins; One sandals, both 10.5 M. 1 Fish tank with stand \$100- 850-570-1945

Frigidaire 807 CU. Ft. Commercial Chest Freezer FF09C3AW2. 43" w X 34" h X 23" d (including lid hinges), Works great \$175- Text 850-570-1969

Approximately 5 feet long with 2 padded chairs and a padded footrest at the bottom of the bar. It includes 29 miscellaneous drinking glasses. \$500 850-284-3006

Balsa Wood Fishing Lure Blanks: Some painted \$1 to \$3 each. Buy in lots of 25. Pictures available text 850-274-9658

Rainsoft Water Softener w/ sediment filter, extra filters and salt. \$300.00- 850-509-2428

VC Andrews Books \$1 each, Leather coat w/ fur collar \$50.00. 850-878-5081

Garage sale items: Cherry China Cabinet, Antique Dishes, Microwave Stand, Receiving Hitch, Towing Mirrors, Antique Lamps, Cast iron Sinks, Electric tools, TY Beanie Babies. 850-575-6013

Plants for sale: Ornamentals and perennials; Call 850-576-1389 and leave a message

Generac GP6500: Great condition, used 183 hrs. Description: <https://rb.gv/zktmet> Photos: <https://rb.gv/bxzt2m> Includes: generator, bonus: cords, gas cans free. \$500 bjspivey0603@gmail.com

8 Disney VHS movies \$5, 5lb cuff weights (2) \$10, used 255/65/16 tire \$15, pig pedestal plate \$25

Free: To a good home, male dog (tan color) 850-756-4472

Free: Beautiful Fire Wood- 850-544-0223

CEMETARY/BURIAL

Cemetery plot: one single cemetery plot at Tallahassee Memory Gardens \$1295.00. 850-300-9879

2 Burial Plots: Meadowwood memorial Park, Garden Chapel 36-C #5 & #6. 700 Timberlane Rd, Tallahassee, FL. \$5,895 Each, Maintenance included. Judy.peck123@gmail.com

REAL ESTATE

Furnished Room: Huge furnished room with private bath and closet: Everything included! Oak floors, shared kitchen, safe touch security, linens, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. \$625 room rate, \$50 background fee, \$400 deposit. 7-month lease minimum. Based on single occupancy. Available now! CALLS ONLY PLEASE 850-284-4892

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

Villages of St. Marks, .89 Acre lot. Burnt Pine Loop #26, Cleared w/ Elevation Survey and Soil Test. Excellent community standards, underground utilities. House plans available. \$25,000. 850-508-6107, please leave voicemail or email vlaskte@earthlink.net

St. Marks River Lot, Natural Bridge area, .96 Acres +/-, \$60,000, Call 850-459-0913

AUTO

1998 GMC SLE Sierra Truck: Green, 5.7/350 Engine, Michelin tires, bed liner. Well Maintained and in very good condition. Runs Great! Serious Inquires only Call 850-510-7702. No Text Please

2005 Harley Davidson: Road Glide Custom motorcycle; LED headlights, mustang seat, skull motif; 25K miles, \$6000, 850-997-0473; also available Custom Corbin motorcycle seat for Honda ST1100 for \$285

Car Dolly: Roadmaster Model RM3477, excellent condition. Includes tire straps, spare tire, and floor jack. \$800.00. Call 850-322-4999 for pictures

1996 Firebird, automatic V6 with T-Tops, \$600.00, Call 850-591-1304

2006 Honda Hybrid Civic, Grey, doesn't accelerate over 20 MPH, selling at \$800.00 OBO, 850-295-0735

1951 International Super C w/woods 59 belly mower. Runs Great! \$3,000/OBO, Call 850-893-3135 or email sandyk1958.sk@gmail.com, can provide pictures.

1990 Mustang GT Hatchback: 5.0 motor 5 speed standard transmission. Have extra parts for restoring. Good motor, transmission, good tires, no rust and Runs. 850-832-0844

Women's Harley Davidson motorcycle jacket, size Large. Excellent condition, black w/brown trim, warm, padding in elbows. \$50, 850-556-7886

Home-built slide-on truck camper for 6' bed. 12V electric and 120 V AC, 4 jacks, rv windows, RV siding and RV door. \$500 OBO, 850-544-6498

1998 Kawasaki, 1500 Vucan Classic, JKBNaAE 1, \$3,500-575-

SERVICES

Handyman/construction: Remodeling, painting, flooring, fencing, decks, siding, all types of handyman services. References available, call 850-792-0482

ANIMALS

Beagle puppies: Looking for someone that is going to have a litter of healthy 15-inch beagle puppies with all shots and a reasonable price. Call 850-509-2976

Cats: Looking for forever, perfect match, loving homes for several amazing cats with delightful personalities. Also seeking country setting for a wonderful family of four cats, owner has health problems and needs good home for them. 850-879-5509

LOOKING FOR

Want to Buy: Used Toyota pick-up truck in good condition. Full size to In good condition 1 ton extended/passenger or cargo van -older model. Please call 850-879-5509.

Seeking a Business Developer/Partner with keen business sense, polished interpersonal skills, to co-develop, start and lead a grassroots business. Real Estate sales or Broker license preferred but not required. Call 850-322-3540

Teenager (boy or girl) 16 or older for yard work (hard work, mostly raking) Parent's written permission required. \$10/ Hour 850-567-5203

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

Leon County:
(850) 606-3700

Liberty County:
(850) 643-2339

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.

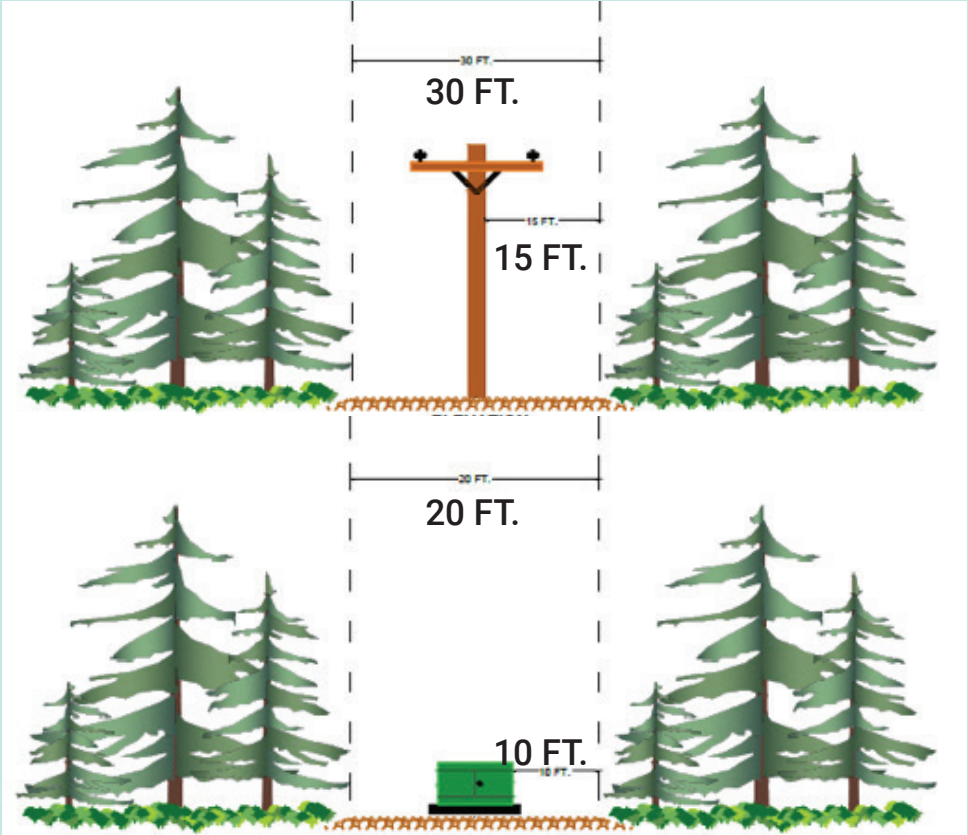
Happy Retirement, Greg!

In 2022, Talquin says goodbye to a very familiar face in the Communications Department. Greg Janicki, Talquin's Chief Communications Technician, calls it a career at Talquin. Greg began his career at Talquin 22 years ago and has been an integral part of the Communications Department ever since his arrival. Greg started as a level one Communications Technician and received numerous promotions throughout his tenure at Talquin. Greg's last promotion landed him in a leadership position as the Chief Communications Technician for the department. While at Talquin, Greg obtained his Federal Communication Commission Technician license, which required many hours of hard work. Everyone will miss Greg's diligent work ethic, dependability, and positive attitude. Good luck in retirement, Greg, and "Roll Tide."



Friday, January 21st 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**.



NEW YEAR, NEW RECIPES

Tortellini Soup *(from A Couple Cooks)*

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil	1 quart vegetable broth
1 onion	½ teaspoon kosher salt
2 garlic cloves	Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons tomato paste	9 ounces fresh tortellini
1 teaspoon paprika	1 handful basil leaves
2 carrots	Grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish
2 celery stalks	
14-ounce can crushed fire roasted tomatoes	

Directions:

1. Mince the garlic. Dice the onion. Peel the carrot. Chop the carrots and celery into bite-sized pieces.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Sauté the onion and garlic with the tomato paste and paprika over medium-low heat for 5 minutes, or until the onion begins to soften.
3. Add the carrots and celery and sauté for another 5 minutes, or until the onion has softened.
4. Add the tomatoes and vegetable broth to the pan with the kosher salt and several grinds of black pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer with the lid ajar for 15 minutes, or until the vegetables are cooked.
5. Add the tortellini to the pan and cook according to the package instructions, before stirring in the basil leaves.
6. Serve hot topped with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and a drizzle of oil.



Mandarin Chicken *(from Member Tina Culbertson)*

Ingredients:

11 ounce can mandarin oranges	1/4 tablespoon garlic powder
1/4 cup teriyaki sauce	1 medium onion chopped
2 whole chicken breast, cut into 1 inch pieces	10 ounces snap peas
1 tablespoon vegetable oil	1/4 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced

Directions:

1. Drain mandarin oranges reserving 2 tablespoons of liquid. Blend reserved orange syrup with teriyaki sauce in a glass cup and set aside.
2. Heat oil in skillet then add chicken and garlic, stir fry for about 3 minutes. Remove chicken from pan.
3. Add onions, peas and mushrooms to the pan and stir fry for 3 minutes or until onions are tender. Add chicken and teriyaki mixture. Cook and stir until chicken and vegetables are heated. Gently stir in mandarins just before serving. Serve over hot rice.



NOTE: Can use boneless skinless thighs instead of chicken breast and fresh snap peas instead of frozen. Also, can prep by slicing and measuring ahead of time. It only takes a few minutes to cook later on.

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 P.O. Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.



Goodwood's Got Game Night with AARP

Second Wednesday of each month

FREE

Goodwood Museum & Gardens

1600 Miccosukee Road

Tallahassee, FL 32308

Join us for game night! We will have trivia, brain teasers, and more. Perfect for family and friends who want to spend more time together.

Rotary of Wakulla County Valentines Celebration

Saturday, February 13, 2022

Hudson Park in Crawfordville

10:00 AM

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

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park

3540 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Live music. Beer garden. Food trucks. Family-friendly games. Have a field day with us to benefit the Judy Field Memorial Foundation. For more info, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/field-day-music-festival-tickets-205083178307>

Big Bend Hospice Volunteers Needed!

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL
Big Bend Hospice
Volunteer
Training

Volunteering can help strengthen your social connections, enhance your civic engagement, and provide mental health benefits!



Saturday, January 22

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

VIA ZOOM Virtual Meeting

To learn more, call (850) 878-5310 or visit
WWW.BIGBENDHOSPICE.ORG/VOLUNTEERS



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Take Your Child to the Library Day!

WAKULLA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, Feb 5 from 10am - 1pm

Join us for our annual open house to learn about our programs and offerings as well as those offered by many of our other community organizations. There will be snacks, hot chocolate, games, face painting, and so much more!



Energy Tip

Many people continuously use technology for work, school, entertainment, and socializing, especially as we spend more time indoors in cold weather. That can hike energy use—and bills. Using the energy saver mode on your devices, appliances, and even some heating equipment could go a long way toward easily reducing energy consumption without sacrificing performance.



Winter Safety Tip | Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Every year, over 400 people die and 50,000 are treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. The most common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are often described as “flu-like” – headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion.



Indoor Winter Safety

Check your smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. The danger of CO poisoning is greater during winter storms when doors and windows stay closed and fireplaces and gas heaters are in use. You can also be exposed to deadly CO levels when “warming up” your car in the garage or when snow covers your tail pipe.



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Office Closure

**All Talquin offices will be closed on January 17
and will reopen on January 18.**

OUR LOBBY IS CLOSED
DRIVE THRU
ONLY

REMINDER

Our Member Service Office lobbies remain closed.
We are drive-thru only. We are open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM
- 5:00 PM, closed from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM for lunch.

TALQUIN'S 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Saturday, April 30

Talquin will hold voting by
mail-in ballot.
More details coming soon!

