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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 www.TalquinElectric.com/About/Board-Meetings-Workshops/.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

At Talquin, we believe our responsibility extends far beyond providing safe, affordable, and reliable utility services. As a Cooperative, we are guided by our mission, vision, and values – most notably, our commitment to "Concern for Community," one of the seven Cooperative Principles that shape everything we do. We are not just here to serve; we are here to connect, support, and build lasting relationships within the communities we proudly call home.

How We Stay Connected

Every year, Talquin's calendar is packed with ways to connect with Members by fostering strong ties in the communities we serve through outreach, education, and engagement. Here are just some of the ways we bring these values to life:

Talk with Talquin

This annual event series, held in each of the four counties we serve, gives Members the chance to meet with Talquin staff and Board Members. It's an opportunity for you to ask questions, share your thoughts, and learn more about the important work we are doing in your area.

Community Parades

From festive Christmas parades to cheerful Valentine's Day celebrations, Talquin proudly participates in local events that showcase the spirit and vibrancy of our communities.

Blood Drives

Talquin partners with OneBlood to host blood drives at our Member Service locations, typically every other month. Giving blood saves lives, and we are proud to offer this vital opportunity for Members and employees to make a life-changing impact.

Tallahassee Youth Tour

We invest in the future by empowering local students to explore leadership and civic engagement through this annual program. Scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, are awarded to participating students, with four exceptional young leaders selected to attend the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

School Presentations

From teaching electrical safety to highlighting the importance of tree conservation, Talquin staff provides engaging, hands-on learning experiences for students in our service area.

Hurricane Preparedness Events

Keeping Members safe is a top priority. Each year, Talquin participates in local hurricane preparedness events, sharing critical information about power restoration and post-storm safety.

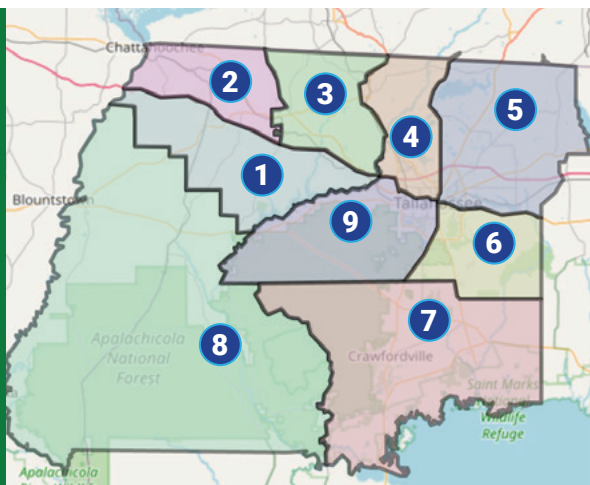
Support for Non-Profit Efforts

Whether it is walking for heart health with the American Heart Association or rallying employees to donate for the United Way of the Big Bend, giving back is a cornerstone of our values.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The year ahead is filled with opportunities to build on our commitment to community and connection. If you see Talquin at an event near you, be sure to stop by and say hello! We look forward to engaging with you and continuing to support the people and places that make our communities unique.

The Board of Trustees of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. has designated **Saturday, April 26**, as the date for Talquin's Annual Meeting of the Members in 2025. 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 16**, and no later than **Tuesday, February 25**. Petition packets may be obtained from Talquin Electric Cooperative Inc. Headquarters Office during normal business hours at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, 32351, by calling 850-627-7651, or by visiting www.TalquinElectric.com.



Districts with terms expiring in 2025 and Board of Trustee Incumbents:

District 2 – Tony Miller

District 5 – Carla Pararo

District 8 – Clifford Bristol

This map is provided as a general guide only and can 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 Bylaws

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. The Cooperative's failure to hold the Annual Meeting does not affect any action taken by the Cooperative.

At the discretion of the Board of Trustees, the Annual Meeting of the members may be held virtually, either in whole or in part, by means of communications media technology (e.g., online video broadcast); however, virtual attendance at an Annual Meeting of the members does not constitute "present in person" for purposes of establishing quorum.

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:

- (a) Is a natural person or individual;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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;
- (d) 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 nonpayment 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 Bylaws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or visit www.TalquinElectric.com

TALK with TALQUIN

MEMBER UPDATE EVENTS

JOIN US AT UPCOMING TALK WITH TALQUIN EVENTS!

As we embark on the year 2025, Talquin is excited to announce the return of our Talk with Talquin Events! These gatherings are an essential part of how we connect with Members to share updates, address questions, and gather valuable feedback that shapes the future of your Cooperative.

Building on the success of past events, Talk with Talquin will provide an opportunity to engage directly with our Board of Trustees, General Manager, and staff, as well as your fellow Cooperative Members. These events are designed to strengthen our connections throughout Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties while addressing topics that matter most to our community.

As a token of our gratitude, Members will receive a \$20 bill credit just for participating! Plus, at each event location, five lucky winners will be entered into a prize drawing for a chance to receive either a \$250, \$100, or \$50 bill credit—just one of the many ways we show appreciation for the Cooperative community.*

What to Expect in 2025

This year, we'll focus on key topics including:

- Water and Wastewater Projects
- Cybersecurity Efforts
- Enhancements to the myTalquin Mobile App and Online Applications
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Infrastructure Improvements

Additionally, county-specific updates will ensure you get insights relevant to your community. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make 2025 another outstanding year for Talquin!

*Members must be in attendance and are only eligible for one bill credit and one prize drawing per calendar year.

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Hosford Elementary School
Liberty County

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Chiles High School
Leon County

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy
(Dining Hall)
Gadsden County

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Riversink Elementary School
Wakulla County

Saturday Events: Doors Open at 9:00 AM
Meetings Begin at 10:00 AM
Breakfast Pastries and Coffee

Thursday Event: Doors Open at 5:00 PM
Meeting Begins at 6:00 PM
Light Meal

**MEMBERS WILL
RECEIVE A
\$20 BILL CREDIT!**

DOOR PRIZES | INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS | GIVEAWAYS

Meet The Department:

Administration at Talquin

Based on feedback from our annual Member Survey, we've made exciting updates to our "Meet the Team" section! This revamped feature highlights the talented individuals and teams that make Talquin great. Beginning with this edition, we will spotlight a different Talquin department, giving you an inside look at the people who power our success.



At Talquin, the Administration Department is all about making sure our employees and operations are set up for success. This Department, led by Mike Temple, Director of Administration, includes Safety, Human Resources, and Facilities & Fleet teams. In addition to normal responsibilities, they are quick to spring into action when storms hit – coordinating meals, lodging, and logistics to support emergency response efforts and keep everything running smoothly during critical times. This Department's commitment to our employees and operations is an important part of what makes Talquin a great place to work.

Safety First: Meet the Safety Team



Safety isn't just a priority—it's a way of life. John Roberts, our Safety Manager, along with Jeremiah Waller and Ashley Fulton, work to help our employees stay safe. From managing the Apprentice Lineman Program to issuing personal protective equipment and maintaining our safety manual, this team ensures everyone has the tools and training to work safely. This group also handles insurance claims, oversees compliance with OSHA standards, and coordinates the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program. Through incident investigations, training sessions, and safety meetings, this team is dedicated to fostering a culture where safety comes first.

Supporting Our People: The Human Resources Team



Our Human Resources team plays a vital role in supporting Talquin's most important resource—our employees! Led by Melody Johnson and supported by Giselle Kelly and Beatriz Tovas, this team manages hiring, onboarding, and benefits for employees. In addition, they coordinate salaries, service awards, and labor union contracts. They also focus on employee development, leadership training, and succession planning to help Talquin employees grow and thrive. This is the team you'll see representing Talquin at job fairs and recruiting events, building connections with our community while strengthening our workforce.

Driving Excellence: Facilities & Fleet





Talquin's Facilities & Fleet team, led by Ryan Stephens and supported by Timmy Bentley, ensures our vehicles, buildings, and grounds are in good shape. This team manages a fleet of over 100 vehicles and trailers, including maintenance and the oversight of compliance with DOT requirements. They are also behind the scenes coordinating construction projects, from gathering bids to ensuring projects are completed on time and within budget. Whether preparing a vehicle for service or keeping our facilities running smoothly, this team's attention to detail ensures Talquin is always ready to serve Members.


By spotlighting Talquin's incredible teams, we hope to showcase the dedication and teamwork that powers your Cooperative. Each department plays a crucial role in keeping the lights on and the community connected!


Four Ways an Energy Audit Can Benefit You

A home energy audit can determine the overall efficiency of your home or business and ways to improve it. Here are the main benefits of conducting an energy audit.

 An audit will identify where most of your energy use is going and ways to use energy more efficiently to save money.

 It can determine if appliances and heating/cooling equipment are properly sized for the home or business.

 An audit can identify potential safety issues with home wiring and ventilation.

 Making changes based on the audit recommendations will raise your property value.



Email MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or call 850-627-7651 to discuss your energy usage and schedule an analysis.

BE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP-TO-DATE!

Have you updated your email address and phone number on your Talquin account recently? You may not be receiving important information and Cooperative updates due to outdated contact information in our system.

Please update your contact information by calling a Member Services Representative by email at MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or by phone at (850) 627-7651.



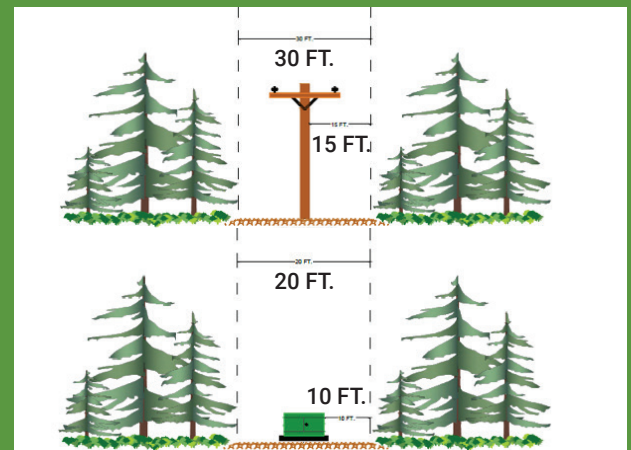
Property Access

Do you have a new fence or gate with a code or lock? During routine maintenance and in the event of power outages, Talquin may need to access your property or right-of-way to make repairs and restore power.

Update your property access information by contacting a Member Services Representative by email at MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or by phone at 850-627-7651.

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.**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.

Source: energy.gov



REMINDER:

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.



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Electric Accounts



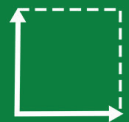
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Miles of Electric Line



13.2

Electric accounts per mile



2,600

Square Miles Served

TALQUIN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

WATER & WASTEWATER, INC.

26,058

Water Accounts



974

Miles of Water Pipe



5,531

Wastewater Accounts



141

Miles of Wastewater Pipes



STATE LEGISLATORS REPRESENTING TALQUIN'S SERVICE TERRITORY



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LIGHT OUT? We Need to Know!

If you see an outdoor light that is not working on Talquin Electric Cooperative's system, please contact the Cooperative to report it. When reporting a problem, please provide the information listed below so that we can make repairs and contact you, if necessary.

- Provide the light number located on the pole and describe the location clearly. Information such as street name, nearest street intersection, or other landmarks is very helpful. Accurate information is very important in identifying the outdoor light, especially if there are multiple lights in the area.
- Describe the nature of the problem, such as the light blinking, a bulb being burnt out, etc.
- Provide contact information such as the name, address, email address, or phone number of the person reporting the outdoor light so that they can be contacted if needed.



Providing as much information as possible will help ensure the proper response to your request. We certainly appreciate your help in this matter. To report a broken or malfunctioning outdoor light, please visit: <https://www.TalquinElectric.com/Services/Report-Outdoor-Light-Outage/> or contact a Member Services Representative by email at MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or by phone at (850) 627-7651 during normal business hours.

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

Explore Scientific 10" Dobsonian Telescope

with improvements. Large altitude bearings for easy tracking. Includes rear mirror fan w/battery, Rigel Quickfinder and 2 eyepieces. \$600. Text (850)556-6078 for additional info and photos.

Vintage 1950's Metal Coca-Cola Cooler. A few minor imperfections, but otherwise in really good shape. Please text for pictures 850-524-3415

Custom-built corner cabinet with four-shelf hutch & large bottom cabinet \$300. Metal and wood daybed \$250. Will text photos 850-544-5799

2 Twin XL Foundation

Mattress (Navy Blue) together will fit King Size Bed. Like New. Must bring own help to load \$125 Cash. Call 850-766-2133

Siamese Hand Drawn

Cat Picture. \$45.00, white fur jacket – size medium (jacket worn once) - \$200 Call 850-562-1008. M-F 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. only

2010 MacPro(5,1) Dual 2.66 GHz, 6 Core, RAM:40GB, HD:4TB, MacOS:10.14.6.

PCIe cards: USB-3, SSD 2.5" Adaptor, Metal Graphics with Display Ports. \$350 OBO. 917-297-2882 voice/text.

Washer, roper (Whirlpool). Top-load, white, high efficiency mod. 3-4 years old. Looks new, works good. Costs new \$547.60 \$300 firm. U load U haul. 850-576-7198. Before 8:30 p.m. please. Manual incl.

Padded crossbow case with two zippered compartments for 20 inch arrows or gear. Excellent condition \$35 717-847-4138

Hewlett Packard Desk

Jest 712C Printer. Printer will copy, scan, and print. \$40.00. Call 850-562-1008 M-F 1-6 p.m. only

AUTO & IMPLEMENT

2016 Nissan Altima SL. 75,200 mostly hwy miles. \$13,900 OBO. Pearl white excellent condition. Loaded/ all options. Looks/drives like new. Clean CARFAX. 850-294-7918

5x8 Homemade Trailer-titled. New tires \$500 – recumbent. Exercise Bike - \$100 OBO. Frame Windows – 4 pane \$10 each. 850-866-3925

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 32353-1679 or email to: TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com

2017 Roadmaster Tow

Dolly RM3477 w/brakes. 3 new tires including spare; max weight towed vehicle 4,250 lbs; tiedown straps & magnetic taillights. \$1299 850-766-4797

1999 BMW 328i; 4 door 5 speed manual. Silver/black well maintained 341k miles. Text 850-559-8797 \$4500 obo as is

2004 Ford Crown Victoria: great condition, white with light blue interior, always kept in a garage, 90k miles, \$6000. 448-241-0100 (new N. FL Area Code)

2019 Bass Tracker Pro 160. 40 HP Mercury, excellent condition, less than 20 hrs. New Batteries reduced price \$10000 Firm. Call David 850 556-8990

REAL ESTATE

25887 County Road 379, Bristol, FL 32321. Palm

Harbor DBL wide, 3BR's, 2 Baths, ¾ acre by Apalachicola National Forest. AS-IS, fully furnished, 3 sheds. \$150,000. 703-595-8800

For Sale - Beautiful 3 Bd/2 Bth Home with garage and a Duplex with 6 bd rms and 4 bth rms. Located in Monticello, FL. Lender available for pre-approval.

Rooms For Rent Available

Fully Furnished Room with Private Bath in a Beautiful Home! Rent based on single occupancy. Calls Only Please 850/284/4892! \$625 per month, \$65 app fee, 1 month security deposit! 1 year lease. Strong work history and references required.

LOOKING FOR

6 x 12 cargo closed in trailer in good or excellent condition. Text or leave message at 850-508-6511

Old Toy Trains: Lionel, American Flyer, Marx, HO & N

Gauge. Any amount or condition. Call 850-570-2801

SERVICES

Well experienced carpenter and remodeler I do everything Tile, drywall, flooring, kitchen and bathroom renovations custom builds reach me at 8507408141

My name is Jenn, I have 20 years of caregiving experience, I am reliable and trustworthy, I have references if needed. So if you're looking for a companion for your loved one, please give me a call @ 850-590-2677

Caregiver looking for work. Non-smoker, pet friendly, dependable and patient. Experience with dementia and Alzheimer's. References available, hours flexible. 850-875-3041 Please leave message.

REMODELING. Painting flooring, fencing, decks, siding all types of remodeling services. References available. Call 850-792-0482

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 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

Fresh and New Recipe

Baked Salmon with Asparagus and Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce in Foil

Recipe from: <https://www.eatwell101.com/baked-salmon-asparagus-foil-packs-recipe>

Prep time: 10 minutes | Cook time: 12 minutes | Serves: 2

Ingredients:

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|--|--|
| 2 pound salmon fillets, divided in half | 6-4 tablespoons butter, diced into small cubes |
| 4 tablespoons vegetable broth or chicken broth | 4 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley or cilantro |
| 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice | 2 pounds of medium-thick asparagus |
| 2 tablespoons of your favorite hot sauce | 2 sheets of 14 by 12-inch heavy-duty aluminum foil |
| 8 teaspoons minced garlic (4 cloves) | |
| Salt and ground black pepper, to taste | |



1. To prepare the oven-baked salmon in foil packs: Preheat your oven to 425 degrees.
2. Cut 2 sheets of 14 by 12-inch heavy-duty aluminum foil, then lay each piece separately on the countertop.
3. Combine broth, lemon juice, and hot sauce in a small bowl.
4. Trim off woody ends of asparagus.
5. Divide the salmon onto each aluminum foil, keeping it in the center. Then place trimmed asparagus on one side of the salmon, following the long direction of the foil.
6. Season the salmon fillets and asparagus with salt and pepper, then sprinkle garlic on top. Drizzle the mixture of broth, lemon juice, and hot sauce generously over the salmon fillets and asparagus.
7. Divide butter pieces evenly among the foil packets, layering them over the salmon fillet and asparagus.
8. Wrap salmon foil packets in and crimp edges together, then wrap ends up. Don't wrap too tight – keep a little extra space inside for heat to circulate.
9. Transfer the salmon foil packs to a baking sheet and bake salmon in the oven, sealed side up, until salmon has cooked through – about 9 – 12 minutes.
10. Carefully unwrap the baked salmon in foil packets, drizzle with more lemon juice, and garnish with fresh parsley or cilantro. Enjoy!



ATTENTION TALQUIN FOODIES: WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are in the market for some of YOUR favorite recipes to be shared here in our bi-monthly newsletter. If you like to cook, bake, or have a scrumptious family recipe you'd be willing to share, please send it our way! Submit your culinary delights 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.



Best Tasting Drinking Water in Florida

We're thrilled to announce that Talquin's Water Department has been recognized for excellence, winning both the Regional and State Best Tasting Drinking Water Competition! The event, hosted by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA), is a prestigious honor in the industry.



The FSAWWA is comprised of 12 regions across Florida, with Region 1 covering Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla counties. During the competition, water is judged based on taste, color, odor, and clarity, using blind samples.

Talquin's award-winning sample came from the Meridian Hills Water System, solidifying our commitment to providing the highest-quality water to Members. Talquin will now advance to the national competition, which will be held in Denver in June.

Cheers to Talquin for representing the best of Florida's water systems in 2025!



National MagLab Headquarters Location
1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310
Admission: Free

This year's event will be our 30th Open House, so join us to celebrate all of the ERAS of the world's largest and highest-powered magnet lab. The event features classic MagLab demonstrations like our Quarter Shrinker, Potato Launcher, Cryo Flowers, Junkyard Magnet, and a chance to taste Einstein's Ice Cream!

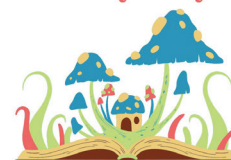


QUINCY MAIN STREET
Farmers
MARKET

JANUARY 11, 2025
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

EAST WASHINGTON AND NORTH MADISON STREETS
 — ACROSS FROM THE QUINCY COURTHOUSE
 Homegrown and handmade goods
 for sale right on the square.

Jimmy Weaver Public Library
Saturday Storytime



February 22, 2025 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library
22149 NE State Road 20, Hosford, FL
www.nwrls.com

Join us for a fun filled story time along with craft and activity. Recommended ages 4-8, but all are welcome.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
VALENTINE'S DAY
Parade & Festival

Join the Rotary Club of Wakulla as we
 celebrate LOVE in the sweetest way!

SATURDAY 08 FEB AT 10:00 AM

Parade begins at 10 am

Cash prizes for top 3
 floats!

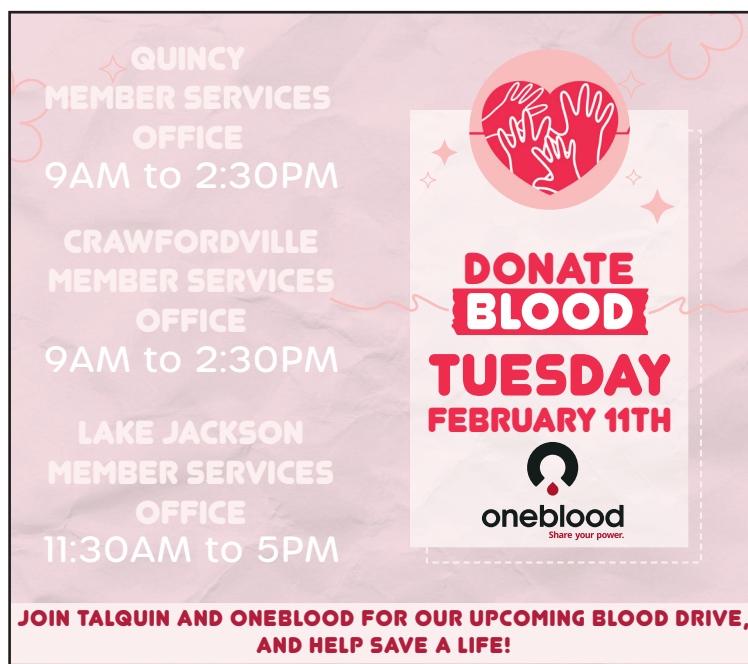
Kids activities!

Food vendors & more!

Festival at Glendon Park

NOTICE: WPCA ADJUSTMENT

Effective January 1, 2025, Talquin Electric will increase the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment from a credit of \$.0040 to a debit of \$.0020, resulting in an overall increase of \$6.00 per 1,000 kWh. This change does not impact water and wastewater charges.



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CRAWFORDVILLE
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Saturday, January 11

Liberty County

Saturday, February 1

Leon County

Thursday, January 16

Gadsden County

Saturday, March 1

Wakulla County

**Saturday Events: Doors Open at 9:00 AM
Meetings Begin at 10:00 AM**

**Thursday Event: Doors Open at 5:00 PM
Meeting Begins at 6:00 PM**

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 Members. Congratulations to the winners, below, of the \$100 gift cards!

**Lee Anderson
Dave Martin
Robin Preston
Dorothy Herring
Elizabeth Burger**

**Bettie Flowers
Chris Gentry
Melisa Elkins
Erika Kirk
Tina Marie Pasquarelli**



TALQUIN'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Look for more information in the March/April edition of The Current
and on our website.

OFFICE CLOSURE

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 20, 2025**

Even when our offices are closed, you can
always report an outage using the
myTalquin app, reporting online, or by
calling **866-899-4832** (automated) or
888-802-1832 (live operator).

