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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/>.

October is National Co-Op Month!



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Did you know? During the 1930's, in rural areas throughout the United States, utility providers would not build lines into sparsely populated areas because it was not profitable or economically feasible. Our President at the time, Franklin D. Roosevelt, saw the need to bring electricity to rural communities such as ours. President Roosevelt signed an Executive Order in May of 1935 establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). The REA would end up paving the way to build electric cooperatives.

Cooperatives (Co-ops) are Member-owned, funded and not-for-profit. Money comes from Members in the form of a Membership fee and when they pay their electric bills. Money goes out to pay Co-op expenses. A small amount of money is also set aside for emergencies in the future, and any money left over is distributed to Members in the form of Capital Credits. Co-ops exist only to serve their Members and have a unique set of seven cooperative principles:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership;
2. Democratic Member Control;
3. Member Economic Participation;
4. Autonomy and Independence;
5. Education, Training and Information;
6. Cooperation among Cooperatives; and
7. Concern for the Community.

Talquin's own story began in June of 1940, over eighty-two years ago, by a group of 200 rural residents who came together to form what is now known as Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin). These residents organized a meeting in Quincy, Florida, and a Financial Advisor with REA joined them to explain the procedures for organizing and funding a Co-op. Talquin was born and later expanded into Liberty, Leon and Wakulla counties. We still serve all four counties to this day!

The Co-op now provides electric, water and wastewater services to more than 100,000 people and has approximately 4,500 miles of electric line, more than 700 miles of water pipe, and more than 100 miles of wastewater pipe. Talquin is one of just a few Co-op's in the United States that provides electric, water and wastewater services to Members! The Co-op's purpose is to enhance and maintain the quality of life to the community it serves in a safe, reliable and efficient manner. Talquin aspires to be a top performing Co-op and strives for continuous improvement, excellent service, and high Member value focused on the financial health and distribution system necessary to meet the future needs of Members.

At its core, Talquin is still the same cooperative it was all those years ago. Talquin is not-for-profit, democratically controlled, and owned by those it serves. The Co-op is guided by the seven cooperative principles and exists to power rural communities and empower Members to improve the quality of their lives. The best part? The fee to become a Talquin Member is still \$5.00 – just like it was way back when!



October 7th is
LED Light Day!
Switching to LED
bulbs is one of the
easiest ways you
can save energy.



Please be aware that scammers can “spoof” Talquin’s phone number so the caller ID displays a Talquin phone number. Such phone calls are not authorized or affiliated with Talquin, and unfortunately, we cannot prevent this from happening.



- Talquin personnel drive clearly marked vehicles and provide Talquin issued ID, if requested.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please report it to the local law enforcement.
- Talquin will never call and ask for personal identifiable information.

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Backflow Preventers

Talquin is responsible for implementing a Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Federal Government's 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act. Talquin water service Members have the responsibility of having your backflow preventer tested and, if necessary, repaired. Having the backflow preventer tested will reveal any malfunctions or leaks. A leaking backflow preventer will add to the monthly water bills.



Why do we need backflows? Backflow preventers help prevent contaminants from entering drinking water and protect the public water system from cross-connection generated from water usage beyond the meter.

Who needs backflows? FDEP requires all commercial properties and residents with irrigation systems to have backflow preventers installed. The device is commonly located at your property line adjacent to your water meter and above the ground.

How often should backflow preventers be tested? Commercial backflow devices should be tested annually, and residential backflows should be tested every other year by a certified backflow technician.

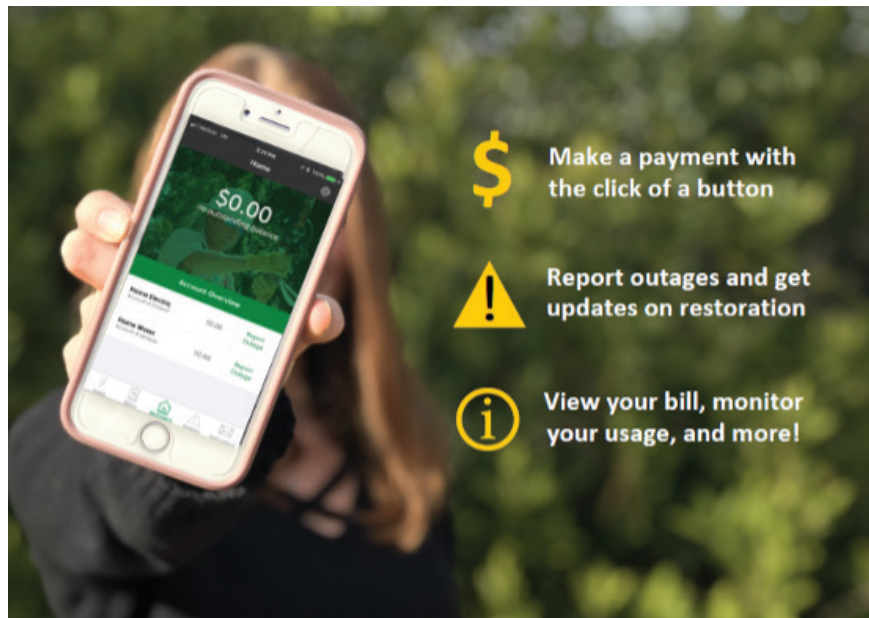
A blank backflow test report and list of testers can be found at <https://www.talquinelectric.com/resources/documents/>

Please check out FDEP website for more information: <https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/cross-connection-control-and-backflow-prevention-program>

Make A Payment On Our Mobile App!

Making payments is easy with our mobile app. If you haven't tried it yet, use the instructions below to get started.

1. **Download the Talquin Mobile App.**
2. **Register using your latest billing statement or by contacting a Member Service Representative at (850) 627-7651.**
3. **Log in to the Talquin Mobile App.**
4. **Select the "Billing" icon located at the bottom of the screen.**
5. **Next, select "Make a Payment" in the middle of the screen.**
6. **Then, enter the amount you would like to pay, if it is not already shown for you.**
7. **Finally, select the payment method you would like to use, enter the information and confirm payment.**



TALQUIN SERVICES

Talquin has services to help manage your utility account(s) and pay your bill. Find the perfect fit for you!

- **Talquin Website:** View and pay bill, monitor usage, and more.
- **Talquin App:** Download on your mobile device for easy access.
- **Automatic Payment:** Automatic credit card and bank draft services.
- **Electronic Billing Notification:** Go paperless and/or receive an email when your bill is available.
- **Pay by Phone:** 850-627-9666 (English or Spanish) – automated, 24/7, credit cards and checks accepted.
- **Postal Service Mail:** Send check or money order (no cash) to P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679.
- **Talquin Member Services Drive-Thru:** Five locations with full service drive-thru windows. (Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Closed for lunch 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM). Drop boxes can be found at each location for after-hour payments. No cash is accepted.
- **PrePaid Electric Account:** With PrePaid, you are in control. Low deposit, no late fees, and no disconnect or reconnect charges!
- **Levelized Billing (electric accounts only):** Levelized is a "rolling average" of your electric usage for the most recent 13 months.

Visit our website at www.talquinelectric.com or ask any Member Services Representative for more information.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
IS OCTOBER 9-15, 2022!**



Do I really need to test my alarms every month? YES!
How do I do that? Press and hold the test button to make sure you hear the loud beep, beep, beep sound.
If your alarm is more than 10 years old — it's time for a new alarm!

Learn the sounds of fire safety at fpw.org.

Four Ways to Boost Your Cyber Hygiene

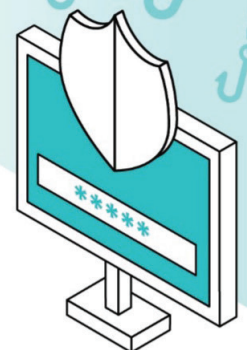
In today's digital world, cyberattacks are nothing new. When we hear about massive data breaches, it can feel overwhelming and lead us to think we're powerless to stop cyber criminals. Fortunately, there are simple steps we can take to safeguard our devices and data.

See Yourself in Cyber.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Improve your cyber hygiene by doing these four things:

1. Enable multi-factor authentication
2. Use strong passwords and a password manager
3. Update software regularly
4. Recognize and report phishing attacks



Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment

Effective October 1, 2022, Talquin Electric will increase the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment from \$.0040 to \$.0185, resulting in an overall increase on bills of \$14.50 per 1,000 kWh. This change does not impact water and wastewater charges.

Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustment

Talquin Water and Wastewater (TWWI) recognizes that our Members want their cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable to provide safe and reliable services. TWWI recently reviewed revenue requirements. Based on those findings, TWWI water and wastewater rates will be adjusted effective October 1, 2022. These changes do not affect Talquin's electric rates.

For a standard Residential account using a 0.75" meter and 5,000 gallons per month:

- Water without wastewater service, the adjustment will be 11.5% or \$3.19 per month.
- With both water and wastewater services, the adjustment will be 12.0% or \$10.58 per month.

The tables below show the existing and new rates for each meter size.

| AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLING FOR RESIDENTIAL USAGE OF 5,000 GALLONS | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| 0.75" Meter | Water Only | Water & Sewer |
| Existing | \$27.74 | \$88.34 |
| New | \$30.93 | \$98.92 |
| Change | \$3.19 | \$10.58 |
| % Difference | 11.5% | 12.0% |

| WATER FACILITY CHARGES | | | | | | | | WATER USAGE (per 1,000 gallons) | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Meter Size | 0.75" | 1" | 1.5" | 2" | 3" | 4" | 6" | First 5,000 Gallons | Next 15,000 Gallons | Over 20,000 Gallons |
| Existing | \$18.74 | \$29.98 | \$46.88 | \$71.24 | \$123.69 | \$187.43 | \$365.51 | \$1.80 | \$2.28 | \$2.70 |
| New | \$19.68 | \$31.48 | \$49.22 | \$74.80 | \$129.87 | \$196.80 | \$383.79 | \$2.25 | \$2.87 | \$3.46 |
| Change | \$0.94 | \$1.50 | \$2.34 | \$3.56 | \$6.18 | \$9.37 | \$18.28 | \$0.45 | \$0.59 | \$0.76 |
| % Increase | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 25.0% | 25.9% | 28.1% |

| SEWER FACILITY CHARGES | | | | | | | | SEWER USAGE |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Meter Size | 0.75" | 1" | 1.5" | 2" | 3" | 4" | 6" | All Usage |
| Existing | \$38.75 | \$62.00 | \$96.90 | \$139.50 | \$279.00 | \$430.10 | \$879.65 | \$4.37 |
| New | \$40.69 | \$65.10 | \$101.75 | \$146.48 | \$292.95 | \$451.61 | \$923.63 | \$5.46 |
| Change | \$1.94 | \$3.10 | \$4.85 | \$6.98 | \$13.95 | \$21.51 | \$43.98 | \$1.09 |
| % Increase | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 24.9% |

Sewer volume charges are per 1,000 gallons and are the same for all meter sizes.

A complete list of Talquin's rates can be found on our website at www.talquinelectric.com.
If you have any questions about Talquin's rates, please contact us at (850) 627-7651.

TRADING POST

MISCELLANEOUS

2010 Forest River Wildcat 31TS 5th wheel camper. 3 slides, very good condition. Google camper name to see specs. \$18,500. 850-556-4416

Brand new carpet for sale. Navy blue, to some, dark blue. 12 X 16 plus. \$200.00 will deliver. 850-284-5418 or 850-429-2178

ImageCLASS MF452dw All-In-One Printer ~ Brand New in Box! Never Opened! Comes with Toner! Sell for \$150. No delivery. You pick up! Call or text 850-544-5274.

Little Tikes Lenova desktop computer with children's programs plus bench; \$250. Rainsoft water softener; \$100. Call Melinda at 850-212-7475

Flooring for Sale; Brand new cushioned vinyl flooring from Flooring America; 790.20 square feet. Beautiful wood look pattern; original cost \$2,000, selling for \$800. Text Juanita, 850-508-9785.

Wonderful Sierra wood burning stove. Professionally removed. Bricks and chimney insert included. \$555 OBO. Call/text 314-303-1424.

Selling (128) new white grilles, various sizes. Linear Designer – 18, Return Air – 27, Return Filter – 34, Flat Stamp – 49 \$300/OBO Leave message 850-442-4107

FREE: 42 VHS tapes near Midway. 6 pre-recorded, others recordable. Call 850-539-1915. If no answer please leave a message mentioning tapes. Come get them all!

2 Tony Little Core Lounge Extreme exercise chairs, excellent condition. \$50 each. DVD and instructions. 850-273-0672, Text Only

Like new, white twin bed w/under bed storage & mattress. Child's white wall cubicle unit with drawers & storage cubes. Email: juliadownsizing22@gmail.com

Used white 30 gallon & 50 gallon closed head polyethylene barrels for sale: \$10 & \$20 respectively each. 850-443-2907

Men's FSU logo cardigan sweater, size XL and cap, unworn both for \$35. Case of 36 bottles hand sanitizer, 4 oz. ea, made in USA \$10. Midland CB radio unit, mike, antenna, wiring cords complete \$75. Text 850-661-5553

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

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

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

Retriev-R-Tainer dummy launcher w/extended stock; extra dummies, blanks & misc. dog supplies: collars, leashes, food bowls & more. \$75. Text 850-228-6091.

Navy blue carpet 12'X14' \$200.00. Call Eddie Riles at 850-284-5418.

Used tires for sale- (6) P255/70R16, (2) P265/75R16, (1) P265/70R16. Good condition \$110.00 for all or \$15.00 each. Call 850-491-8741.

54" Husqvarna ride-on mower. Excellent condition. Asking \$2,400.00. Call and/or leave a message 850-402-0348.

ClearBay water filter system with motor can be used for a saltwater pool or pond \$400. Pool ladder \$100. Call Kevin at 850-868-0519

Men's/Women's motorcycle jackets (medium, large XL) mesh, leather, etc. \$50 - \$75; Coleman HyperFlame propane stove \$75; Gazelle 5 Sided screened room \$80. 850-556-7886

Solid Cherry, ten 5 panel doors, 6 doors 3/0 X 7/0; 4 doors 3/0 X 6/8. \$200.00 each. 850-321-8135

50 Amp Surge Protector \$50; Roadmaster falcon tow-bar/accs \$200; Roadmaster rock guard \$50; 30 Amp 30 ft Ext Cord \$20; Two 20 inch Dahon folding Bikes \$150. Ph. 850-445-9290

REAL ESTATE

19.24 rural acres in Liberty County, Florida. Six minutes to the Apalachicola River and one hour to Panama City Beaches; small stream; \$68,800. Contact 850-228-7916.

Beautifully Furnished Room with Walk In Closet for rent! Everything included! Utilities, safe touch security, Wi-Fi, Dish TV service. Convenient to I – 10, Apalachee Pkwy. \$550 room rate, \$50 background fee, \$550 deposit. 12-month lease. Based on single occupancy. No pets. Available 7/1/22 CALLS ONLY PLEASE 850-284-4892

Mobile Home with 6 lots. Located west of Lake Talquin in Mossy Oaks. 3rd Street, Quincy, Florida. Asking \$59,000.00. 352-424-2577

CEMETARY/BURIAL

One grave space at Memory Gardens \$1400.00 850-933-7831

Two plots at Memory Gardens in the beautiful Garden of Apostles for \$1495 each. Steve at 850-508-9018

Two mausoleum crypts, #47 & 48, Prayer Level side-by-side @ Culley's Meadow Wood Memorial Park, Timberlane Road. Asking \$6,000 each. 850-251-4444

One burial plot at Memory Gardens \$1295.00. Will pay \$50.00 name change. 850-300-9879.

AUTO & IMPLEMENT

2000 Ford Ranger XLT. Good condition. \$2500.00 850-727-1634. Call for pictures.

5X10 Trailer, good tires, 18 inch sides. Call Bryan 850-933-8332.

Fall Recipes

Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese

Recipe from Ahead of Thyme (<https://www.aheadofthyme.com/butternut-squash-mac-and-cheese/>)

Total Time: 15 minutes / Yield: 4-6 servings

Ingredients:

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| 1 pound pasta, shells or elbow | 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese |
| 2 tablespoons butter | 1/4 teaspoon paprika |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups whole milk | 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1 1/4 cup butternut squash puree, store-bought or homemade* | |

Instructions:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add pasta and cook until al dente, about 8-10 minutes. Drain in a colander.
2. Heat butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add flour and whisk to combine, about 1 minute. Pour in 1 cup of milk and whisk until there are no clumps. Then, add the remaining cup of milk and whisk to combine.
3. Whisk in butternut squash puree. If the butternut squash is too chunky, use an immersion blender to blend the sauce until smooth. Stir in cheese until it has melted. Season with paprika, salt, and pepper.
4. Add the drained pasta and toss together. Add more seasoning if needed, to taste.

Notes: *Make homemade butternut squash puree: Preheat oven to 350°F. Cut a medium butternut squash in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Lightly brush the cut sides with olive oil. Place on a quarter sheet baking pan cut side up and bake 1 hour or until very tender. Scoop out the flesh of the butternut squash and place in a large mixing bowl. With a potato masher, mash until smooth. If the butternut squash is too chunky for your liking, transfer it to a blender and puree it until desired consistency is achieved.



Cranberry Rosemary One Pan Chicken

Recipe from N40 Aprons (<https://40aprons.com/cranberry-rosemary-one-pan-chicken#wprm-recipe-container-10294>)

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Ingredients:

For the Cranberry Rosemary Marinade
1/3 cup fresh cranberries
2 tablespoons olive oil or avocado oil
2 tablespoons coconut aminos or soy sauce
2 tablespoons maple syrup
3 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon fresh rosemary leaves
1/4 cup dry white wine

For the Chicken Thighs:

3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
approximately 6 chicken thighs
1 tablespoon olive oil or avocado oil
Salt to taste
1/2 cup fresh cranberries
4 sprigs fresh rosemary plus more for garnish, if desired

Instructions:

For the Cranberry Rosemary Marinade

1. Combine all marinade ingredients in food processor or blender and process until smooth. Place chicken, skin side up, in a 9x13 baking dish and pour marinade over, spreading to coat chicken evenly. Cover and marinate in the fridge at least 30 minutes, up to 24 hours.
2. 30 minutes before baking, remove the dish from refrigerator and let stand at room temperature.

For the Chicken Thighs

1. Preheat oven to 375° Fahrenheit. With a spoon, scrape marinade from the chicken skin, leaving in the baking dish. Brush skins with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season skins with plenty of salt. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of fresh cranberries and 4 sprigs of rosemary around chicken thighs.
2. Bake for 22 minutes then remove from oven and preheat broiler. Discard cooked rosemary sprigs.
3. Brush 1 tablespoon maple syrup over chicken thighs skin. Place under broiler, about 10" from the heating element, and broil 5-7 minutes or until skin is crispy and getting dark in places. Watch carefully to make sure the skin browns evenly and does not burn, moving the dish around to brown evenly if necessary.
4. Remove from oven and spoon cranberries and sauce on top of chicken. Garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs and serve immediately with plenty of sauce.



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.

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UPCOMING DRIVES AT OUR MEMBER SERVICES LOCATIONS:

| Quincy | Lake Jackson | Crawfordville | Bradfordville |
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| Monday, October 10, 2022 | Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | Thursday, October 11, 2022 | Wednesday, October 12, 2022 |
| 1607 West Jefferson Street | 4808 Portal Drive | 681 Wakulla- Arran Road | 6724 Thomasville Road |



Wakulla County Coastal Cleanup September 17 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT

This program is run by volunteers who make it their goal to both beautify the area's beaches and coastlines and educate the public on how to keep Wakulla County clean and litter-free. Cleanup crews begin at 8 a.m. at various beaches in Wakulla County, and the cleanup culminates with a celebration at noon at Woolley Park in Panacea.

Lend a Helping Hand to Hospice Patients!

JOIN US FOR AN IN-PERSON

Big Bend Hospice Volunteer Training

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

Serving Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, & Wakulla Counties

Volunteer Training Sessions are available:

**Saturday, September 24TH AND
Saturday, November 12TH**
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Big Bend Hospice Campus
1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32308

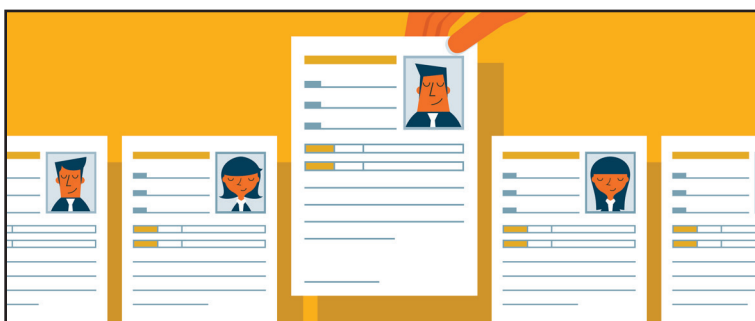


HAVANA PUMPKINFEST

OCTOBER 8, 2022

**Time & Location: Oct 8, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Havana, FL 32333, USA**

We are excited to bring PumpkinFest back for 2022!
Come join the fun - pumpkin patch, arts & crafts, vendors & food trucks, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, and much more!



Want to know about Talquin job openings? Need help creating or revamping your resume?

When: Thursday, October 13, 2022 | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Where: Career Source Capital Region
1140 West Clark Street, Quincy, FL 32351**

Talquin Electric is partnering with Career Source Capital Region for a recruitment meet and greet at their Quincy location.

The event will feature the following:

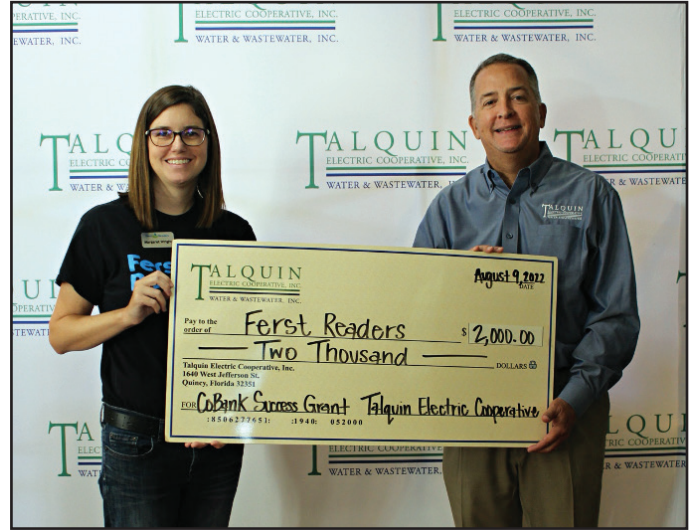
- Refreshments
- Resume Writers
- Hourly Raffles
- Grand Prize Drawing, and More!

Supporting Our Community

Since 2012, CoBank, one of Talquin's lenders, has been partnering with cooperatives around the nation in their Sharing Success program to provide \$4 million dollars to charitable organizations in rural areas. Talquin applied for grants again this year, and again all were awarded! The recipients of this year's grants were the American Heart Association (\$11,000), Gadsden Arts Center & Museum (\$5,000), Hang Tough Foundation (\$2,000), and Ferst Readers (\$2,000). Join us in saying thank you to these organizations for the fantastic work they do in our community. Talquin Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support them in continuing their missions!



Pictured above; Left to right: Melody Johnson and Lisa Darby, Talquin Electric; Grace Robinson, Gadsden Arts Center & Museum. The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum fosters understanding and appreciation of the visual arts to improve the quality of life in Gadsden County and the region. The Talquin Leadership Academy was able to present a \$5,000 check to The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum through fundraising efforts by Talquin employees and with support from CoBank's Sharing Success program.



Pictured above; Left to right: Margaret Wright, Ferst Readers; Tracy Bensley, General Manager, Talquin Electric. Ferst Readers strengthens low-income communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development. Children in the Ferst Readers literacy program will receive a bookstore-quality, age-specific book and resources mailed to them at home every month for one year.



Pictured above; Left to right: T aylor McNeil and Janelle Irwin, The Hang Tough Foundation; Tracy Bensley, General Manager, Talquin Electric. The Hang Tough Foundation was established to provide an encompassing approach to taking care of the entire family that has a child (ages 0 – 21) affected by a chronic or life altering illness and special needs in the Big Bend area.



Pictured above; Left to right: Kelly Mitchell, American Heart Association; Tracy Bensley, General Manager, Talquin Electric. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer worldwide, and stroke ranks second globally. American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Their goal is a world free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Supporting Our Community through Employee Development

Talquin's Leadership Academy (TLA) program was started in 2019 as part of the Cooperative's employee development efforts. Since the program's inception, 26 employees have voluntarily participated in the 12 month, 7 session series that focuses on topics like foundations of leadership, leading by example, emotional intelligence, team building, effective communication, enhancing presentation skills, and organizational leadership. A vital component of TLA is fundraising for organizations throughout the communities Talquin serves. In 2020 and 2021, the groups assisted the Cooperative in raising over \$50,000 through fundraising and grants for the American Heart Association. This year, TLA was able to present a \$5,000 check to The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum through fundraising efforts and with support from CoBank's Sharing Success program, as well as raising additional funds for The Lighthouse Children's Home. Join us in saying thank you to all of the TLA participants, both past and present, for the fantastic work they do in supporting community organizations!



The Talquin Leadership Academy is sponsoring the Marvelocity event at Gadsden Arts Center & Museum. Additional information for the event is listed below:

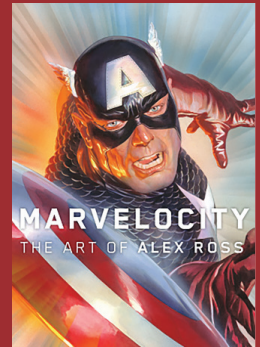
Gadsden Arts Center & Museum | Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross

September 24 – December 17, 2022

Opening Reception – Friday, September 23, 6-8pm | Admission: \$10 for non-member adults

Everyone welcome! Enjoy refreshments, music, and a special presentation. During the reception and through the run of show, all Superheroes (adults in full superhero costume) enjoy free admission!

For more information visit: www.gadsdenarts.org



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

DAN ARD

Dan Ard joined Talquin's Member Services team in January of 1989 and was eventually promoted to Energy Services Manager. He has conducted thousands of Members' Energy Use Analyses and has met interesting people with amazing stories along the way. Over the years, he has worked with some great people, both mentors and friends. According to Dan, "I am a richer person for the experiences, and I hope that I have had a positive impact on each of you, as well. Now it's time to turn the page on to new adventures."

Congratulations, Dan! We wish you the very best in retirement!

ANTHONY GRANGER

In February of 1981, Anthony Granger began his career with Talquin in the Water Department as a "helper" – nowadays we would call it a "Water Services Helper". He helped install and maintain many of Talquin's current water systems. Anthony was promoted multiple times within the Water Department while working in both construction and operations. In 2003, Anthony became the Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, where he has served for the past 19 years.

During the past 41 years, he and his wife, Angel, have built their commercial Angus cow/calf operation. They have also raised two sons, and now a granddaughter. "It's been an awesome journey working with everyone at Talquin, but now it's time for Angel and I to focus totally on our farm and spending more time with our sons and our beautiful granddaughter, McKenna," Anthony said.

Congratulations, Anthony! You have earned it!



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Via Text

Text #OUTAGE to 85700
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1-888-802-1832



Coming Soon! Talquin Member Survey

The 2022 Member Survey will be available on our website starting in November. For Members that have provided an email address, the survey will be sent to you directly. As a Member of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc., your opinion, satisfaction, and input is important to us. We look forward to hearing how we can serve you better.

Your Co-op, Your Voice!



Let's Stay Connected this Hurricane Season!



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Youth Tour & Scholarships 2023

COMING SOON: 2023 Applications

Applications will be available starting Monday, October 24, 2022. There will be up to \$15,000 in scholarships awarded to twenty-four rising young leaders from Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla Counties. If you or someone you know are interested in applying, applications will be available on our website at www.talquinelectric.com under the "About" section or by emailing youthtour@talquinelectric.com.

Please note: Additional information will be provided in the November/December edition of The Current.



OFFICE CLOSURE

Talquin offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022. We will reopen on Monday, November 14, 2022.