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Keep an Eye Out!

In the body of this newsletter are two location numbers. Your location number is located on your bill. If you find your location number in this newsletter, call the office within 15 days and your account will be credited \$10.00

**Happy Hunting &
Good Luck!**

Oneida-Madison's 66th Annual Meeting

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to attend the annual meeting of **YOUR** Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative Inc. to be held at the Madison Central School.

The Evening will begin with a chicken BBQ by Brooks' of Oneonta. Serving will start at 6:30 PM (tickets must be purchased in advance, see page 3 in this newsletter). We will have tables set-up in the hallway with representatives from the Madison County Health Department, The Madison County Sheriffs Department, HEAP, Community Action, Community Wellness Center and other local organizations. All will have informational handouts and personnel available to answer any questions you may have. There will be live music by Just Throw Money from 6:00 PM to 7:50 PM. The business meeting will start at 8:00 PM. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sincerely,



Wayne C. Sherwood
General Manager

Mark Your Calendar * October 2nd * Annual Meeting

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315.893.1851**

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“We Need Your Help”

Turn on the lights and TV, boot up the computer, and head to the kitchen to start dinner. Arriving home after a full day at work, most of us walk through a familiar routine.

We hardly take a step that does not involve the reliable flow of electricity. And every light switch or appliance we turn on sends the electric meter outside spinning a little faster and the monthly bill a little higher.

Meanwhile, it's hard to escape the media coverage surrounding climate change as evening news reporters drone on about global warming.

We watch with concern and ask, “Is there anything one person can do to make a difference?” The answer is an emphatic, “Yes.” It starts with learning all we can about energy conservation and efficiency. While they are not the same thing, they are close relatives.

Conservation occurs when we reduce total consumption of electricity, often achieved by simply turning off anything that consumes electricity when not needed. Energy efficiency occurs when we replace or upgrade the essentials in our lives (e.g., appliances, lighting, insulation), allowing us to realize the same benefit with less electricity.

America's electric co-ops are working with public officials at all levels to identify and adopt achievable and balanced solutions to climate change. One of the quickest remedies involves embracing those “kissing cousins”— conservation and efficiency – and making them part of our daily routine. Although energy consumption will continue to increase, by using electricity more efficiently, we can slow the overall growth for more power.

ZUCCHINI BARS**Bars:**

2 cups sugar	1 tsp. baking soda	4 eggs	2 cups flour
1 cup oil	3 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. cinnamon	
2 cups ground zucchini	1 1/2 tbsp. salt	1/2 cup nuts	

Cream together sugar, oil, eggs & zucchini. Add remaining ingredients. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes.

Frosting:

1 3oz package cream cheese	1 tbsp milk	1/2 cup margarine	3 cups powdered sugar
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Cream all ingredients together.

G7-1-2-A1**ODDS & ENDS**

Craftsman Chipper/Shredder 5 HP 3 Cutting Stages
\$200; Call 315-843-4114 for details.

Classic Spa Hot Tub - seats 4. New \$7500. Asking
\$3500. Call 315-843-4114 for details.

Washing Machine only 3 years old. mint condition.
Asking \$150 OBO. Call 655-0313 & leave message

50 Gallon Electric– Star Hot Water Heater Twin 4500
Watt Elements. Good Condition. Ready to be picked
up. Asking \$200. Call Sonya Lydford at 315-829-4256

**Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. Swap Sheet of Odds 'n' Ends is a free service to members of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. Members may place personal advertisements for items that they wish to buy or sell. Ads that are received before the 5th of the month preceding publication will be included as space allows.

*Ads must be limited to no more than 25 words.

*Ads will be on a “first-come, first-serve” basis, as space allows

*Ads must include a contact phone number or respond to address.

*Ads must be submitted in writing, no phone calls please.

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Check out the deals we have for you!

**The Marathon
Water Heater Advantage**



We offer Marathon Hot Water Heaters!! The marathon tank has a lifetime warranty and is made up of composite materials which will never rust. The heating elements in the water heater have a six-year warranty for non commercial use.

Call the office for pricing details!
315-893-1851

Energy Saving Light Bulbs

We offer EarthBrite© white lights at an affordable price for Oneida-Madison Co-op members. These bulbs replace your standard bulbs and fit anywhere that a standard bulb can go, and they start instantly with no flicker! These bulbs use less wattage but have the same light output, saving you money on your energy bills, and they last longer. Each bulb has a life of 10,000 hours.



Bulbs are offered in 60, 75 and 100-Watts

66th Annual Meeting

October 2, 2009

Madison Central School

Brooks' Chicken Barbeque - \$5.00

Served from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM

(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Vote

DINNER INCLUDES:

- * 1/2 Chicken
- * Potato
- * Cookie
- * Cole Slaw
- * Roll & Butter

DRINKS INCLUDED:

- *Coffee
- *Tea
- *Milk

Return This Portion with Payment

Reservations and Money must be in the OMEC Office
NO LATER
than **Monday,**
September 21st

Name(s) _____

Map Loc # or Account # _____

Number Attending _____ **x \$5.00 =** _____

(Limited to immediate family please)

Due to Catering arrangements, ADVANCE purchase only. No refunds/take outs.

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When to Turn Off Personal Computers

If you're wondering when to turn off personal computers for energy savings, here are some general guidelines:

While a small surge in energy consumption occurs when a computer starts up, this hardly compares to the amount used when a computer runs for a long time. For energy savings and convenience, consider turning off the monitor if you aren't going to use your PC for more than 20 minutes, and switch off both the CPU and monitor if you're not going to use your PC for more than two hours.

Make sure monitors, printers, and other accessories are plugged in to a power strip/surge protector. When not using equipment for extended periods, turn off the switch on the power strip to prevent any power drain. If you don't use a power strip, unplug extra equipment when it's not in use.

Most PCs today reach the end of their useful life due to advances in technology long before any negative effects of being switched on and off multiple times can be seen. But as a general rule of thumb, the less time a PC is on, the longer it will "last." PCs also produce heat, so turning them off reduces the need for air conditioning.

Power-Down or Sleep Mode Features

Many PCs come with a power-down or sleep mode feature for the CPU and monitor. ENERGY STAR® computers consume 15 watts or less in this mode—around 70 percent less electricity than a computer without power management features. ENERGY STAR monitors also have the capability to power down into two successive sleep modes, first to 15 watts and then to 8 watts—less than 10 percent of its operating power consumption.

Keep in mind that screen savers are not energy savers. Using a screen saver may in fact require more energy than not using one, and your power-down feature may not work if you have a screen saver activated. In fact, modern LCD color monitors do not need screen savers.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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**Don't forget to send in your
reservation for the Chicken BBQ!**



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