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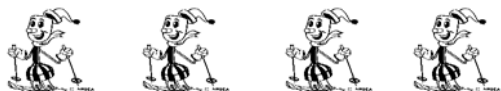
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Keep an Eye Out!!



In the body of this newsletter are two location numbers. Your service map 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. Congratulations to Richard Engle for finding his location number in the December 2009 newsletter.



Dear Member:

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that your holiday season was a joyous one. Now that the holiday season is over business is getting back to normal.

I would like to inform the membership that some of you may be contacted by telephone and asked to answer a survey regarding Broadband Over Power Line (Internet service VIA OMEC power lines). The telephone survey will be completed by a service company called **Preston and Osborne**. This survey is being done for Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the information received will be used to determine if there is a need and desire for Broadband Service to the membership. If it is determined that there is a need for this service Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be looking to work with International Broadband Electric Corporation to receive stimulus funding for the installation on our system.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind the membership that we will be using the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. webpage in an attempt to keep you informed of activities that will be taking place on the Cooperative system (www.oneida-madison.coop). We would also ask that you look at the two boxes on your bill which contain messages. One box is under the energy usage information chart and the other message box is under the current electric charges and under the statement of account box. Please look for these messages to keep informed and up-to-date.

Just a quick reminder, we are now accepting VISA, MasterCard and Discover credit cards. We also accept recurring bank drafts and as of February 1st we will be accepting recurring credit cards. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

Sincerely,

Wayne C. Sherwood
CEO/General Manager

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative's

Swap Sheet of Odds n' Ends

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

- Ad must be limited to no more than 25 words
- Ad will be on a "first-come" "first serve" basis as space allows
- Ad must include a contact phone number or respond-to address
- Ad must be submitted in writing, no phone calls

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Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. reserves the right to limit the types of ads and is not responsible for errors.

For Sale: 50 gal state hot water heater, twin 4500 watt element – electric – good condition – 829-4256

For Sale: 50 gal marathon water heater - used about 6 years - call 684-7906.

For Sale: Mulch hay – large square bales – 843-7563.

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PO Box 27
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Cream Cheese Chicken Soup

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| 1 small onion, chopped | 1 tablespoon butter | 3 Cups chicken broth |
| 3 medium carrots, cut into slices | 2 medium potatoes, peeled & cubed | 2 Cups cubed cooked chicken |
| 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley | salt & pepper to taste | ¼ Cup all-purpose flour |
| 1 Cup milk | 1 package cream cheese, cubed (8 oz) | |

Directions:

In large saucepan, sauté onion in butter. Add broth, carrots and potatoes. Bring to a boil, reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add chicken, parsley, salt & pepper; heat through.

Combine flour and milk until smooth; add to the vegetable mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat, add cream cheese; cook and stir until melted. Yield: 8 servings.

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Here's A Great Opportunity For High School Students!!!

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative Inc. is pleased to offer an opportunity for a junior high school student to participate in an all-expense paid trip to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. This opportunity is made available through the New York State Rural Electric Cooperative Association Inc.

The conference is a national lobbying effort by our nation's rural electric Cooperatives to inform our Senators and Representatives about rural electric issues and other important issues affecting rural areas. Over 3,000 Cooperative directors and managers from 46 states, representing nearly 1,000 rural electric Cooperatives, attend this annual conference.



This is an excellent learning experience for students. For many high school juniors, this may be their first visit to Washington. He or she will gain first-hand experience in how our government works. They will also have the opportunity to visit many of the interesting and historical sites in our nation's capitol. The student will also learn about energy and the electric Cooperative industry, which are so important to our future.

The student and Cooperative delegates will travel to Washington, DC on Sunday, May 2nd and return on Wednesday, May 5th. The student will accompany Cooperative delegates on visits with U.S. Senators and Representatives from New York State. Plenty of time will be reserved for sightseeing in our nation's capitol.

Following the trip to Washington, the student may also be chosen to attend the NRECA Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) that will be held in Washington, DC in July. The conference will develop the student's oral presentation skills and give them a broader understanding of the electric Cooperative industry and the Cooperative business model. Upon completion of the YLC, the student may be selected to represent New York State's electric Cooperatives at the NRECA 2011 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

All student applicants must be in the 11th grade and must live in a home served by **ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.** To receive an application packet or for more information, contact our office at (315) 893-1851. The completed application packet must be received by the Cooperative no later than March 19th.



Right-of-Way Clearing

Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative has no control over severe weather that can cause power outages, but the Cooperative can reduce the frequency and duration of outages through a vigilant right-of-way maintenance program.

Tree trimming and all phases of right-of-way maintenance are essential to ensuring reliable electric service. This is particularly true in rural areas where so many miles of power lines are exposed. A major portion of all electric blinks occur when a tree limb comes in contact with power lines or equipment causing a momentary short circuit. If the limb is not cleared from the line promptly, a complete loss of power can result. Tree limbs contacting the power lines can energize the tree and possibly cause personal injury. Under brush must also be cleared to prevent the possibility of a fire should the energized conductors fall and come into contact with the underbrush, the removal also helps speed up restoration efforts.

Reliable electric service is our number one priority and our right-of-way maintenance program is vital in helping us meet the commitment to our members.

The Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative's line crew will be clearing right-of-way in the Lebanon Hill area during January and February; the lines include A1, A1A, A1B, A1C, A1D and A1E. February and March the line crew will be trimming in the Hubbardsville area which includes lines C-100 thru C-188 and the C11 line. Also in February and March the crew will be trimming in the Augusta area which includes lines B-114 thru B-174 and also the B12 and B16 lines.

If you are not sure of your service map location number, you can find it on your bill. The service map location number is located next to your account number on your bill. Your service map location number is needed when calling the office or the answering service regarding outages.

New York State Public Service Law Chapter 359

This is to inform you that Chapter 359 was recently signed into law which amends Section 44 of the New York State Public Service Law. This law requires utility corporations, energy service companies, municipalities, telephone corporations, cable television companies and water companies with gross revenues in excess of \$250,000 that provide residential service are required to provide annual notice to customers (Members in our case) of the availability of large print versions of billing statements. Large print is defined in the law as a printed font size of sixteen or greater. **Font 16 will appear this size.**

Upon written request by a member, large print billing statements shall be provided to the member no later than 60 days after the date upon which the written request was received.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Cooperative office.