



ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
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December 2011

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Holiday's Observed in 2012



New Year's Day – January 2nd
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 16th
 Good Friday – April 6th
 Memorial Day – May 28th
 Independence Day – July 4th
 Labor Day – September 3rd
 Veteran's Day – November 12th
 Thanksgiving Day & Day After Thanksgiving –
 November 22nd & 23rd
 Christmas – December 25th

Keep an Eye out!!



In the body of this newsletter you will find 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 and Good Luck!

Congratulations to Philip Stockbridge, October winner!



Greetings,

I would like to inform the membership that the Cooperative has a new address; our address is now **6630 Route 20, Bouckville, NY 13310**. The reason for this change is that the Post Office in Bouckville has closed. We now receive our mail at a mailbox located at the office. If we had continued with the PO Box we would have had to go to Madison daily to get our mail, this would be time consuming and add an unnecessary cost to the Cooperative. You may still notice our old address on some of our letterhead and envelopes, however, this will change as soon as all existing materials are used up which should not be very long. As a side note PLEASE **DO NOT** leave payments in the mailbox, we have a secure drop box in the front of the building by the entrance door for payments. [Continued on Page 2.](#)



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The new Cooperative web page I have spoken about is live and running, check out the new look, www.oneida-madison.coop. With this new web page the Cooperative will be able to make changes here at the office, with staff, whenever needed without relying on someone else finding the time to make the changes (for a fee). I would like to specifically thank Lisa Murray and Lisa Donaldson for the hard work and effort they put into this project, I think they did a wonderful job. The web page will be a work in progress and we hope to use it as a good source for passing information to the membership.

The Board of Directors at the October Board Meeting authorized the payback of the 1990 patronage capital. If you were a member receiving electric service from the Cooperative at that time you will be receiving a patronage capital credit based on usage during that year. If you are still receiving electric service, the credit will be reflected on your December electric bill. Members no longer receiving electric service from the Cooperative will receive a check in the mail. It is important to keep the Cooperative up-to-date with a current address even if you are no longer a member receiving service. The patronage you have earned is always yours and will be paid back as long as the financial integrity of the Cooperative permits and the Cooperative has an up-to-date address on file.

The Management and Staff of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative Inc. would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

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

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

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Invite Safety Home for the Holidays

It's easy to get caught up in the hectic pace of holiday entertaining—cookies to bake, decorations to hang, presents to wrap. But don't overlook safety during the rush. The winter holiday period marks peak time for home fires and preventable injuries.

The good news is that it's not difficult to make your home ready to safely host all of your favorite holiday activities.

First, take time out from your party preparations to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms should be installed on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. Smoke alarms should also be located inside each bedroom. Be sure to share your family fire escape plan with any overnight guests.

Arrange your holiday decorations to avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many lights, cords, or appliances. Inspect all decorations, cords, and outlets for damage before use. Keep electrical cords out of doorways and high traffic areas where they pose a tripping hazard. Do not damage cords by pinching them or attaching them with staples or nails.

Keep young visitors safe by preparing your home before they arrive. If your home is not already "child proof," install tamper resistant receptacles or use safety covers on all unused electrical outlets. Store breakables, candles, matches, and other potentially dangerous items in inaccessible or locked areas. Don't forget to put away small items, like buttons, coins, and jewelry, which are a choking hazard. Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairways to keep babies and toddlers safe.

Safety doesn't stop when the party starts. Keep decorations, gifts, and other combustibles at least 3 feet from heat sources or open flame. Never leave the kitchen when something is cooking. Make sure children are supervised at all times in the kitchen and anywhere space heaters, candles, or fireplaces are being used. Turn off and unplug all decorations before leaving home or turning in for the night.

Remember that a safe and happy holiday remains the best gift you can give friends and family.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International


Seasons Greetings

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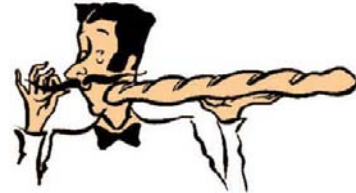
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Appetizer: Almond-Bacon Cheese Crostini

Ingredients needed:

- 1 French bread baguette (1 pound), cut into 36 slices
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1 green onion, chopped
- Dash of salt
- Additional toasted almonds, optional



Directions:

- Place bread slices on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 8-9 minutes or until lightly browned.
- Meanwhile, in large bowl, combine the cheese, mayonnaise, almonds, bacon, onion and salt. Spread over bread. Bake for 7 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with additional almonds if desired. Serve warm. Yield: 3 dozen

Please remember your local food pantries!

There are many local food pantries that support many local families who appreciate your donations. Please think of the less fortunate during the winter months.

Please remember non-perishable items only.



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