

# Oneida-Madison Electric Co-op. Inc.

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October 2011

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Dear Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative Inc. To all who were not able to attend, I would like you to know we missed you and hopefully you will be able to make it next year.

The chicken dinner served by Brooks' bbq prior to the meeting was well attended. The information tables setup in the hallway seemed to be of interest to many members. The Madison County Dairy Princess and the Oneida County Dairy Princess served a milk punch that was very tasty. During the dinner and prior to the meeting, magic was provided by Matt Episcopo.

The meeting was called to order by President Brouillette who also introduced the Directors, Employees, and Guests. The dairy princesses each shared about the dairy industry and its products. The Financial Report was presented to the membership and approved. Joshua Peavey, Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative's student selected to represent the Cooperative at the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, DC gave an overview of what he learned while attending the tour.

The election of Directors was then held with 3 year terms filled by Earl Nourse (Town of Nelson), John Lehr (Town of Smithfield), and Greg Moon (Town of Hamilton). The Manager's report was presented; the Manager updated the Membership regarding operations and maintenance programs for the past year and also talked about the possible rate increase from the New York Power Authority. The Manager also mentioned that as of the first of the year members will see a new web page.

President Brouillette spoke to the membership about how the Cooperative was formed and also talked about some of the events that had taken place throughout the years.

If anyone has any comments regarding the Annual Meeting, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Wayne C. Sherwood  
CEO/General Manager

**NOTE:** Due to the closing of the Bouckville Post Office, the Cooperative no longer has a post office box, our new address is:

**6630 Route 20  
Bouckville, NY 13310**



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## [A Safety Reminder](#)



Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. It is said, a working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third is estimated to have dead or missing batteries. **So please remember on November 6<sup>th</sup> not only to set your clocks back but also change the batteries in your smoke detector.**

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## [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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. **A3A-12-A-01**

**For Sale:** Two Cooper 235/75 R 15 Discoverer studded snow tires, excellent condition, on Chevy truck rims. Used one season. \$60 for both. Call 315-662-3339

**For Sale:** Collectible dishes, glassware, linens, stain glass windows, antique chairs, costume jewelry. Call 315-247-1584



## Halloween Safety Tips

### ALL DRESSED UP:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

### CARVING A NICHE:

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.
- Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

### HOME SAFE HOME:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

### ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind Trick-or-Treaters:
  - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
  - Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
  - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
  - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
  - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
  - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.

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- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

## HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Try to ration treats for the days following Halloween.

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## Apple Squares

### Ingredients

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup chopped apple
- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon



### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x9 inch pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and ¼ teaspoon of cinnamon; set aside
- In a large bowl, mix together melted butter, brown sugar, and ½ cup of white sugar with a wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in the egg and vanilla. Blend in the flour mixture until just combined, then stir in the apples and walnuts. Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared pan. In a cup or small bowl, stir together the remaining cinnamon and sugar; sprinkle over the top of the bars.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in preheated oven; finished bars should spring back when lightly touched. Cool in the pan, and cut into squares.