




**Oneida-Madison  
Electric Co-op., Inc.**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

SEPTEMBER 2022

# COOPERATIVE NEWS



*Join us  
for our  
79th*



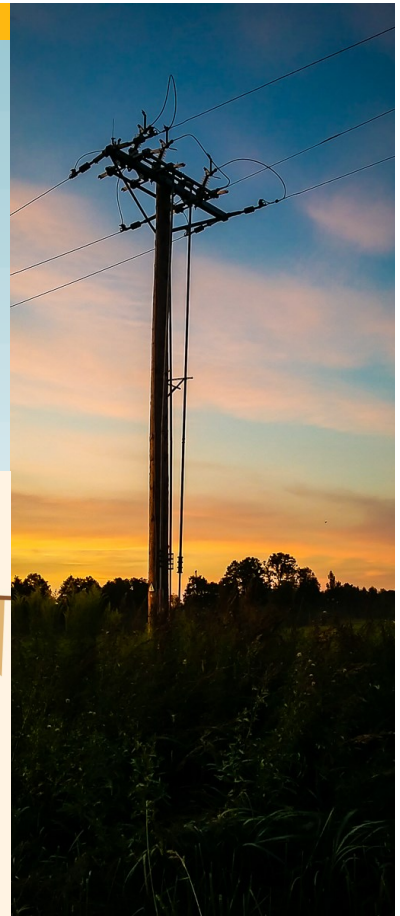
## Annual Meeting

10.7.22 | 5:30PM

MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL,  
7303 STATE ROUTE 20, MADISON, NY

BBQ, MUSIC, MAGIC, MEMBERSHIP,  
ELECTION, GIVEAWAYS, COMMUNITY  
FUN

SEE YOU THERE!



### Notes & Information

Normal Office Hours are as follows:

7:30am-4pm, Monday-Friday

Office Location: 6630 State Rt 20

Bouckville, NY 13310

Call (315) 893-1851 **24 hours a day**  
for assistance with power outages  
and/or emergencies

### Your Board of Directors

Rudy Brouillette, President

Tom Stone, Vice President

Dan Saulsgiver, Secretary/  
Treasurer

Kurt Peavey

Seth Howard

John Lehr

James Nassimos

# Congratulations to our 2022 Youth Scholarship Winners!

We would like to congratulate Rudy Brouillette, Jr., a student of New Life Christian School and son of Karen & Rudy Brouillette, Sr. of Augusta and Elijah Gebers, a student of Cazenovia High School and son of Heather & Jon Gebers of Cazenovia on being the joint recipients of this year's Cooperative Youth Scholarship! Both of these young men demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, extracurricular activities, and character. We look forward to seeing what both Rudy and Elijah accomplish in the future!!

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**Cooperative Youth Scholarship 2022**

**ABOUT THE Scholarship**  
Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OMEC), is sponsoring a **\$1,000** scholarship to a student in the OMEC service territory. Along with this monetary scholarship, the selected student has an opportunity to meet with state and national political leaders, learn about our legislative process and how that process benefits the critical issues that face Rural Electric Cooperatives.

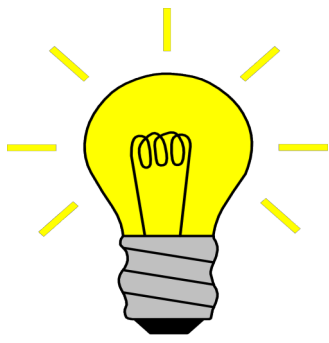
*Your map location, found on your billing statement, may be found somewhere in this document! If you find it, contact our office by Dec 1st and your account will be credited \$10!*

## Customer Charge Increase Begins November 28, 2022

Class	Current Customer Charge	Customer Charge beginning 11/28/22
Residential Farm Sm. Commercial	\$15	\$16
Lg. Commercial	\$25	\$30

Your Cooperative would like to avoid large rate increases, especially for those on a fixed income. Therefore our Board of Directors is continuously evaluating costs and rate adjustments to ensure that each member is receiving the best possible service at the least cost.

The table to the left shows the rate increase schedule. We will continue to work hard to improve the quality of rural life by providing our Members with low cost, reliable electricity and related services in a safe manner.



## Shining a Light on... the FREE Center

The Fenner Renewable Energy & Education (FREE) Center located on Bellinger Road in Cazenovia, is a great resource within our community and located on the OMEC service line.

Their mission statement says, “The FREE Center is dedicated to educating and raising awareness about the advantages, impacts, and costs of renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro, solar, and geothermal power as alternatives to non-renewable sources of energy.”

Hosting field trips and other educational events for area elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as college classes and conservation and environmental clubs, the FREE Center offers a fantastic view of the Fenner Wind Farm, along with information pertinent to understanding renewable forms of energy in Upstate New York and across the world. Tours and visits are scheduled May -November.

For more information on the FREE Center including how to schedule a tour or make a donation, please visit their website at <https://www.thefreecenter.org/>



Above: FREE Center Welcome Sign



Right: A Chittenango 5th grader inspects the blade of a wind turbine at the FREE Center

### **Save the Date!**

The Office will be closed for the following holidays:

Labor Day: Sept 5th

Veteran’s Day: Nov 11th

Thanksgiving Day:  
Nov 24th

Day After Thanksgiving:  
Nov 25th

Christmas Eve (Observed):  
Dec 23rd

Christmas Day (Observed):  
Dec 26th

New Year’s Day (Observed):  
Jan 2nd

### **Annual Meeting**

at

Madison Central School,  
Friday, October 7, 2022

For the most up-to-date information regarding Your Cooperative make sure to Like & Follow us on Facebook!



*If you have or know of a small business or organization within our service area you’d like to see highlighted in our “Shining a Light on” series please email [kyla@oneidamadison.com](mailto:kyla@oneidamadison.com)*

# Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative Participates in “Touch-a-Truck” Night at Madison Lake



Left: Patrick Brouillette, Deana Fitch and Clayton Fitch pose for a picture in OMEC’s digger truck on July 12 at Madison Lake.

Below: Several children inspect the auger on the back of our digger derrick.

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On July 12 at Madison Lake, your Cooperative sent CEO/General Manager Brian Bell and OMEC’s digger derrick to Madison’s Summer Reading Program’s “Touch –a-Truck” event at Madison Lake. Kids of all ages were able to explore several kinds of large vehicles including ambulances, firetrucks, tractor trailers and skid steers. The children were able to honk horns, turn on sirens, and even “drive”!

Trucks and machinery were provided by Madison Fire Department, Madison Ambulance, Williams Fence, Oriskany Falls Fire Department, and of course, your Cooperative.

The event was sponsored by the Oriskany Falls Rotary, Connected Community Schools, Hamilton Public Library and Madison Oneida BOCES.

OMEC would like to give a big shout out to all those who not only organized this event, but who volunteer their time to make sure the children in our communities have safe, fun, and educational activities this summer! Thank you!!





Have you updated our outage contact number lately?

To report a power outage or emergency call **315-893-1851**.  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year!

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## *At Home with Hazel*

*This Fall Harvest Salad makes an excellent side-dish, or add grilled chicken or salmon to make it a main course!*

### **Fall Harvest Salad**

**Prep time:** 10 mins **Cook time:** 20 mins **Serves:** 3

For the Salad:

- 1 sm butternut squash (peeled, seeded, & diced)
- 1/2 Tbsp olive oil
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2/3 C quinoa
- 1 C water
- 2 C raw spinach, kale, or salad greens of your choice
- 2 sm Honeycrisp apples (cored and sliced)

Toppings:

- 1/4 C dried cranberries
- 1/4 C pecans, walnuts, or sunflower seeds
- 1/3 C crumbled feta, goat cheese or bleu cheese
- 1 1/2 Tbsp roasted pumpkin seeds

Vinaigrette:

- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 1/2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 Tbsp honey or maple syrup
- 1 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- Salt & pepper to taste

### **Roast the Squash**

- Preheat oven to 400°. On a baking sheet, toss together the squash, olive oil, and salt & pepper. Roast for 16 minutes, flipping half way through, until squash is tender. Let cool completely.

### **Cook the Quinoa**

- Rinse quinoa and drain. In a small saucepan, combine with water and bring to a boil uncovered. Once boiling, reduce heat to med-low, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes or until water is absorbed and quinoa is light & fluffy

### **Make the Vinaigrette**

- Put all dressing ingredients in a bowl & whisk or shake together in a mason jar

### **Assemble**

- In a large bowl or serving platter, add greens and 1/2 the vinaigrette, toss gently.
- Add quinoa, squash, & apples, toss together.
- Sprinkle cranberries, nuts and/or seeds, and cheese on top. Drizzle remaining vinaigrette over the top.



79th Annual Meeting of the Members  
Friday, October 7, 2022  
Madison Central School  
Pre-meeting meal provided by:



**\$8.50 PER PERSON**  
**SERVING TIME: 5:30-6:45 PM**  
**MEALS WILL NOT BE SERVED AFTER 6:45 PM**

**CHOICE of 1/2 BBQ Chicken OR Big BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
served with Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls with Butter,  
Chocolate Chip Cookies & Drinks**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE IN TO YOUR  
COOPERATIVE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

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**RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT**

**Name of Member(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Map Location (located on your billing statement)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending choosing CHICKEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$8.50 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending choosing PORK** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$8.50 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL=** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS ARE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY  
NO REFUNDS \* NO TAKEOUTS**