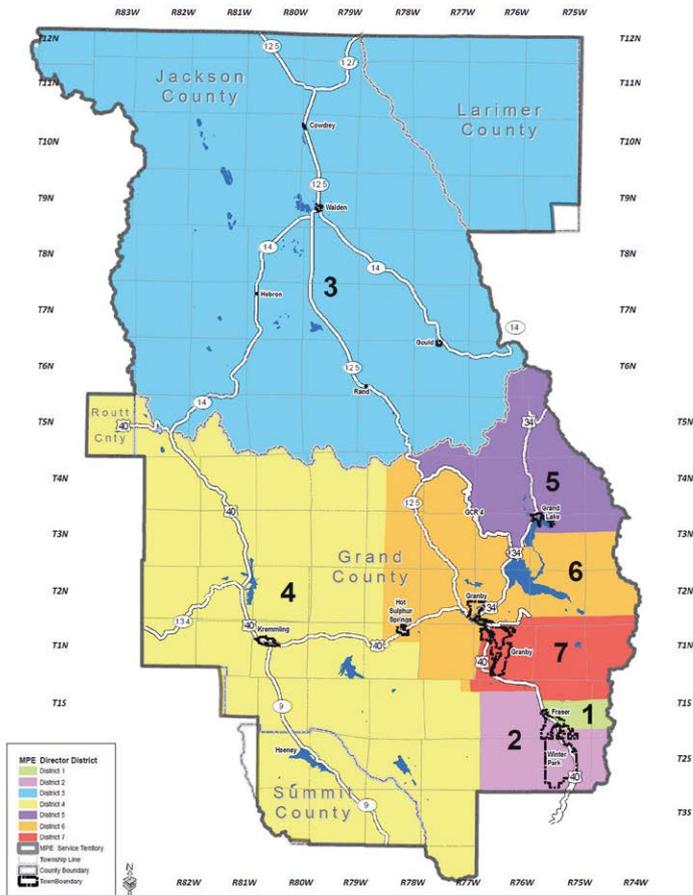


NOTICE: CALL FOR ELECTION AND CANDIDACY

MPE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Mountain Parks Electric Director Districts



For a legal description of director district boundaries, visit mpei.com/bylaws (Article IV, Section 2)

Director election notification

This is to notify all Members receiving service in District 4 (Kremmling/Summit County area), District 6 (Hot Sulphur Springs/north Granby area) and District 7 (south Granby area) that a director election is being prepared. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on the date and time indicated below. Board of Directors serve for a four-year term and represent specific geographic areas within MPE's service territory. A map of the Director Districts is included in this notice.

Time, date & location of 2021 Annual Meeting

Mountain Parks Electric's (MPE's) 71st Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at the Kremmling Fairgrounds at 210 11th St., Kremmling, Colorado. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. The business session will begin at 9:15 a.m. In-person balloting will be available during the business portion of the Annual Meeting for Members who have not voted by mail. Balloting will cease no

earlier than 10 minutes past the time the meeting is called to order.

How to become a candidate

To be eligible to become or remain a director, any Member in good standing of the Cooperative and who meets the qualifications of Bylaw Article IV, Section 3(a) and (b) is eligible to submit a nominating petition to become a candidate for the Board of Directors no later than 5 p.m., April 28, 2021. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 15 qualified members of the Cooperative and submitted to the Board accompanied by the supporting documents specified in Article IV, Section 3(a) of MPE's Bylaws.

Petitions available

Director Nomination Petitions are available at MPE's office in Granby and can also be mailed to candidates upon request. Any questions regarding election procedures can be directed to Mark Johnston or Rob Taylor by calling 970-887-3378.

Voting

In the case of a contested election, mail-in ballots will be mailed to Members in the corresponding contested election district. Ballots will be mailed no later than May 18, 2021. Members receiving a ballot can cast their ballots by return mail, by dropping off their ballots at MPE's Granby office or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by June 5, 2021, and received by the Credentials Committee by June 9, 2021. Members voting by mail-in ballot will not be allowed to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Qualifications (from Article IV of MPE's Bylaws)

Board Members Section 3 Qualifications

- (a) Each candidate for election to the Board shall be a member of the Cooperative and shall have his/her "main home" in the District for and in which the election is to be held, (as the term "main home" is defined by the Internal Revenue Service), and who shall have furnished the Cooperative with a written statement telling why the member wishes to run for election and that the member, if elected, can and will attend all meetings of the Board, subject only to unforeseen conditions beyond the control of the member, and meets or will meet the qualifications set forth in subparagraph (b) below.
- (b) To be eligible to become or remain Director, the person

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YOUR 2021 FINANCES: Energy upgrades and your annual household budget

BY ROB TAYLOR MANAGER OF MEMBER RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

W e all like saving. I inherited this trait from my grandmother who lived through the Great Depression and then held on to egg cartons and pickle jars decades later. “You never know when you might need them,” she said. As a kid, I saved old coins. I’m still interested in saving money today, but my interests have expanded to include saving time and energy.

Over the past decade, most of us have replaced incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs and LEDs and upgraded to Energy Star-rated electronics and appliances. Do you ever wonder if our collective energy efficiency investments have made a difference?

The answer is a resounding “Yes.” According to the Alliance Commission on National Energy Efficiency Policy, if not for the efficiency improvements made in the United States since 1973, our country would require approximately 50% more energy to achieve its gross domestic product.

Closer to home, in Mountain Parks Electric’s service area, residential energy sales have remained relatively unchanged over the past decade. This, despite



homeowners having more end-use devices than they did 10 years ago. In other words, energy efficiency improvements (and investments) in lighting and appliances have offset our electric consumption from new cellphones, tablets, computers, etc. George Corkle, ACCT 940073000

And since MPE’s power supply is becoming increasingly greener (MPE will be 50% renewable by 2024), your personal

carbon footprint can improve when you replace fossil fuel end uses — like propane and natural gas heating systems and gasoline-fueled automobiles and landscaping tools (like lawn mowers) — with their electric counterparts.

As you put the finishing touches on your 2021 household budget, be sure to take advantage of our residential rebates (below). In 2021, we are offering an electric bike rebate for the first time. Happy New Year!

- Energy Star electric appliance rebates (\$20 - \$90)
- Electric outdoor landscaping equipment (up to \$150)
- Electric bicycles (up to \$150)
- Electric water heater replacement (\$50 - \$70)
- Electric water heaters, fuel switching (up to \$250)
- Heat pumps, air and ground source (up to \$1,000 per ton)
- Commercial and residential LED lighting rebates

NOTE: To qualify for rebates, you must be a current MPE consumer-member and submit receipts within four months of purchase.

More information: mpei.com/rebates

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shall: (i) be a member of the Cooperative; (ii) receive electric service from the Cooperative at his or her “main home”; (iii) be able to actively participate in the management of the business and affairs of the Cooperative; (iv) not be employed by, substantially financially interested in, or represent the interests of a business in competition with the Cooperative; and (v) become NRECA certified as a director through course attendance within five (5) years of the election or appointment as a Director.

- (i) No more than two (2) Directors (other than a publicly elected government official) shall be permitted to serve

concurrently who are either employees of, serve as a Director or trustee of, or act as a consultant to, the same organization. Employee means employment for at least 20 hours per week for 20 consecutive weeks.

- (ii) If a circumstance described in (i) arises after a Director is elected, the Director who obtains a relationship with an organization subsequent to the formation of a relationship with an organization subsequent to the formation of a relationship by other Directors shall be disqualified from serving.

WAYS TO \$AVE

BY LINDSAY MCCANN
CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR

KIDS CAN HELP YOU SAVE ENERGY BY:



- **Being detectives** - Reporting air leaks and leaky faucets.
- **Bundling** - Wearing sweatshirts and sweaters indoors instead of turning up the heat.
- **Cutting power** - Turning off electronics and lights when they finish using them.
- **Avoiding marathon showers** - Short showers use less hot water than baths.
- **Parents:** Consider rewarding your kids when they practice energy efficiency and help you save on your electric bill.

PET OF THE MONTH



MECKLENBERG

This is Brody Mecklenberg (yes, like the football player). He's a 1-year-old vertically challenged pit bull who loves toys and kiddos.
Owners: Mandy V., Cole V. and Pete Volk
Email your pet photos and pet bio to rtaylor@mpei.com



Find Your Name Win \$5

If you find your name in this magazine, contact Mountain Parks Electric to receive a \$5 credit on your power bill. Winners must contact MPE within one month of the date of issue.



Server Curtis Baca

Local Chef SPOTLIGHT

RESTAURANT:

FAT CAT CAFE

185 E. Agate Ave. (Granby)
Find us on Facebook

HOURS:

7 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Wednesday – Friday)
7 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)

SPECIALTY:

Scotch eggs and English-American food

COOKING TIP FOR MPE READERS

How to properly boil an egg: Add cold water and salt to your pot. Make sure the eggs are submerged one inch below the water. Boil for 7 minutes, then drain the water and cover the eggs with ice before peeling off the shells. *Ethan Cunningham, ACCT 1025099*

Electrify Everything (in Fraser and beyond)!

Just before Thanksgiving, the town of Fraser held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Level 3 electric vehicle charging station at the Fraser Fishing Ponds. MPE helped finance the project through its Electrify Everything program, which offers financial assistance for qualifying heat pump installations, insulation upgrades and commercial EV charger and solar installations. Looking for financial assistance for your energy upgrade? **Find out more:** mpei.com/electrify-everything-program



Fraser Asst. Town Manager Michael Brack, Mayor Philip Vandernail, Mayor Pro-Tem Eileen Waldow and MPE Power Use Advisor Chris Michalowski cut the ribbon on the new charging station.



Chris Michalowski charges MPE's Electrify Everything car. Andrew Tyrie, ACCT 20001227



Left to right; Dan Zwahlen, Adam Paulson, Rich Trostel, Jesse Peeler, Nate Towne, Sheldon Greenwood, Greg Frentress

CREA presents MPE with a no lost time accident award

MPE employees worked 415,000 consecutive hours without a lost time accident in 2019.

We focus on working safely and not taking short cuts that might save time, but jeopardize safety.

Top 3 Social Media Posts of 2020



#1 October 25, 7.6K reach

“MPE decides NOT to shut off power in Grand Lake.”

“MPE meter reader in action near Tabernash.”



#2 March 10, 7.5K reach



#3 October 24, 6K reach

“MPE partially restores power to fire-damaged area”

CONNECT with Mountain Parks Electric

Your chance to win a \$100 bill credit

Take our short, online survey: MPEI.COM/ONLINE-SURVEY