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September 2022

85th ANNUAL MEETING



PIE&G will conduct its annual membership meeting on **Friday, October 28 at the Onaway High School**. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The general business session starts at 10:00 a.m. when members will hear various reports on the cooperative. The

meeting concludes with director election results. Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

For more information about the meeting and your director candidate ballot, please refer to your September issue of *Country Lines* which should mail around Labor Day.



Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

HOME HEATING CREDIT (HHC)

For help with winter heating costs, apply for the 2021 Michigan Home Heating Credit (HHC) if you have a low income, are receiving agency assistance, or are receiving unemployment compensation. Eligible customers must meet guidelines based on household income, exemptions, and heating costs. **The HHC may ONLY be used to pay for home heating costs (gas, propane, oil) and may not be used for your electric bill unless you use electric heat at your home.**

The MI Department of Treasury determines eligibility and remits the payment vouchers. You do not need to file a state income tax return to receive the HHC. The 2021 HHC form (MI-1040-CR7) is available at most public libraries, post offices, and MDHHS or Secretary of State offices. You can also get a fillable form on the MI Dept. of Treasury website (Michigan.gov/treasury) and enter "Home Heating Credit information" in the search box). You must file your claim postmarked by September 30, 2022. For more information, search the web for "2021 Michigan home heating credit utility tips".

You may designate that your HHC is payable directly to PIE&G or to other registered heat providers. The name on the HHC must match the name on the PIE&G account, and all persons named on the HHC must sign it to authorize payment.



SIGN UP FOR OUR BUDGET PLAN!

You can't predict Michigan's weather, but you can count on PIE&G's Budget Plan to help keep your energy costs steady all year round. The Budget Plan lets you spread

out your annual energy costs into equal monthly payments. It's a great way to help manage your household budget.

The Budget Plan* starts each October and runs through September. Your monthly budget bill is estimated for the coming year based on your previous 12 months of usage history. The annual total is averaged into 11 equal payments. For the 12th month (September), any differences from the budget and actual usage are reconciled. The September bill will include catch-up charges if you used more energy than what you paid during the budget year, and if you used less energy than your budgeted billing and overpaid, you'll receive a credit.

If you are already enrolled in the Budget Plan and all paid up, there is no need to take any action. Your enrollment will continue. **If you are enrolled in the Auto Pay Plan, a friendly reminder to review your September billing before the due date, to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover your reconciliation balance, which may be higher than your usual budget payment.**

*Eligibility requirements apply. Members participating in assistance programs, such as the Winter Protection Plan, are not eligible for the Budget Plan.



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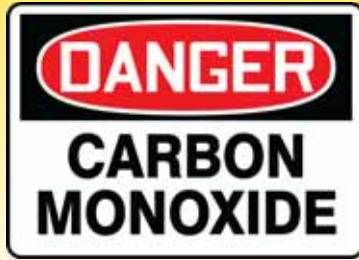
CARBON MONOXIDE CAN BE DEADLY

Protect Your Family

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels, it can kill in a matter of minutes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amounts of CO produced are usually not hazardous. However, hundreds of accidental CO poisonings are caused each year by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars.

Children, the elderly, and people with anemia or a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible. Symptoms include dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache, confusion or passing out.

Carbon monoxide detectors can alert you about high levels of CO in your home, which will give you more time to get outside for fresh air and to safety.



PIE&G Connect is pleased to announce its first 'official' connection of residential fiber to members James and Deborah Palomaris of Onaway. Deb commented, "We are so excited and happy to have fiber internet. We look forward to gaming and streaming television too so we can get rid of our expensive satellite service."



IF YOU SMELL GAS OR SUSPECT A GAS LEAK CALL 1-800-655-8565 IMMEDIATELY

CALL MISS DIG BEFORE YOU DIG!



Calling 811 is required by law. You must contact MISS DIG 3-14 business days before digging. When a homeowner or company contacts the Miss Dig system, all utility companies must mark their own underground

facilities with flags within 3 business days of the request. These flags mark the location of underground facilities so the homeowner, contractor or other utilities can avoid digging in those marked areas. Each utility will remove its own flags when their work is completed. This service is free, but only public facilities are notified. Private underground lines will need to be marked by a private locator.

Failure to notify MISS DIG can also result in fines. Damage resulting from a no call excavation or removal of flags by someone other than the utility can lead to serious injury or death.

PIE&G appreciates your cooperation and help to keep everyone safe.



The first business to be connected is State Street Dairy in Onaway. Owner Cassie DeMaestri said, "The reception and speed are simply amazing." She added, "I could not do without this fiber internet service. It has made serving our customers faster at State Street Dairy, and that makes them happy too. I would recommend this service to anyone."

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