

The Spotlight

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2023 TREE CLEARING

PIE&G will soon begin its 2023 vegetation management program in selected areas. Private contractors will be removing trees and limbs to prevent interference with overhead power lines. Keeping trees and brush cleared within power line rights of way (ROW) helps PIE&G maintain safe and reliable electric service. PIE&G trims each circuit on a seven-year rotation.

Members residing in **Alpena, Hagensville, Hillman, Lake Avalon, and Millersburg areas** will be notified for ROW clearing work in their area. PIE&G will also continue working on removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees, especially trees that may impact three-phase power lines. Please call 1-800-423-6634 to speak to a Member Services Representative if you have any questions.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HS SENIORS

Applications due March 1

Last chance to apply for scholarships! The PIE&G Communities First Fund has been awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors since 1999 and the program includes all accredited colleges or universities located in Michigan. The award is \$1,000, payable upon successful completion of the first semester. Two additional scholarships are available: the A. Barkley Travis Memorial Scholarship (\$500) and the Peterson Vocational School Scholarship (\$500).



Eligibility requirements and applications are available on-line at pieg.com or by contacting PIE&G at 1-800-423-6634, extension 1011. **Completed applications with all supporting documentation must be received at PIE&G by close of business on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.** Scholarships will be awarded by June 1st.

SHARING SUCCESS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

PIE&G's partnership with CoBank's Sharing Success program provides matching grants to support local causes and organizations and to fulfill its mission of service to rural America as a trusted energy partner.

Active 501(c)(3) charity organizations within PIE&G's service territory may apply for grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with a match from CoBank. Applications are available online at www.pieg.com/sharing-success and will be accepted from January 1 through March 1.

You may mail completed applications to PIE&G Sharing Success, ATTN: Melissa, PO Box 308, Onaway MI 49765 or email to mvanschoten@pieg.com. For more information, contact Melissa at 1-800-423-6634 extension 1011.



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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Please Call to Update Your Phone Number

During emergencies, it is critical for utilities to respond immediately to prevent catastrophic property damage and prevent serious injury. It may be necessary for PIE&G to shut down services during power outages or a natural gas emergency. That's why it's important that PIE&G has your current daytime or mobile phone number to quickly reach you for emergency notifications and to schedule reconnection of your service.

If you plan to leave home for winter or for more than a week, please call us before you leave to provide us with the name and phone number of a family member or local contact in case of emergency.

Our Member Service Reps are available Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm at 1-800-423-6634.



SAFETY AND DOWNED POWER LINES

- Call 911 and PIE&G immediately!
- Stay away from power lines! An energized line may not be sparking or arcing and lines that appear to be “dead” can become energized as crews work to restore power.
- **Assume all low hanging and downed lines are energized and dangerous.**
- If a person or object is in contact with a power line, don't touch the person, object or line. The electric current could flow through you.
- If your vehicle is in contact with a power line, stay inside the car. Warn others not to touch the car or the power line.
- Never drive over a downed line as snagging a line could pull down a pole or other equipment and cause other hazards.
- Only if you must leave your vehicle (such as to escape a fire), jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground at the same time. Once you are out, shuffle your feet so both feet remain in contact with the ground as you move away or roll away from the car.



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