

# Plugged in to Altamaha EMC

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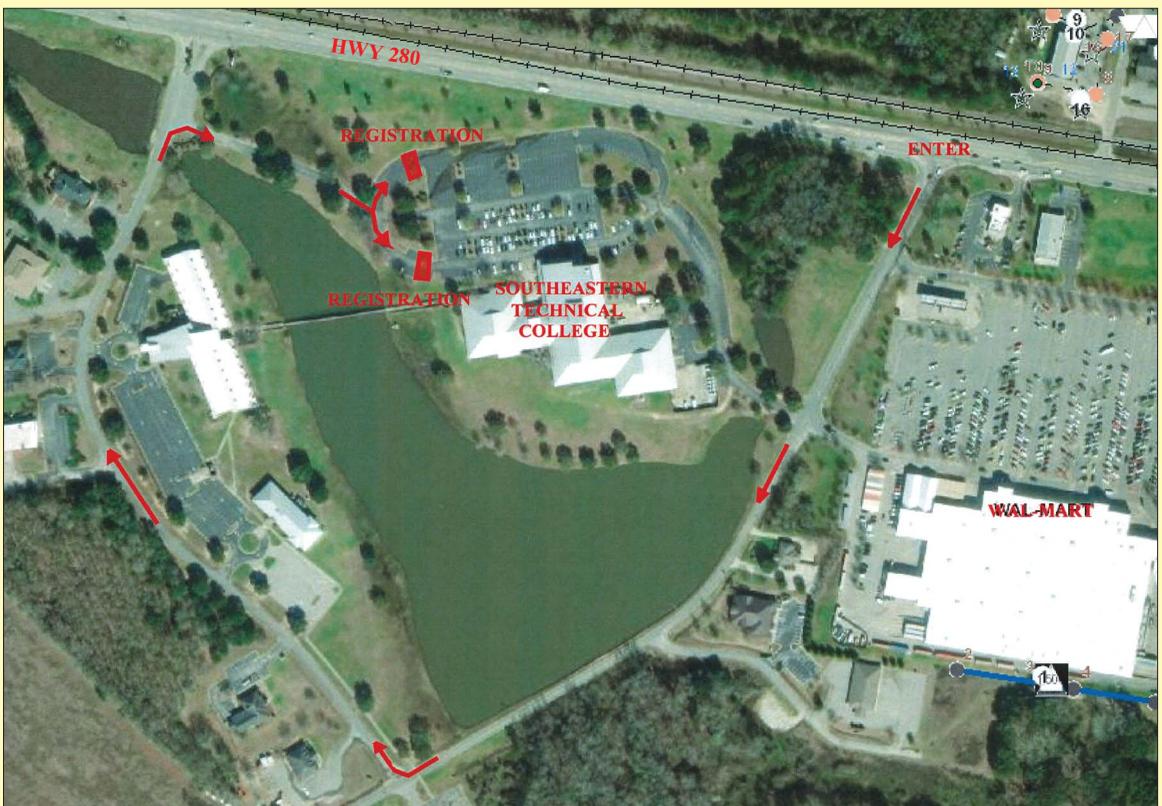
## Annual Meeting - New Format

Altamaha EMC will hold our 2020 annual meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia, but in a completely different format. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will practice social distancing guidelines and limit person-to-person contact by using a “drive-through” format for this year’s meeting.

Members will enter the access route using Pete Phillips Drive (between Walmart and Southeastern Technical College). Employees will direct traffic to the registration area. Members will remain in their vehicles for the entire meeting.

During the registration process, members will receive the ever-popular bucket of goodies and snacks and cast their votes to approve the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting and for election of directors. Music and information will be broadcast over a designated radio station in advance of the business meeting. The business meeting will begin at 2:30 pm and will be broadcast over the designated radio station.

While the 2020 annual meeting format will be a first for all of us, concern for the health and safety of our members and employees is our utmost priority. More details regarding the annual meeting will be mailed to our members closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you (at a distance) on November 4, 2020.



# Use Caution When Utilizing Remote Pay Outlets

To save time, many people are now taking advantage of various pay outlets that allow them to pay several bills like cable, telephone, water and electricity at one location. These pay outlets are located in places like Walmart, Kroger and convenience stores. Be aware these outlets are not directly affiliated with the companies where the payments are being sent and they charge a fee for their services.

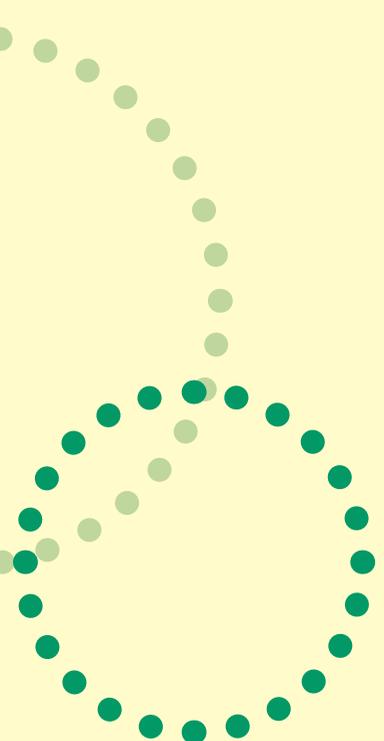
The outlets collect the appropriate information like account numbers and account balances and then forward that information, along with the payment, to places such as Checkfree. Checkfree processes the payment and distributes the funds to the businesses the customer has designated. A payment distribution sheet is then emailed to the companies, like Altamaha EMC, along with the name, account number and payment amount to be credited.

Once Altamaha EMC receives the payment distribution sheet, it is given to our billing department and payments are posted the same day the sheet is received. While this practice seems convenient, Altamaha EMC urges our members to use extreme caution when using these pay outlets. Problems arise when members assume the bill is paid as soon as the transaction takes place at a pay outlet. This is NOT the case. ***Payments made at pay outlets can take three to five business days to reach Altamaha EMC.*** Unfortunately, this can result in late fees or – even worse – interruption of service.

**Altamaha EMC members have several payment options available that allow payments to post immediately:** mobile app, automatic draft, online bill pay, phone payments using our automated system, and payment kiosks at all of our office locations. *For added convenience, the drive-in window at our Lyons office is open 24/7.*

If a member still wishes to utilize the services of remote pay outlets, they should allow at least five business days for the payment to post to their account.

Please call our office at 912-526-8181 for more information on our payment options.





# ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR HUNTERS

This hunting season, we encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment and take necessary precautions while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.



**Take notice** of posted warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.

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**Do not** shoot at or near power lines or insulators.

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**Know** where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.

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**Be especially careful** in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.

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**Do not** place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.

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**Do not** place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Any non-electrical equipment attached to a pole can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our line crews.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

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Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

*Source: energy.gov*



# Annual Meeting Information and Director Election Process

*Altamaha EMC will hold its 2020 annual meeting at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia, Georgia, on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Official notice of the time, date and place will be provided to each member in advance of the meeting. Director elections will be held at the annual meeting for District 1, comprised of the cooperative's service territory within Toombs and Tattnall Counties, District 3 comprised of the cooperative's service territory within Montgomery County and District 4 comprised of the cooperative's service territory within Emanuel County. The following is a summary of the provisions of the cooperative's bylaws pertaining to the process for election of directors:*

## **Section 3.03 Qualifications of Directors.**

Qualifications to become or remain a nominee or a director of the cooperative: Must be eighteen (18) years old or older on the date of election. Must be a member and bona fide resident of the district represented and receive service from the cooperative at his or her primary residence. May not, within five (5) years prior to the election, have been an employee of the cooperative. May not be a close relative of any person who is an employee or director of the cooperative. May not be employed by or hold a financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative. May not be the incumbent of or candidate for a salaried elective public office. May not have been convicted of a felony.

## **Section 3.04 Nominations by Nominating Committee.**

The Board of Directors appoints a nominating committee comprised of independent members of the cooperative. The nominating committee meets not less than sixty five (65) days prior to the annual meeting and nominates one or more candidates for the directorships that are to be filled at the annual meeting. Written notice of the names of the members of the committee and the meeting date for the committee will be provided to the members prior to their meeting and shall be posted at the cooperative's headquarters.

## **Section 3.05 Nominations by petition.**

Other nominations for director elections may be made by written petition signed by not less than one hundred (100) members which shall be submitted to the Secretary of the cooperative or his nominee not less than forty five (45) days prior to such meeting.

## **Section 3.06 Posting of the notice of nominees.**

The Secretary shall be responsible for posting at the headquarters of the Cooperative the nominees for the election made by the nominating committee and by petition and if feasible, shall include same in the notice to the members for the meeting at which the election is to be held.

## **Section 3.07 Restrictions on Other Nominations.**

Except in the event that all candidates nominated by the nominating committee and petition are deceased, or withdrawn in writing from candidacy prior to the election, no other nominations shall be in order.

## **Section 3.08 Election procedures.**

Directors shall be elected by a plurality vote of those members from the applicable voting district, or those authorized to vote for them pursuant to Section 2.05 of these bylaws as set out below, at the meeting in which the election is to be held. Should two or more candidates tie for the highest vote, then run-off ballots shall be taken among them.

## **Section 2.05 Representation of Members.**

Unless it is made to appear otherwise by writing executed by the member and filed with the Secretary or his designate prior to a meeting of the members, a person eighteen (18) years of age or older residing in the primary residential abode of the member, who presents himself or herself to the Secretary, or his designated registrar(s), prior to a meeting of the members, as a representative of such member, shall be deemed to act and vote for the member he purports to represent and in as full and ample manner as if the member had been present and personally acting at the meeting. The presence of the member purported to be represented by such person shall, however, revoke the authority hereby created and only the member shall be entitled to act and vote at such meeting. Except as is expressly provided for herein, no other person shall have the authority to represent, act or vote for any member at a meeting of the members.

## **Section 2.07 Credentials and Election Committee.**

Section 2.07 of the bylaws provides for a committee of not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) independent members to oversee the nominating, registration and election processes and to resolve disputes relating to same.

**2020 Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet at the headquarters office in Lyons on Thursday, August 20, 2020. This committee consists of the following members: Chris Hopkins, Melvin McBride, Barry McDonald, Dustin Carter, Harold Ricks and Billy G. Holder.



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# Member RECIPES

## Lemon Lush

### First Layer:

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 cups pecans, chopped  
1/2 cup margarine, softened  
1 tablespoon sugar

Combine all ingredients. Press mixture into an 11x13 baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Cool.

### Second Layer:

1 (8-oz) package cream cheese  
1 cup frozen whipped topping  
1 cup confectioners' sugar

Using a mixer, blend all ingredients. Spread evenly over baked crust.

### Third Layer:

2 (3.5-oz) pkgs. lemon instant pudding  
3 cups milk

In a large bowl, mix pudding and milk until thickened. Pour over cream cheese layer. Cover dessert and chill overnight. When ready to serve, cut into squares.

Each month, our newsletter features recipes submitted by our members. If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with other readers in the Altamaha EMC service area, send a copy, complete with name, address and daytime phone number to: Tammye Vaughn, Altamaha EMC, P.O. Box 346, Lyons, GA 30436. Each month, a recipe will be selected for publication. The member who submitted the featured recipe will be given a \$10 credit on their next Altamaha EMC bill. Due to limited space, not all recipes received will be featured. Recipes printed in *Plugged In* are not independently tested; therefore, we must depend on the accuracy of those members who send recipes to us.