

## Serve your electric co-op as a director

### KEM's annual meeting scheduled for June 2017

It's time to consider serving as a board director for KEM Electric Cooperative.

The initial commitment is a three-year term. Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month.

At the annual meeting in June, three board positions will be elected:

- The District 4 position presently held by **Victor "Chuck" Wald**;
- The District 5 position presently held by **Dean Dewald**;
- One At Large position presently held by **Carmen Essig**.

If you would like to place your name on the ballot, pick up a petition at the KEM office.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

To learn more about the process or for information on what is required of a director, call the KEM office.

All qualified and willing candidates must complete and submit the petition by the date on the back.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:



Class B Girls BB State

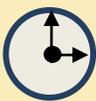
March 2, 3, 4

Class B Boys BB Regionals

March 6, 7, 9

Class B Boys BB State

March 16, 17, 18



Daylight Saving Time

March 12

St. Patrick's Day

March 17

First day of spring

March 20

KEM Board Meeting

March 28



## SPRING INTO ENERGY SAVINGS



1. **Service your air conditioner.** Easy maintenance, such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters, can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

2. **Open windows.** Opening windows creates a cross-breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

3. **Use ceiling fans.** Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.

4. **Cook outside.** On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of your oven.

5. **Let in the light.** During the day, switch off artificial lights, and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

6. **Set the thermostat.** On warm days, setting a thermostat to a higher setting (we recommend 78 degrees F) when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.

7. **Lower your water-heating costs.** Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees F).

8. **Save in the laundry room.** Washing clothes in cold water will help save energy and money. Make sure your dryer is operating at full efficiency by inspecting the dryer vent and cleaning the lint trap after every use. Or, go old-school and air dry your clothes on a line. This will help limit your laundry costs and give you a fresh, summer scent.

9. **Enjoy the great outdoors!** Turn off the TV, computer, treadmill and other winter entertainment, and get outside! Go for a walk, have a backyard party or travel to the nearest park.



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