

Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator

A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members

May 2024

Keep An Eye on Your Mailbox in July!

Annual Meeting Set for July 18

Your Registration Cards
Will Be Mailed in Envelope

This year's Annual Meeting of the Members of Snapping Shoals EMC is set for Thursday, July 18, at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. Instead of our traditional Annual Report, members will receive a letter in early July that contains their registration cards. Please bring the cards with you to the Annual Meeting. Information usually found in the Annual Report will be available online at ssemc.com in July.

Registration will be in-person only and will open at 8:30 a.m. and end promptly at 11:15 a.m. The business session will begin



Letters will be
sent instead of
Annual Reports

at 11:30 a.m. and prize drawings will be held after the business session ends. Members must be present to win prizes. The meeting will feature all of our traditional Annual Meeting festivities, including live music from The Purple Hulls, children's games and energy information booths. 4629447

Only Snapping Shoals EMC members (electric customers) are eligible to register, to participate in the election of directors and co-op business, and to win prizes. Members must be present to win prizes. For SSEM's bylaws pertaining to the Annual Meeting and Election of Directors, please visit ssemc.com.

5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

- 1. Raise your thermostat.**
The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.
- 2. Install window coverings**
like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

- 3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping** around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.
- 4. Run ceiling fans** for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.
- 5. Lower your water heater thermostat** to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



Save More with Rebates

Snapping Shoals EMC aims to help you make your home more efficient with our energy efficiency rebates. We offer rebates for HVAC/ Heat Pumps, Water Heaters, Electric Vehicles, Insulation Upgrades and Smart Thermostats.

Proof of installation is required and all items must have been purchased within 90 days to receive any rebates from SSEM. 2952703

For more details and to apply online, visit www.ssemc.com/energy-efficiency-rebates.

Funding Futures



J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships

14 winners x \$2,500 = \$35,000

Funded by SSEM's unclaimed capital credit funds, the first Snapping Shoals EMC Scholarships were created in 1993 to recognize the achievements of outstanding high school seniors throughout our area. Academic ability, financial need and other factors, such as school and community activities, are considered in the selection of recipients. In 2004, these scholarships were renamed the J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships in memory of our former manager, president and CEO J.E. "Ed" Robinson, who was at the helm of Snapping Shoals EMC from 1953 to 1995.

The **J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships** are currently worth \$2,500 each. The 2024 recipients are:

- **District 1** *Newton, Walton, Morgan and Jasper counties:* Alexaray Gale (Newton College and Career Academy), Jimmy Khaouli (Grace Christian Academy), Zoe Carter (Heritage High School), Otavia Blackshear (Alcovy High School)
- **District 2** *Rockdale County:* Jacqueline Cruz (Heritage High School), Camila Moreno (Rockdale Magnet School), Alyssa Garnett (Heritage High School), Alina Batiste (Rockdale High School) 4634930
- **District 3** *DeKalb County:* Janaiyah Brown (Woodland High School), Taylor Hawthorn (DeKalb School of the Arts),
- **District 4** *Henry and Butts counties:* Julie Freund (Woodland High School), Vernon Warren II (Woodland High School), Elijah Johns (Ola High School), Olivia Summey (Ola High School)

Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships

6 winners x \$2,500 = \$15,000

The Snapping Shoals EMC All-Around Student Scholarships were created in 2007 to recognize the high school students in our community who are able to balance involvement in extracurricular activities while maintaining an excellent academic record. Involvement in school and community activities is the primary consideration, but academic ability and financial need are also judging factors. The scholarships were renamed the Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships in 2021 in honor of former CEO Brad Thomas, who served as the leader of SSEM for more than 10 years.

The **Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships** are currently worth \$2,500 each. The 2024 recipients are: Noah Buchanan (Rockdale Magnet School), Abigail Buchanan (Rockdale Magnet School), Jessica Rhee (Rockdale Magnet School), Hannah Koroma (Eagles Landing High School), Lila Salmons (Ola High School), Kennedi Leary (Newton High School), Witherly Exantus (Ola High School), Joy Sherman (Arabia Mountain High School). 1450261

Power Theft Affects Everyone

While honest Snapping Shoals members pay their monthly utility bills, some are receiving their electricity for free. How? They're stealing it, and you're picking up the tab! Every year, billions of dollars in electricity are stolen from utilities across the country. Unfortunately, losses from energy theft are passed on to members; therefore, it is essential that you call our anonymous tip line at **678-729-8095** to report anyone you know or suspect is tampering with a meter or stealing power. 4656212

Signs of meter tampering include cut, missing or tampered meter seals, a damaged meter and wires or foreign objects around the meter base. Tapping into neighborhood security lights is also stealing.

When you report suspicious activity, you are helping reduce costs to you, and you could also save someone's life because tampering with utility equipment can result in severe injury or death.



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24-Hour Phone Number
770-786-3484

Report an outage:
Use the mySSEM app
or call 678-814-4961

Pay your bill or check your account balance:
Call 1-855-916-2970 or
use the mySSEM app

Report power theft:
Call our anonymous tip line
at 678-729-8095

Call before you dig:
Call Utilities Protection Center
of Georgia at 811 or visit
www.georgia811.com

OFFICE LOCATIONS
14750 Brown Bridge Road
Covington, GA 30016

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Ellenwood, GA 30294

*24-hour payment kiosks
are located at each of our offices*

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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and win a \$50 credit!**

If your Snapping Shoals EMC account number is hidden in this issue of The Illuminator, call us at 770-786-3484 within the next month and you could win a \$50 credit on your bill.

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