



# SALT RIVER ELECTRIC

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## Springing into safety

# Salt River News

A monthly publication for the 55,321 members of the Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation, serving Bullitt, Nelson, Spencer, and Washington County, plus portions of six surrounding counties, since 1937.

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## On Our Cover

With spring weather on the way, it's a good time to go over severe weather risks, as President/CEO Tim Sharp explains in his monthly column. Pictured on our cover is Salt River Training Safety Coordinator DeWayne Thomas demonstrating that power lines and tree limbs don't mix. Photo: Zach Epperson

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tim Sharp, President & CEO



## Marching into spring

### The change in seasons is a safety reminder

Over the years, there have been all kinds of interesting sayings relating to springtime weather.

Most of the time, these weather proverbs have been passed down, no doubt printed in all kinds of weather almanacs that farmers used. I've heard the saying, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb," and "a dry March and a wet May; fill barns and bays with corn and hay." No matter what you've heard, March is all about change. Here at Salt River Electric, the changing of seasons signals a good time to go over the risks of severe weather.

With gusty winds ahead, now is a good time to inspect your property for dead trees or overhanging branches near structures and to check for loose roofing materials. Please contact Salt River if you notice any tree limbs in contact with power lines, and please do not attempt to clear them yourself. As you can see from our cover, tree limbs and power lines don't mix.

Additionally, take note when Kentucky officials share news this month of Severe Weather Awareness Week and watch and listen for a statewide tornado drill. Across Kentucky, outdoor warning sirens will sound, weather alert radios will activate and television and radio stations will broadcast the alert, along with mobile devices.



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We know all too well in Kentucky that natural disasters can strike regardless of the month. Safety remains the top priority here at Salt River Electric and we aim to extend our safety culture to our entire co-op family, from our line technicians to the members on the last mile.

We are always willing to share the importance of safety with others. If your service organization, church group or school is interested in a member of our team bringing that safety message to you, feel free to reach out. You can find more safety tips on page 42 of this issue of *Kentucky Living*.

Springtime weather can sometimes cause a little madness for electric cooperatives. Let's hope the only madness we see this March is on the basketball court.

# Scholarships now available to high school seniors, eligible college students

Don't forget: scholarship applications for the 2023 Salt River Electric Scholarship Program are now open for eligible students.

Two high school students from each Salt River Electric district can apply to receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. One scholarship will go to a graduating senior planning to attend a traditional college or university, and one to a graduating senior planning to pursue a career through a trade or vocational program at an accredited school.

Also new this year is the Larry Hicks Memorial Scholarship.

Named in honor of Salt River's former president/CEO, this one-time \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current college student from our service area who is actively pursuing a degree in accounting or finance at an accredited college or university. A completed essay is required for this special scholarship.

Applications for both scholarships can be found on our website, [srelectric.com](http://srelectric.com), or at any of our four office locations. Applications must be turned in to Diana Edwards at our main office in Bardstown by Friday, April 14. Scholarship



recipients will be announced during the annual business meeting in June. More information can be found on our website.

## Spring clean to save energy dollars

March is spring cleaning time here in Kentucky. Shaking off winter dust and giving your home a thorough scrubbing can do more than tidy a home. It can also put some money in your pocket.

Tackle these chores to refresh your home and save energy, too.

### ■ Check windows and doors

While cleaning, look for small cracks or holes. Seal and caulk around frames to ensure heating and cooling from your heat pump, furnace or air conditioner is not wasted. TIP: If you have a sliding door, clean the track. Dirt and grit in the track can ruin the door's seal and create gaps where air can escape.

### ■ Be a dust buster

Dust buildup prevents electronics and motors from running at top efficiency. Wipe off computers, televisions, electronics and lightbulbs. TIP: Replace outdated lightbulbs



with LEDs, which use up to 90% less energy.

### ■ Don't forget the fans

Get better performance by cleaning dust and grease from the kitchen stove hood and exhaust fan. Clean bathroom ceiling fan covers and

fan blades. TIP: Switch ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise so that they push cool air down, allowing you to change your thermostat to a higher or lower setting to use less energy.

### ■ Freshen the fridge

Along with clearing out old food and wiping shelves, vacuum under and behind the refrigerator. Make sure the door seal is clean and tight to prevent air leakage.

### ■ Clear the vents

Take a look at any accessible exterior vents for clothes dryer, heating system, water heater, kitchen fan exhaust or bath fan exhaust. Clear them of any dust, webs, leaves and lint.

Small steps like these can make a big difference in your home's energy consumption—helping you save both electricity and money. Find more energy efficiency tips at [togetherwesaveky.com](http://togetherwesaveky.com).



# Salt River Electric partners with HomeServe

## Members offered optional, affordable home repair protection plans

Many homeowners aren't aware that the electrical lines on their property and some of the internal electrical components are their responsibility. If a breakdown to these systems occurs, it is up to you to find a technician and pay the repair costs. As a homeowner, you don't trust just anyone to make repairs to the systems in your home. That is why Salt River Electric has partnered with HomeServe\* to offer optional repair plans to our members.

HomeServe is a leader in home repair solutions, with more than 4.6 million homeowners trusting them to help protect systems in one of their most valuable investments: their homes.

With a home repair plan from HomeServe, you have the peace of mind that if a covered repair to one of these components in

and around your home is needed, HomeServe will be there to help.

### Why trust HomeServe?

HomeServe is one of the largest home repair companies in the U.S. They arrange a repair every 49 seconds and help homeowners with the expense and inconvenience of water, sewer, electrical, and HVAC home emergencies by offering affordable coverage and sending prompt, reliable service contractors that are based in your community.

### How you can get started with a repair plan

HomeServe can help you feel confident that your finances are protected from the cost of repairing or replacing the essential systems in your home covered on your plan. Plans subject to

eligibility requirements, exclusions, waiting period and terms and conditions. Visit [www.PlansSaltRiver.com](http://www.PlansSaltRiver.com) to learn more about home repair protection plans available in your area.

*\*Disclosure: HomeServe USA Repair Management Corp. ("HomeServe"), with corporate offices located at 601 Merritt 7, 6th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851, is an independent company separate from Salt River Electric and offers this optional service plan as an authorized representative of the service contract provider, North American Warranty, Inc., 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. Your choice of whether to participate in this service plan will not affect the price, availability or terms of service from Salt River Electric.*

### Important Information for Salt River Electric Members:

## Get peace of mind against emergency home repair costs

Salt River Electric has partnered with HomeServe to offer members like you *optional* coverage to help protect against the costs of unexpected breakdowns.

See why over **4.6 million customers** trust HomeServe. Explore plans now.



Scan this code or visit [www.srelectric.com](http://www.srelectric.com) to learn more about plans available in your area.



Partnering with HomeServe

# Excerpt of Salt River Electric bylaws

*Printed here are a portion of the Salt River Electric bylaws pertaining to the annual meeting of the members, the Board of Directors elections, and election voting.*

## ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

**SECTION 3:01 Annual Meeting.** An Annual Meeting of the members shall be held each year, in Nelson County, Kentucky, or at such other place as may be specified in the notice thereof, for the purpose of passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as properly and with due notice may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to set the date of the Annual Meeting each year and to make adequate plans and preparations for it, including a determination of the arrangements and content of the agenda. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting at a designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

**SECTION 3:02 Special Meetings.** Special Meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board, or upon a written request by any three board members, by the Chairman of the Board, or by ten percent or more of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Nelson, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and shall be specified in the notice of the special meeting.

**SECTION 3:03 Notice of Members' Meeting.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an Annual Meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting, either by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. Any such notice delivered by mail may be included with member service billings or as an integral part of or with the Cooperative's monthly newsletter and/or its monthly insert in Kentucky Living. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at the address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The

failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or specified meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting, unless a greater number is required by law or the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

**SECTION 3:04 Quorum.** Not less than seventy-five (75) members present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members.

### SECTION 3:05 Voting.

- (a) Each member shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. All questions at such meetings shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by proxy except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.
- (b) All voting for nominees or candidates for the office of director shall be exclusively by ballot personally marked by an eligible member and in compliance with the Bylaws.
- (c) Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative, prior to any vote, or upon registration at each member meeting, of satisfactory evidence entitling the person(s) presenting the same to vote.

**SECTION 3:06 Agenda.** The Agenda for the meeting of the members shall be with full disclosure to the membership, so as to inform the membership in the Notice of the Meeting, of the nature of all business to be considered. To achieve the same, no proposal shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting unless it has been placed on the agenda at least forty (40) days prior to such meeting. Any legitimate proposal may be submitted for inclusion on the agenda by the members. Said proposal(s) must be in writing and signed by at least seventy-five (75) members in good standing, and a copy of the proposal must be filed with the Secretary within the time allowed, with a request that it be submitted to the Annual Meeting for consideration. Any item submitted by a member or members, to

be placed on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting, must be clearly stated and easily understood. Nothing in this section, or any other section of the Bylaws, shall be construed as diminishing the authority or duty of the Board of Directors to determine items to be submitted to vote of the members at any meeting of the members and/or the arrangement and content of the agenda.

**SECTION 3:07 Order of Business.** The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the members and, so far as possible, at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

- (a) Report on the number of members present, in person or by proxy, in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
- (b) Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
- (c) Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
- (d) Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees.
- (e) Report on election of Directors.
- (f) Unfinished Business.
- (g) New Business.
- (h) Adjournment.

**SECTION 3:08. Proxies.** At any meeting of the members or any adjournment thereof, any member may vote by proxy, but only if such proxy is:

- (a) registered with the Secretary or his duly designated registrar before or at the time of the meeting or any adjournment thereof,
- (b) executed by the member in writing and designates the holder thereof, which holder shall be the member's spouse, an adult close relative (18

years or older) residing in the same household as the member, or another member who is a natural person, and

- (c) specifies the particular meeting and/or any adjournment thereof at which it is to be voted and is dated not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of such meeting or any adjournment thereof:

PROVIDED, that any mailed proxies not otherwise dated shall be deemed dated as postmarked if postmark is satisfactorily evidenced; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that any proxy valid at any meeting shall be valid at any adjournment thereof, unless the proxy itself specifies otherwise or is subsequently revoked by another proxy or by the presence in person of the member at such adjournment.

A proxy may be unlimited as to the matters on which it may be voted or it may be restricted. A proxy containing no restriction shall be deemed to be unlimited. In the event a member executes two or more proxies for the same meeting or for any adjournment thereof, the most recently dated proxy shall revoke all others. If the said proxies carry the same date and are held by different persons, none of them will be valid or recognized. The presence in person of a member at a meeting or any adjournment thereof shall revoke any proxy theretofore executed by the member for such meeting or for such adjournment thereof, as the case may be, and the member shall be entitled to vote in the same manner and with the same effect as if the member had not executed a proxy. No member may vote as proxy for more than three members at any meeting of the members. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever a member is absent from a meeting of the members but whose spouse attends such meeting, such spouse shall be deemed to hold, and may exercise and vote, the proxy of such member to the same extent that such member could vote if present in person, unless such member has given a written proxy to some other person eligible to vote such proxy.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION 4:01 General Powers.** The business affairs of the Cooperative shall be directed by a board of six (6) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the

Cooperative except such as are by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, conferred upon or reserved to the members. Each director shall reside in the district which he or she is to represent and be elected by the members residing in that district. Vacancies for an unexpired portion of a term may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining board members. Said appointee shall serve for the unexpired portion.

**SECTION 4:02 Districts.** The Cooperative is divided into four (4) districts as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. Districts 1 and 2 shall each have two (2) directors, and Districts 3 and 4 shall each have one (1) director. The four districts shall be as follows:

District No. 1 — Embraces all members residing in Nelson County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Nelson County.

District No. 2 — Embraces all members residing in Bullitt County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Bullitt County.

District No. 3 — Embraces all members residing in Spencer County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Spencer County.

District No. 4 — Embraces all members residing in Washington County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Washington County.

**SECTION 4:03 Tenure of Office.** The regular tenure of office for each director shall be four (4) years or until a successor is elected and qualified. Terms of directors shall rotate so that two (2) directors are chosen at three (3) of each four (4) annual meetings.

**SECTION 4:04 Eligibility.** A person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) is a member in good standing and whose bona fide residence is in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative and the district which he or she is to represent; and who has been a bona fide resident of said district for a period of two (2) years prior to the date of the annual meeting at which he or she stands for election;
- (b) is not in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business, selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative; or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative;
- (c) is not a full-time employee of Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation; and has not been a full-time employee for a period of three (3) years prior to the date of the annual meeting;
- (d) is not an employee, representative, or official of any organization that represents the employees of the cooperative;
- (e) is not an immediate relative of any full-time employee of Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation within a period of three (3) years prior to the date of the annual meeting. An immediate relative shall be defined as parents, spouse, children, brothers, sisters, grandmothers and grandfathers.

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4:05 Nomination and Election of Directors.** The procedures for nominating and election of Directors shall be regulated by Board Policy. Said policy shall provide for Nominating Committees, Nominating Petitions, Write-In Candidates, and Election Commission of not less than three (3) members, the election process, balloting, the counting of ballots, etc. Said policy cannot be altered or modified within the ninety (90) days immediately preceding the annual meeting.

*Note: A complete copy of these bylaws can be picked up by a member at any of our Salt River Electric offices.*





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Complete a no-cost online analysis of your home today. We can help to identify opportunities to save on your energy bills. Your personalized energy report allows you to budget home expenses and make informed decisions when it comes to buying energy-efficient appliances.

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# Salt River Electric Offices

## Nelson County

111 West Brashear Ave, Bardstown  
M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., (502) 348-3931

## Bullitt County

6260 Hwy 44 E, Shepherdsville  
M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; (502) 543-3083

## Spencer County

127 Settlers Center Road, Taylorsville  
M–F, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–4 p.m.;  
(502) 477-5133

## Washington County

805 Bardstown Road, Springfield  
M–F, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–4 p.m.,  
(859) 336-5080

