

BARC News



CEO Mike Keyser

Keyser's Corner

BARC remains committed to the community in the new year

Happy New Year BARC members! 2019 is absolutely going to be a great year. I am very excited about some new programs we will be launching in the coming months, as well as continued expansion of our fiber network to get more members connected to high-speed internet.

Above all else, we remain committed to our six core values in providing you with an unparalleled customer experience. From the bottom-up, every employee is committed to living the values that make us one of the top cooperatives in the commonwealth. Those values are:

- Integrity** — always do the right thing;
- Excellence** — excellence in everything we do;
- Member-driven** — service is who we are;
- Dependable** — you can count on me;

Respectful — treat others the way you want to be treated; and

Innovative — seek a better way.

In 2019, we will make every effort to:

1. Find efficiencies in operating the Cooperative while still delivering world-class customer service and reliable power for our members.
2. Continue to break new ground in areas to best support and serve our members, including energy efficiency, distributed renewable energy programs, and broadband services.
3. Commit that investments the Cooperative makes in technology delivers the maximum returns in both efficiencies and cost savings.
4. Maintain frequent and meaningful communications with our members

through a variety of media for outreach.

5. Return as much patronage back to our members as possible.
6. Continue our focus on strategic planning to best position the Cooperative for changes in our industry.

Today, BARC is engaged in the community in so many important ways — supporting our local school districts, hosting students at our solar learning center, delivering high-speed Internet access, and offering new and innovative solar programs are just a few that come to mind. We are as integral to the community we serve as when we first started providing power in 1939. I could not be more excited for the year to come and cannot wait to announce what we have in store! Onward to 2019!

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Distribution Rate Adjustment to Take Effect Jan. 1, 2019

BARC Electric Cooperative strives for service excellence in its effort to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to its members. To that end, the cooperative has only made three distribution rate adjustments in the past 18 years.

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, BARC will implement a small distribution rate adjustment. This is to cover cost increases in distribution service from BARC's substations to customers' homes. This equates to a 2 percent overall adjustment in customers' electric bills.

2019 Right-of-Way Trimming Information

BARC Electric Cooperative is contracting with Asplundh, as well as using our in-house labor force, to trim power line rights-of-way (ROW) throughout Rockbridge County in 2019. In addition to trimming, BARC will be applying herbicide in Bath, Highland, Alleghany and Rockbridge counties. A general description and approximate schedule of impacted areas is below:

Trimming and Clearing (Rockbridge County):

First quarter 2019: BARC crews will conduct activity in the Irish Creek and South River areas. Asplundh will conduct activity in the Kerr's Creek area to North Mountain along the old Route 60 corridor. Asplundh will then move to Walker's Creek.

Second quarter 2019: BARC crews will move north towards Raphine. From there, crews will work south from Cornwall towards Lexington. Asplundh will finish Walker's Creek and are currently scheduled to move on to the Effinger area.

Third quarter 2019: BARC crews will finish the South River area as well as Route 56 out of Vesuvius. Asplundh will continue trimming work on the BARC Effinger Stations, most likely along the

Buffalos circuit. This will include both North and South Buffalo.

Fourth quarter 2019: Both BARC and Asplundh crews will be moved to accommodate the construction of the fiber circuits and where necessary to clean up the oldest growth in Rockbridge County.

Herbicide Application (Bath, Alleghany, Highland & Rockbridge counties):

All herbicide will be applied by BARC personnel. Crews will begin herbicide applications in Bath County along the Route 220 corridor from Hot Springs to Falling Springs. Once this area is complete, crews will move to the Millboro area, (which is a very large area), and work from the station on Indian Draft to the end of each circuit.

Once work is complete in Bath County, crews will move to Highland County and attempt to do all of BARC's ROW in Highland.

Lastly, crews will move to Rockbridge County and apply herbicide on areas cut in 2018.

NOTE: A letter will be sent to each individual BARC member a month or two in advance of herbicide application with contact information for the ROW supervisors.


Right-of-way trimming is essential to keeping the lights on and reducing momentary power interruptions (blinks). A representative of BARC or Asplundh will attempt to make contact with each landowner onsite. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BARC at 1-800-846-2272. To learn more about BARC's right-of-way maintenance program you can go to barcelectric.com and click the "Right-of-Way Program" under the "Services" drop-down menu.



BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

- WATER**
Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.
- TOOLS**
Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.
- FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS**
First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

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Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency



Tina Glenn

TINA's Tastings

January's recipe courtesy of BARC member, Donna Cross.

LEMON ECLAIR CAKE

- 1 (14.4-oz.) box graham crackers
- 2 (3.4-oz.) boxes instant lemon pudding mix
- 3½ cups milk
- 1 (8-oz.) container Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 (16-oz.) can lemon frosting

Spray the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with one-third of the whole graham crackers. In a bowl with an electric mixer, blend pudding mix with milk; beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Pour half the pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Place another layer of whole graham crackers on top of pudding layer. Pour over remaining half of pudding mixture and cover with another layer of graham crackers. Heat the container of prepared frosting uncovered in the microwave for 30 to 40 seconds. Pour over the top of cake. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours before serving.

We would love to share your recipes in Cooperative Living! Send your favorite recipe to Tina Glenn, P.O. Box 264, Millboro, VA 24064.