

# BARC News



## Safety Tips for Before, During and After the Storm

**S**torm season seems to start earlier each year and recent storms have become noticeably stronger creating lots of damage. Our region has even seen tornadoes in recent weeks, which has not been common historically. Tornadoes can happen anytime, anywhere, and can bring winds over 200 miles per hour, and leave destruction in their wake.

It is important for adults, teens and children to understand the importance of storm safety, and the dangers storms pose. That's why it's so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are several tips you can share with your loved ones to ensure there is a storm safety protocol and knowledge on what to do in the event of a severe storm.

### BEFORE THE STORM – BE PREPARED!

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter,

like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: When you hear thunder roar, head indoors.

- Make a storm kit. It doesn't have to be elaborate — having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, nonperishable foods, a manual can opener, a first-aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

### DURING THE STORM – STAY SAFE!

- Pay attention to local weather alerts either on the TV, your smartphone or weather radio and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area and it's time to take action.

- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.

- If you're driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try

to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

### AFTER THE STORM

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.

- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.

- Wear appropriate gear if you're cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.

Summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.

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**Practice Storm Safety**

- Have a plan in place and make a storm kit.
- Listen to local alerts and know where to shelter.
- Stay off the roads if trees and power lines are down.

# BARC Annual Meeting Announcement

As we announced in the June 2022 *Cooperative Living* Magazine, BARC will hold its 2022 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 2 p.m. The meeting will take place at Millboro Elementary School located at 411 Church Street, Millboro, Va., in the cafeteria.

**If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may return a signed proxy, found on the back cover of June's *Cooperative Living* magazine.** Members returning a signed proxy prior to the meeting will be eligible to participate in a prize drawing for \$150 in free electricity.

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, a district meeting was held in District 5. On Monday, May 23, 2022, a district meeting was held in District 1. The purpose of these meetings was to select nominees to serve on the board of directors for a period of three years.

Listed below are the names of the nominees from their respective districts whose names will appear on the official ballot. Members may make additional nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

District 1 – C. Michael Sandridge

District 5 – Gary Johnson

## Bylaws Pertaining to Election of Directors

**Article IV, Section 4.5: Director Elections.** Not less than seven days before an Annual Member Meeting or a Special Member Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall be responsible for mailing to each Member a list of the candidates selected at all District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. This list may be included with the notice of the meeting. At the meeting the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of the official candidates of each district.

Additional nominations for Director for a particular district may be made from the floor. Election of the Directors shall be by printed or mimeographed ballot. The ballots shall list the candidates selected at the District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. A candidate nominated from the floor of the meeting may be voted for by writing in the name of the official candidate of the particular district. Each Member of the Cooperative present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as Director.

**Article IV, Section 4.6: Director Terms.** A Director's term is three (3) years ("Director Term"). The Cooperative shall stagger Director Terms by dividing the total number of authorized Directors into groups of approximately equal number and members will annually elect an approximately equal number of Directors. Decreasing the number of Directors or length of Director Terms may not shorten an incumbent Director's Director Term. Despite the expiration of a Director Term, the Director continues to serve until a new Director is elected, or until the number of Directors is decreased. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Director Term of a Director filling a vacant Director's position is the remaining unexpired Director Term of the vacant Director's position.



**BARC's offices will be closed Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. If you should experience a power outage or broadband outage, we will have staff available to respond. Outages can be reported by contacting our afterhours number: 800-846-2272.

BARC wishes everyone a safe and happy July 4th holiday!

## Consolidated Statement of Operations – BARC Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries

### ASSETS

#### Plant

Utility plant	\$ 144,946,506
Less accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization.....	(33,204,366)
	111,742,140
Other property and investments	
Nonutility property, net.....	6,484,562
Investments in associated organizations.....	10,320,329
	\$16,804,891

#### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,923,651
Accounts receivable, net.....	4,855,163
Current portion of notes receivable.....	130,427
Materials and supplies.....	3,067,677
Other current assets.....	315,342
	\$10,292,260

#### Noncurrent Assets

Notes receivable	\$1,816,453
Deferred charges and regulatory assets.....	819,082
Deferred income taxes.....	463,224
	3,098,759
	\$141,938,050

### EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

#### Equities

Patronage capital	\$32,627,907
Other equities.....	2,103,792
Memberships.....	48,968
	34,780,667
Long-term Debt.....	64,232,445
Long-term Line of Credit.....	28,444,000

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$6,532,951
Other current and accrued liabilities.....	2,152,608
Current portion of long-term debt.....	4,044,579
Lines of credit.....	556,000
Consumer deposits.....	1,043,237
	14,329,375
Deferred Credits and Regulatory Liabilities	151,563
	\$141,938,050

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2021

## Consolidated Balance Sheets – BARC Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries

Operating revenues.....	\$29,050,535
<b>Operating expenses</b>	
Cost of power.....	11,153,259
Cost of sales.....	1,471,845
Transmission.....	37,906
Distribution - operation.....	1,692,819
Distribution - maintenance.....	2,168,966
Consumer accounts.....	132,495
Customer service and informational.....	55,347
Administrative and general.....	3,489,060
Depreciation and amortization.....	3,962,296
Interest on long-term debt.....	1,757,290
Other.....	445,372
	\$26,366,655

Operating Margins Before Patronage Allocations 2,683,880

#### Patronage allocations

Generation and transmission	206,381
Other	91,056
	297,437
	2,981,317

#### Net Operating Margins

Nonoperating income (expense)	
Gain on sale of assets, net	91,715
Interest and dividend income	85,093
Other	11,935
Income taxes - deferred	(35,000)
	153,743
Net Margins	\$3,135,060

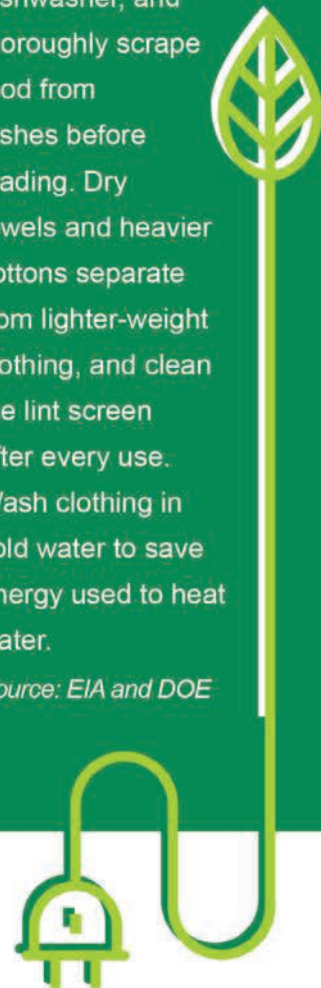
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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home? Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances.

Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.

Source: EIA and DOE





# 2022 Bath County Art Show July 16 - 24, 2022



Valley Elementary School  
98 Panther Drive  
Hot Springs, VA 24445

The Bath County Arts Association is holding its 57th Art Show Saturday, July 16 through Sunday, July 24. This annual event allows more than 200 regional artists working in oil, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, mixed media and photography, as well as sculptural forms to display and sell their one-of-a-kind artwork. Proceeds from this annual event support scholarships, grants, arts education, music and much more in Bath County.

The Bath County Arts Association is a nonprofit organization committed to the presence of the arts in Bath County. This membership organization was founded in 1965 by local residents dedicated to sponsoring programs, awarding scholarships and supplementing arts education in Bath County schools.

Membership is open to the association, and the annual art show attracts visitors from up and down the east coast. You can learn more about the work of the BCAA on their website, [bathcountyarts.org](http://bathcountyarts.org).



BARC Electric Cooperative has subscriber **openings** with our **Community Solar!** Through our **SolarizeBARC** program enjoy the benefits of solar without financial or physical barriers. . .

Contact BARC Electric Customer Service:  
**800-846-2272**

## HOW COMMUNITY SOLAR WORKS

- The monthly subscription rate is \$4.95 per block of solar energy.
- The \$4.95/block rate is fixed for 20 years, provided that you continuously remain a subscriber.
- Community solar energy replaces the "grid power" that BARC would have purchased at its substation for your behalf.
- **Customers can subscribe in blocks of solar energy produced from the project. We limit subscriptions to 25% of a customer's average monthly energy consumption.**



Learn more: [www.solarizebarc.com](http://www.solarizebarc.com)

# BARC Electric Implements New Customer Portal

BARC has been collaborating with its partner Meridian Cooperative to update the Customer Portal that electric members can access from our website, [barcelectric.com](http://barcelectric.com). We have given the site a facelift and performed updates making access to electric account information and payments easier for our electric consumers.

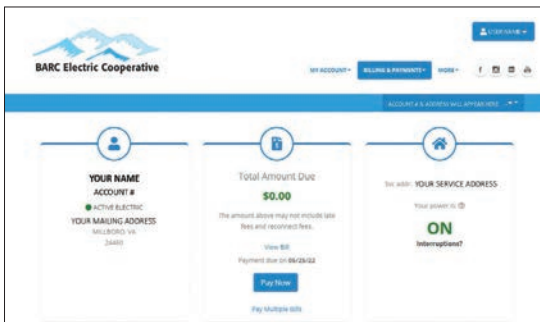
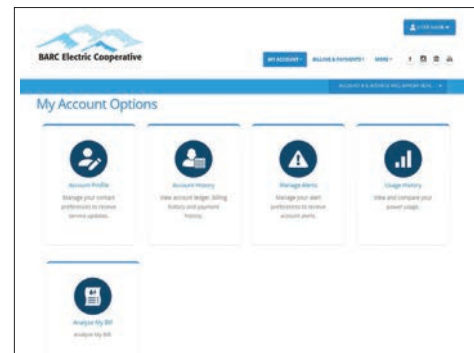
When you login into the portal from our web page, you will now see a new home screen:



Electric customers can access their account information using existing login and password or create a new account to access information. You have two options when logging in to the portal; you can use your full account number and password to log into the portal or create a user ID along with your password to log in.

Once logged in, electric customers can access their account options:

- Account Profile – Manage your contact information
- Account History – Review billing and payment history
- Manage Alerts – set up notifications
- Usage History – see your electric usage
- Analyze My Bill – A quick tool to help you understand usage, peaks, and ways to be energy efficient



The Billing and Payments tab allows you to see the total amount due for the billing cycle and the payment due date.



BARC also allows electric customers to go paperless and receive billing information by email. For security purposes, your e-bill link in your email notification will direct you to log into the portal to view your bill.

If you have any questions related to the new Customer Portal, BARC's customer service team is always happy to help! You can reach out to Customer Service by calling 800-846-2272. We hope this new portal will make navigating your electric account information easier.

## INGREDIENTS

1 can blueberry pie filling  
(optional to add fresh  
blueberries)

1 package yellow cake mix  
1 stick butter



# BARC's Bites

## BLUEBERRY DUMPCAKE

## DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Empty can of blueberry pie filling (and fresh blueberries) in the bottom of a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle the cake mix over the top of the filling. Slice the butter and distribute evenly over the surface. Bake until top is brown and bubbly, approximately 45 minutes.

Enjoy with scoop of ice cream or whipped topping.

A large advertisement for BARC Connects. The central focus is a blue and white superhero dog character running to the left, wearing a blue suit with yellow accents and goggles. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. Various technology and social media icons are scattered around: a camera, Wi-Fi signal, headphones, Twitter bird, home button, Instagram, Facebook 'f', globe, envelope, and a group of people. The text 'BARC Connects. More byte.' is prominently displayed in white over a blue horizontal band. Below this, it says 'Ultra-fast high-speed Internet and telephone services over a world-class fiber-to-the-home network.' At the bottom, there is a list of benefits with checkmarks, a 'FREE MODEM' callout, and the BARC Connects logo. A blue banner at the very bottom contains the sign-up information.

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Ultra-fast high-speed Internet and telephone services over a world-class fiber-to-the-home network.

- ✓ FREE WI-FI INCLUDED
- ✓ UNLIMITED STREAMING
- ✓ WORLD-CLASS INTERNET
- ✓ BUNDLE DISCOUNTS
- ✓ CONNECT VARIOUS DEVICES
- ✓ ULTRA FAST

**FREE MODEM**  
NO COST OR RENTAL FEES

**BARC Connects**

Sign up now at [www.barconnects.net](http://www.barconnects.net) or call 800-846-2272