

## Current member information important for annual election

As we gear up for the Chugach annual meeting and election, it's important members have current information on file with Chugach in order to streamline the voting process. Please check to make sure we have a current member application with signature; your preferred mailing address; and a current email address. Chugach's election utilizes electronic voting and upon request, paper ballots.

### **One board seat open**

Voting in the annual election will begin in mid-April, with members choosing one candidate for a 4-year term on the Chugach Board of Directors. The deadline to be considered a candidate by the Nominating Committee has passed, but candidates can still run by petition. A petition candidate needs signatures from 50 Chugach members to

be considered. If you are interested in running by petition, contact Laurel Foster at [laurel\\_foster@chugachelectric.com](mailto:laurel_foster@chugachelectric.com) or call (907) 762-4509. The deadline for petition candidates is Friday, March 5.

### **Annual Meeting in May**

The Chugach annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually. More information on how to participate will be available in the coming weeks.



## CARES Act funds help members

Chugach was fortunate to receive CARES Act money from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to support members facing financial difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In late December, Chugach received \$1.19 million under the Rental & Mortgage Relief Program and used the money to help 1,549 members with delinquent balances.

The grant funds were applied to members who had signed the financial hardship forms Chugach has made available since April 2020. The relief money was applied to delinquent balances of 60+ days, first to residential customers, then small commercial, followed by some relief for large commercial. The money was restricted to members living within the boundaries of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Recognizing the financial challenges facing many Alaskans during the pandemic, Chugach is grateful to the MOA for providing the CARES Act

money and looks forward to providing further relief to members should additional dollars become available from the MOA in the future.



## COVID-19 financial hardship forms available to members

Members facing a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to fill out the hardship and deferred payment forms on our website. Signing the forms allows members to delay payment during the pandemic. Members are still responsible for paying their electric bill. Make sure you have your Chugach member number available (found on a billing statement) when you fill out the form. For assistance, you can call (907) 563-5060.

# Chugach offers electric vehicle incentive programs to members

Chugach is offering several electric vehicle (EV) related incentives to promote the use of EVs in Alaska. Individually, the incentives are intended to help the utility's members interested in owning and driving an EV and the businesses that would like to serve them. Collectively, the programs will help Chugach learn more about the trend toward transportation electrification and its impacts on the power grid. {191321265}

The incentive programs from Chugach provide bill credits for residential and commercial members who install charging equipment. Additional programs target specific types of members, like hotels and fleet owners, with reimbursements for adding EV charging stations. All are available now for Chugach members.

Another Chugach program will be available in the future once rental car companies begin offering

EVs for rent. One will help pay the cost of an extended rental for Chugach members who want to see what it is like to drive an EV. The other will help lease an EV for Chugach members who are transportation network drivers.



Chugach has multiple goals in offering the initiatives including helping members build business, reducing range anxiety for drivers, and growing beneficial load that spreads fixed costs across more unit sales. For more information on the incentive programs visit [chugachelectric.com/energy-solutions/electric-vehicles](http://chugachelectric.com/energy-solutions/electric-vehicles).

## Chugach South Campus

5601 Electron Drive  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Chugach North Campus

Drive-thru window only  
1120 East 1st Avenue  
Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Member Services Phone

(907) 563-7366  
Monday-Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## In The Community - Helping our neighbors

Chugach employees are continuing to donate time to local non-profits under the Employee Volunteer Program.

Chugach employees are given 16 hours of normal work hours each year to volunteer with community groups. Following COVID-19 pandemic protocols, employees have

recently helped out at the Salvation Army, Food Bank of Alaska, and the Children's Lunchbox.



Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like house guests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.

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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.

