

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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### Welcome ML&P customers

Chugach completes ML&P acquisition

Chugach Electric is welcoming 23,000 new members into the cooperative, as the acquisition of Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) is complete.

On Oct. 30, Chugach announced the closing of the acquisition of the municipal-owned utility, the final step in the consolidation that was approved by 65% of Anchorage voters in April 2018. The Regulatory Commission of Alaska gave conditional approval of the transaction on May 28, 2020, with conditions that were met on Aug. 20.

The combination of the two utilities is expected to lead to lower long-term rates for all utility

ratepayers with an estimated savings of over \$200 million over the next 15 years. The combined utility has approximately 92,000 members and 500 employees.

Chugach's current members can continue to do business as usual with the utility and incoming ML&P customers will be able to sign up to become a Chugach member starting Nov. 4 at www.chugachelectric.com/powering-anchoragetogether.

Chugach's locations and hours of operation as of Nov. 4 are below.

### **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.

# "How do you save energy?" photo contest winners

Thank you to our members for celebrating National Cooperative and **Energy Awareness** Month with us in October. We had a great time looking through the entries and selecting the winners of our "How do you save energy?" photo



Fun Saving Energy Member Windy Perkins



Laundry Flapping In The Breeze Member Kurt Rein



Even An Electric Eye Must See Clearly Members Charles & Ann Pilch

contest. Congratulations to member Windy Perkins and her family for receiving the first place prize - an electric lawn mower and \$150 bill credit.

# We need your help!

Get involved with your cooperative - Chugach is looking for members interested in serving on its 2021 Bylaws, Election and Nominating committees. A successful annual meeting depends upon volunteers who staff these committees. Committee members are compensated per meeting.

Chugach takes the health and safety of our members seriously and is complying with all COVID-19 precautions.

For more information call 762-4177, or visit chugachelectric.com. Applications are due Dec. 3.

# No change to demand and energy rates

Chugach participates in the Simplified Rate Filing (SRF) process for quarterly adjustments to demand and energy rates.

Based on the results of the SRF process for the 12-month period ending June 2020, there are no changes to demand and energy rates. {1180446}

# **New roots at Lake Hood Elementary**

Chugach partnered with Carlos Tree Service, Arthur Campbell Nursery, and Lake Hood Elementary to plant a Goodland Apple Tree in the school's community garden. The apple tree joins potatoes, onions, carrots, pumpkins, corn, strawberries, and sunflowers.

A spot was chosen on the north side of the garden, and locates were requested to make sure there were no buried utilities in the dig area. After measuring around the pot to ensure plenty of room for the roots to expand, the

nursery crew planted the tree and added a moose resistant cage.



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## Safety award

Chugach received the 2020 Golden Shovel Award from the Southcentral Alaska Utility Association. The award recognizes Chugach for having no damages from digging work throughout the year. With safety as Chugach's #1 priority, we are happy to receive this recognition.

### Warming up winter for those in need

Chugach employees recently held a sock drive for Brother Francis Shelter and Clare House. Throughout the month of October, dozens of pairs of new socks for adults and children were collected for the drive. Brother Francis Shelter is an emergency shelter for men and women in Anchorage. Clare



House provides shelter, food and water, and other necessities for moms and children in need. Thank you, Team Chugach!



#### The Outlet



#### 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.





#### Find and Seal Leaks

Air leaks are a large source of heat loss in the home during winter. Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows, where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.

Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.



