

North Central's News

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Participation

As with many things in society today, within the scope of electric utilities, politics impact how electric utilities operate. The laws that exist and are passed set the parameters or environment that utilities must work within.

In Nebraska, most of the electric utilities are public power districts or municipalities. The laws in Nebraska that govern public powers are enabling statutes. Instead of having laws that exclude given activities, there are laws specifically allowing certain activities. Statutes enable public power districts to generate, transmit and distribute electricity. Public power districts can introduce new technologies that may not be available in a rural market initially but once established, private entities are to take over. North Central Public Power District helped introduce DirecTV to rural Nebraska with its involvement in Nebraska Rural TV.

In Nebraska, public power was introduced to provide rural areas with electric services not profitable enough for private companies, but necessary for the public in general.

In the past, I have touched on the advantage you have being served by public power in Nebraska (November/December issue 2022, "Public Power: Your Unique Advantage"). You can directly participate in your monthly meetings and run for boards that are publicly voted upon. The directors that are elected are from your district and, in most cases, from your local area.

Another place to participate is your state government. Although many people do not have the disposition to

be a senator or maybe even the governor of Nebraska, you still have a voice. As a private citizen, you can interact with your Senator who represents you at the Unicameral. With active participation, you can help promote legislation that may be beneficial to your local community, or you can oppose legislation that may be detrimental. Grassroot participation is important with current legislation that can result in impactful laws.

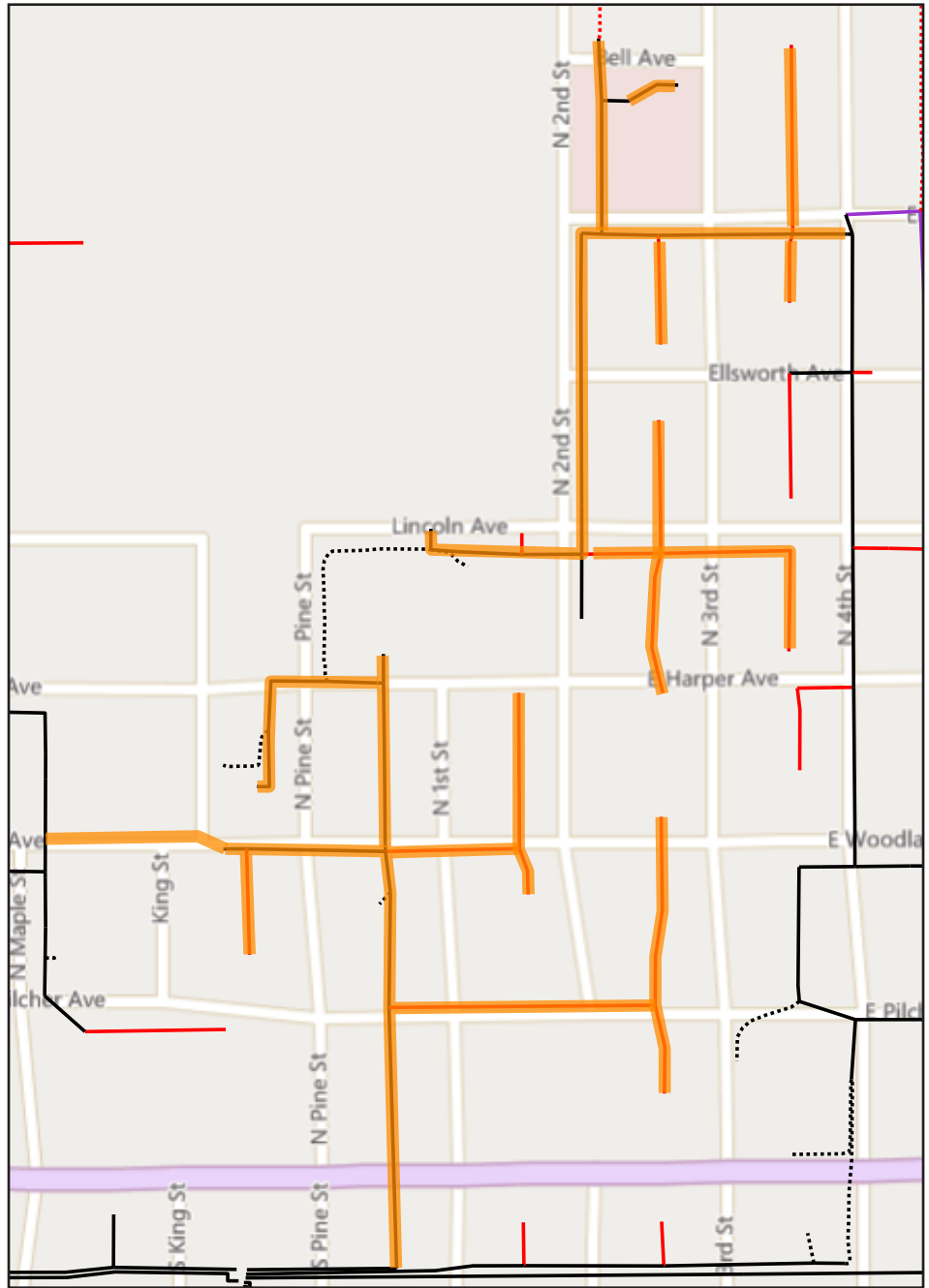
In local papers, there is commentary from your local representatives both on the state and federal level. You may chose to read these updates or go online. There is an official site that you may access to see the status of any given bill or law. A good place to start is <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/intro.php>. The site has a place to search bills and laws. It has a link for live video streaming of the legislature when it is in session, a legislative calendar, and a search tool to find your Senator.

There are many opinion editorials and "news" on pending statutes, but be vigilant and do some of your own research to understand everything that is at stake. As a citizen, it is important not to pass on your responsibility to someone else. Participate in the law-making process by keeping abreast of the bills in process and letting your representatives know your opinion. Both good and bad opinions of bills help your representative know what the public thinks. You can make a difference; you just need to participate.

City of Plainview Phase 2 Rebuild to Begin

North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) has announced May 1, 2024, as the beginning of **Phase 2** of the City of Plainview electrical system rebuild. **Phase 2**, as shown by the nearby map, indicates in orange the locations where the rebuild will occur.

NCPPD has hired IES, an electrical contracting company from Holdrege, NE, to do the project. IES will be replacing poles and wires. Look for the logo, shown below, on vehicles working in the area. Some outages could be planned for specific areas as work is being done. Questions should be directed to the NCPPD Operation Department in Creighton at 402-358-5112.



North Central PPD Accepting Sealed Bids

2004 D & K Trailer



- 80"x20' Split deck trailer
- Manual tilt w/16' tilt steel deck and 4' stationary wood floor
- Built in chain box in the front tongue
- 2 - 7,000# Torsion axles w/8 bolt hubs
- Pintle eye coupler

Trailer will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder. All sealed bids must be submitted to the North Central Public Power District office not later than close of business on **May 24, 2024**. For further information, or to inspect the trailer, contact Tim at 402-358-5112. NCPPD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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ZONE
SAFETY**

is everyone's job.
Drive carefully.

 **Safe
Electricity.org**





JULY 22 - 26, 2024

JOIN US AT YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

POWERED BY NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
AND YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Learn important leadership skills through small group and career development activities.

MAKE NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Youth Energy Leadership Camp is a great way to make lifelong friendships with students across Nebraska.

BE A LINEMAN

Learn what it's like to be an electric lineworker by climbing poles, riding in a bucket truck and more!

WIN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three campers will be selected to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in 2025.

APPLY TODAY!

- To be eligible for this year's camp you must:
- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
 - be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL



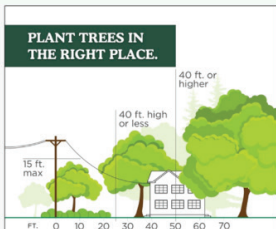
Deadline May 13, 2024

3 WAYS TO HELP LIMIT TREE TRIMMING

Did you know electric utilities are required to trim trees and other types of vegetation that grow too close to overhead power lines?

Here's how you can help:

1. Plant trees in the right place. Trees that will be <40 ft. should be planted at least 25 ft. away from power lines (>40 ft. should be at least 50 ft. away).



2. Don't block pad-mounted transformers. Plant shrubs at least 10 ft. away from transformer doors and 4 ft. from transformer sides.



3. Report dangerous branches. If you spot a tree or branch that is dangerously close to power lines, please let us know.



Trimming improves safety for all.

Let's work together to enjoy the beauty of trees and reliable electricity.

From our homes to yours . . .

No-Bake Peanut Butter-Fudge Ice-Cream Pie

Ingredients

- 3 cups chocolate crisp rice cereal (such as Cocoa Krispies)
- ½ cup salted dry-roasted peanuts, finely chopped
- ⅓ cup butter, melted
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 4 cups vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- Hot fudge topping
- Coarsely chopped salted dry-roasted peanuts

Directions

Stir together cereal, finely chopped peanuts, and butter in a medium bowl. Press mixture into bottom and up sides of a lightly greased 9-inch glass pie plate. Freeze until solid, 15 to 30 minutes. Microwave peanut butter in a small microwave-safe bowl on HIGH until melted and smooth, about 30 seconds. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Place ice cream in the bowl of a heavy-duty stand mixer; beat on medium-low until smooth, about 30 seconds. Drizzle peanut butter into ice cream, beating on low just until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Spread ice cream mixture into frozen pie shell. Cover and freeze until firm, 8 hours, or up to 24 hours. Before serving, remove pie from freezer, and leave out at room temperature 10 minutes. Meanwhile, beat cream and vanilla with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until foamy, about 30 seconds. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating until soft peaks form, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Spread whipped cream evenly over pie. Drizzle with fudge topping, and sprinkle with coarsely chopped peanuts.



FOR SALE: 1990 Ford Grain Truck. 20 foot box and hoist. Automatic, twin screw with pusher. 127,500 miles. \$36,900. Call 402-841-7686.

FOR SALE: 18.4x38 Firestone clamp on dual tires, tred at about 25%. No weather check. Always kept in shed & in good shape. Call 402-857-3808.

FOR SALE: 2 Michelin A/S 255/55 R20 tires, 80% tread. \$140 for the pair. Call 402-358-1320.






FOR SALE: 2 Koch double bar mowers. \$500 each. Call 402-340-2656.

FOR SALE: 1 - L-H mineral feeder \$150. 3 - Behlen Poly-tuff mineral feeders \$150 each. 1 -125 gal. plastic liquid protein lick tank \$150. Call 402-358-0310.

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something in particular? You may call, send or email (bargain.barn@ncppd.net) your description of what's for sale or what you are looking for to our office. The ad will run in the Bargain



Upcoming Events

	Klown Days Festival Plainview	May 31 - June 1-2	
	Kolach Days -Verdigre	June 7 - 9	
	BerryPepper Days -Creighton	June 14 - 16	
	Appreciation Dayz -Bloomfield	June 14 - 16	

Barn section free for one month. Please include name and telephone number. No commercial ads will be accepted, personal items only.



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Summer Rates Start June 1st

The summer electric rate schedule for North Central Public Power District (NCPPD) will go into effect on June 1, 2024. These rates are effective for the four summer demand months: June, July, August and September. The wholesale, as well as retail, electric rates are higher because Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) charges NCPPD higher wholesale rates due to its higher costs during this time. It is NCPPD's goal to keep the summer electric peak demand down to prevent or lessen rate increases in the future.

NCPPD encourages customers to reduce their electric usage during these months between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. If everyone does their part to reduce usage, hopefully electric rates can continue at an affordable level.