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Save the Date – DMEA Annual Meeting is June 16

Alyssa Clemesen Roberts, CEO

It's official, 2022 will be our first in-person Annual Meeting in three years. Mark your calendars for June 16. While I won't give away more details just yet, you can count on a fun-filled evening with activities for the whole family.

In addition to the entertainment, there will be important business to take care of that evening. For one, I'll answer to you, our members, on the state of your co-op, including our financial strength, the past year's accomplishments, and where we will be building fiber next. Secondly, you will vote on board representation in three of your communities. The process for electing those directors begins this month.

DMEA's Board of Directors is governed by nine democratically-elected representatives. Every year, members elect three local representatives to serve on the board. This year, District 3, District 4, and the South Region positions are up for election.

In addition to attending monthly meetings, board member responsibilities include setting policies and electric rates. They guide the strategic direction of DMEA, such as defining our energy portfolio goals and hiring the co-op's CEO, me! Board members also support DMEA's mission throughout our communities and act as an advocate representing the needs and concerns of fellow members.

Here's what DMEA Board President Kyle Martinez has to say about his time on the board: "Having served on DMEA's board since 2015, I know that the co-op puts its members first. We've taken on some pretty big challenges over the past five years, from changing our power supply to building Elevate, all with the goal of helping our communities thrive. We have three open seats this year, and I encourage anyone interested in serving to submit a nomination and most importantly, be sure to vote."

On average, our board members devote 55 hours per month to co-op business activities and are compensated approximately \$22,500 annually for their service to the community.

If where your electricity comes from, paying stable electrical rates, or ensuring your community has the utilities that modernization and growth are demanding piques your interest, consider joining this dynamic and dedicated team by applying to run for DMEA's Board of Directors in 2022.

BOARD ELECTIONS

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS?

In addition to living within one of the three open districts, members must also be 21 years of age or older, and meet the criteria outlined in Article 4 of DMEA's Bylaws found at www.dmea.com/bylaws.

HOW DO I RUN FOR THE BOARD?

If you're interested in serving on DMEA's Board of Directors, get started by submitting your information online at www.dmea.com/selfnomination. Once your membership is confirmed, we'll send you a nomination form and signature petition. Complete the form and collect at least 15 member signatures.

WHEN IS MY PETITION DUE?

The deadline to submit your nomination petition and signatures is April 17, 2022.

WHEN ARE THE ELECTIONS?

DMEA's Board of Directors Election will conclude with the Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022. DMEA will mail ballots to all eligible DMEA members in mid-May. Members can vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

Starting March 16, visit www.dmea.com/selfnomination to begin your nomination!



GOOD MORNING

JOIN US FOR A FREE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 15 • 7am-10am @ Doghouse Espresso, Delta
Wednesday, April 6 • 7am-10am @ Backstreet Bagel, Montrose

Spark
SESSIONS

We think it's a pretty great thing to be a member-owned cooperative because your needs and interests spark change here at DMEA. So, let's chat. Drop in to our all-new Spark Sessions for free food, awesome gifts, and one-on-one time with your DMEA and Elevate staff and leadership team. There's no formal agenda and no boring PowerPoint—just a few fun hours where your co-op team listens to what you have to say!

Don't see a Spark Session near you?
Visit www.dmea.com/sparksessions for upcoming locations!

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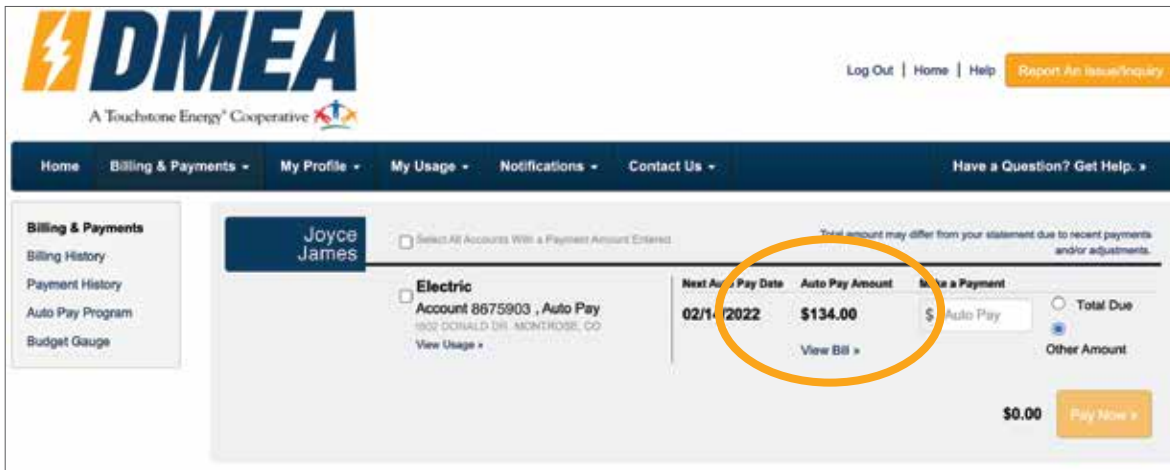
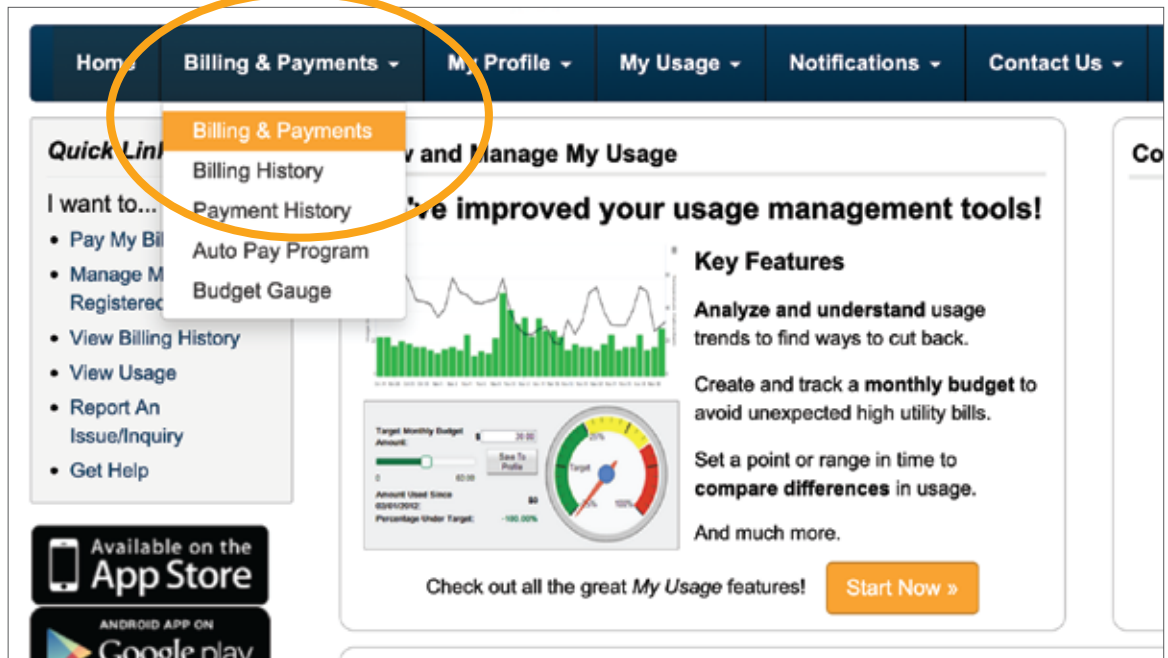
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Check your account balance in SmartHub

Need to know how much you owe?

It's easy to check your balance with DMEA's online SmartHub portal.

Simply log in to your account and select 'Billing & Payments' under the 'Billing & Payments' tab.



You will see your total amount due on this page.

Want to check our your entire billing history? Click 'Billing History' to the left of the screen to see past months.



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Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, District 1 *Kyle Martinez, District 2*
Jacob Gray, District 3 *Ken Watson, District 4*
Kevin Williams, District 5 *Damon Lockhart, District 6*
Enno Heuscher, District 7 *Stacia Cannon, North*
Jock Fleming, South

DMEA Board Meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Tuesday monthly beginning at 3PM with the public comment period at 5PM. Call 970-240-1212 to confirm date, time, and location.

DMEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.instate@usda.gov.

SHOCK TALK

SPRING BURNING

Hey! What are you up to this weekend?

It's time for spring burning! I'm going to get rid of some debris. I got my permit and have cleared the ditch.

I've never had to burn before but I'm about to do the same in my new house. What else do I need to know about burning?

There are a few safety tips you'll want to follow:

- DO NOT burn in high winds - and always keep an eye on the weather
- Never leave your burn unattended
- Have a plan to put it out
- Plan to finish burning before noon

Be especially careful around power poles. You'll want to cut grass and weeds near the poles, remove dead trees within 20 feet, and water the areas around the poles.

Is it really that big of a deal? Honestly it just sounds like a lot of work.

Heck yes! Not only could it cause massive power outages, YOU would be liable for the damage. It could cost you up to \$5,000!

Thanks so much for your advice!

Happy to help! Please reach out if you need anything else.

Also, don't hesitate to call 911 if you feel anything getting out of control! And in case you need any other resources, check out dmea.com/spring-burning.

DMEA

Destinations

Seasonal adventures,
right in your backyard.

Montrose



Cross-country ski at the Black Canyon

The main road through the south side of the canyon is closed in the winter for recreation. There is a well-maintained nordic track as well as plenty of room for snowshoeing, hiking, and taking in the breathtaking views of the park.

Cedaredge

Warm up with a hot cup of joe



Headed for a day of snowmobiling on the Mesa? Stop by The Coffee Barn in Cedaredge on your way out of town. The quaint local hangout offers a darn good cup of coffee and locally made sweet treats.

Paonia



Catch an event at The Paradise Theatre in Paonia

Relax after a long winter's day. Paradise is not just a movie theater! Enjoy the latest films, educational events, theater, and live music.

What's your local go-to for fun? Submit your suggestions to communications@dmea.com