



Nelson, Nebraska

Watt's Happening

Keeping you plugged in to what's happening!



OBJECTIVE: To make electricity available at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.

PUBLIC POWER MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

I love the feeling of being able to walk into my favorite locally-owned shop, restaurant or store knowing that the profit, product and labor can make positive impacts on my community. The spirit of main street is embodied in these local businesses, just like it is in your local rural electric public power district or electric cooperative.

Public power districts and electric cooperatives are as local and community centered as they come. Founded as a way to bring electricity to communities that didn't interest Investor-owned utilities (or IOUs), public power districts and electric cooperatives have been a cornerstone of community and economic development in rural America and beyond for decades. We are governed by a Board of Directors elected by you, our customers.

That feeling I get when I frequent local businesses in our community is the same feeling I get when I walk into a rural electric utility. It is a feeling of pride. I am proud to be a part of an organization that serves the community in which we live, instead of a group of shareholders who may never have set foot in our service territory.

Living on rural electric utility lines is more than just knowing there are people out there working to bring

you safe, reliable and affordable electric service. Living on rural electric utility lines is an investment in our community and its members.

You see, South Central Public Power District is a not-for-profit business. Our objective is to make electricity available at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.

And because we are owned by you, our consumers, we have a vested interest in making sure our community is prosperous. We do this by investing in economic development and community service projects and programs. Our employees are also involved in our communities by serving on boards and as volunteers in a variety of organizations.

I hope that you view your public power district or electric cooperative not just as your electric utility provider, but as a local business that brings pride and prosperity to your community. If you are interested in learning more about how we keep the lights on and beyond, please stop by the office or give us a call. We love being a part of the community, and we hope you feel the same way too.



The employees of South Central PPD are dedicated to providing you with reliable, low-cost electricity and with being active members of our communities.

South Central Public Power District Conducting Internet Speed Study

We need a large number of volunteers interested in participating in this study to enable us to gather comprehensive data on the different types and speeds of internet that is currently available in our District. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you are interested, please contact our office. 402-225-2351 or email royce@southcentralppd.com. Volunteers will be able to log in to a secure site to view a graph of their internet speeds over a one-week testing period. We expect grant money to be available, but first we have to demonstrate the need. **SIGN UP NOW!**

This study is for South Central PPD customers and residents of towns within our District's boundaries.

There is still time to volunteer for this important study and you may be the lucky winner of a Traeger grill!

Return the testing device and
**GET ENTERED TO
WIN A TRAEGER GRILL**



- Testing device will be provided to volunteers.
- Attaching the device takes just seconds.
- Testing lasts approximately one week.
- Return the device by mail as instructed.

This spraying season, don't put your

LIFE ON THE LINE



KNOW WHAT TO DO



*if in an Auto Accident
with Power Lines*



If the car you are in hits a utility pole, your vehicle and the surrounding area can become energized.

Even if you do not touch lines or equipment, you can still be killed or seriously injured.



1. Do NOT leave the car, and warn others to stay away.

2. Call 911 to have the utility notified.



3. Wait until a utility professional has told you it is safe.



The **only** reason to exit the vehicle is **if it's on fire.**

If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle: with feet together, and without touching the car and the ground at the same time.



Continue to **hop away** with your feet together as far as you can.



Learn more at

**Safe
Electricity.org**

EnergyWise Program Adds Incentive For Electric Lawn Mowers

Pays 10% Of Cost For Your New Equipment

Maybe it's time to go electric

Gasless, but not gutless. Quiet, but not shy. This is not your grandfather's battery powered mower. Advances in battery technology have come a long way in recent years. More power is now being packed into batteries so your mower can speedily deliver a knock-out punch to your lawn.

Maybe it is time to consider upgrading your conventional, gas-burning mower with a new electric or battery-powered option. Consider the following advantages:

- **Lower Energy Costs** - Depending on how often you mow, electric-powered mowers will cost about \$15 per year for electricity. Gas mowers use approximately \$30 of gasoline.
- **Less Maintenance** - No spark plugs, air filters, fuel filters, or oil change.
- **Quieter Operation** - Electric mowers create up to 75 decibels of sound, which is similar to a washing machine. Gasoline mowers can exceed 95 decibels, which is comparable to a motorcycle on the highway.
- **Eco-friendly** - No toxic gas emissions including nitrous oxides, airborne particulates, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide.

Follow These Easy Steps

- Obtain an EnergyWise Lawn and Garden Tools application form from South Central PPD. On our website www.southcentralppd.com, under Energy Efficiency - EnergyWise Incentive Programs, you will find Incentives For Your Lawn & Garden.
- Purchase your choice of a new (not used, previously owned, or factory reconditioned) battery-powered or corded electric riding, walk behind, or robotic mower on or after June 1, 2021. Chargers and additional battery purchases are available for the incentive at time of initial mower purchase. However, taxes, delivery/shipping and set up costs are not.
- Complete the application and return to South Central PPD with a copy of proof-of-purchase identifying the selected mower, batteries, etc.



ELECTRIC POWERED

Lawn and Garden Tools

ENERGYWISESM
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR HOMEOWNERS:

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-up
- High Efficiency Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Smart Thermostat
- Electric Vehicle & Charging Incentive
- ChargePoint Charging Station
- Pre-Wiring (For Charging Station)

YOU ARE INVITED

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

75TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

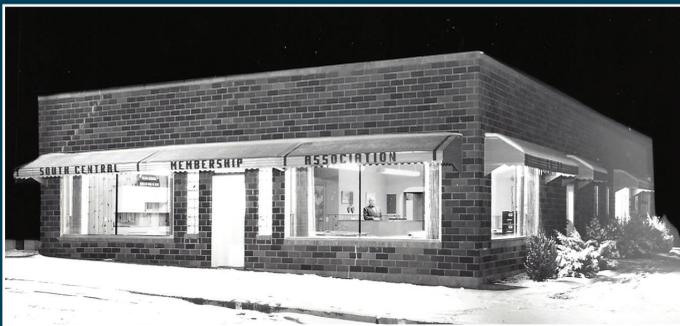


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 11:00 TO 3:00

CITY AUDITORIUM & SOUTH CENTRAL PPD OFFICE NELSON, NEBRASKA

Lunch Will Be Served Until 1:30

DISPLAYS DEMONSTRATIONS DOOR PRIZES GAMES



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Newsletter of the South Central Public Power District
Nelson, Nebraska

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the District's office in Nelson, Nebraska.

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(M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

402-225-2351 or 1-800-557-5254

For **Power Outages**, please call:
(Any time of day or night)

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