

VEC is Holding Unclaimed Property

Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) is holding unclaimed property of at least \$50 due to the persons listed below. The owner may claim this property by contacting Volunteer Energy Cooperative, 18359 Highway 58 N. P.O. Box 277, Decatur, TN 37322, 423-334-7018 or 423-334-7014. **If an owner has not contacted us by Oct. 22, 2021**, the law requires us to submit this property to the Tennessee Treasury Department Unclaimed Property Division.

Unless noted, all cities are in Tennessee:


ATHENS - Benjamin Linkous, Donna Morgan. **BENTON** - Evelyn Carter, James Sanders. **BIRCHWOOD** - Kathy Griffith. **CALHOUN** - Donald Dale. **CHARLESTON** - Dylan Mccosh, Martin Rodriguez. **CLARKRANGE** - Kimberly Mcdonald. **CLEVELAND** - Pamela Daubner, Vickie Dunn, Tyler Goodwin, Larry Hughes, Cassandra Nail, Kristina Norris, Andy O'Neal, Barbara Potter, Betty Thomas, Tonya Wade. **CLINTON** - Cathy Hill. **CRAB ORCHARD** - Donald Barnes. **CROSSVILLE** - Jessie Alwin, Paige Beaty, Wayne Bible, Bonnie Bitetti, Blue Star, David Bowlin, Melissa Brown, Brian Clark, Darby Clickner, Brian Clymer, Anna Coffee, James Edwards, Dustin Hankins, William Harwell, Katherine Hildreth, Tabitha Holland, Timothy Hunnewell, Darren Ingle, Steve Kirby, Glen Knight, Nancy Ledford, Tara Oakes, David Parsons, Bessie Phillips, Jose Ramirez, Kenneth Rowland, Michael Thomas, Robert Whipple. **DAYTON** - Robert Mullins. **DECATUR** - Kritesh Patel. **DEER LODGE** - Terry Fowler. **DELANO** - Randolph Buehler, RI Burris, Kaitlyn Cardenas, Barbara Lockhart. **ENGLEWOOD** - Timothy Farber. **EVANSVILLE** - Jamie Stiles, Billy Wilson. **GEORGETOWN** - Amy Wright. **HARRISON** - Phillip Wheeler. **JAMESTOWN** - Andrew Demers, Daren Haneline, Tj Miller, Herbert Patton. **KINGSTON** - Paul Engle, David Gayer. **MCDONALD** - Luis Abraham. **MONTEREY** - Steven Green, Dawn Jackson, Robin Smith. **OCOEE** - Richard Kennedy. **OLD FORT** - Timothy Dwyer, ZI Hood. **OLTEWAH** - Kenneth Fortner, Anthony Foster, Lisa Paller, Paula Shouse, Josh Talley. **PHILADELPHIA** - Sheena Parton. **RICEVILLE** - Jesus Sanchez, Jerry Shell. **SODDY DAISY** - Garland Rymer. **SPARTA** - Michael Riley. **SPRING CITY** - Pamela Abbitt, George Fritze, Rebecca Scroggins. **TOWNSEND** - Heather Headrick.

CHICKAMAUGA, GA - Summer Oliver. **MUNCIE, IN** - Abraham Piercy. **WYLIE, TX** - Robert Stover. **PORT ORCHARD, WA** - Diana Bowling.

Why Stand in Line if You Don't Have To?

This year you will receive your Annual Meeting Ticket in your bill. Please bring the ticket with you to save time at registration. Your ticket will look like the below sample.

This is your Annual Meeting Ticket!



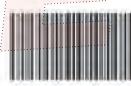
VEC
VOLUNTEER ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Meeting Location: **Meigs Middle School**, 564 N. Main St., Decatur, TN 37322
Meeting Time: Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 8:00am ET until 12:00pm ET

MEMBER #
0123456789

NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE ZIP _____

Bring this pre-registered event ticket with you to the Annual Meeting and save time at the registration desk. This ticket will also entitle you to a voucher redeemable at the end of the meeting for a complimentary gift!



Save time with this Pre-registered Event Ticket.

Home Charging Options for Electric Vehicles

Electric vehicle (EV) owners have multiple options for charging their vehicle at home. There are three common EV charging levels: Level One, Level Two and DC Fast Charge.

Level One Charging

Level One is the most basic charging level. Your EV will typically include an adapter that plugs into a typical 120-volt outlet if you choose this option. This is the easiest and cheapest charging solution, but it will take much longer to charge your EV.

Level Two Charging

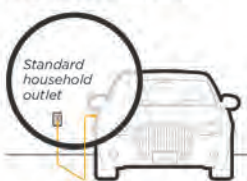
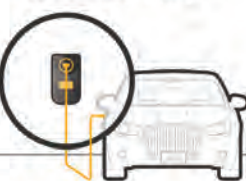

Level Two is about three to five times faster than Level One, but this charging level often requires separate purchases and installation. The EV is plugged into a 240-volt outlet used for larger appliances, like a clothes dryer. Most homes do not include a 240-volt outlet in garages, so the outlet must be installed by a licensed professional. You typically see Level Two charging stations at shopping malls, office buildings and multi-family community spaces.

DC Fast Charging

This is the fastest charging level, with the ability to charge an EV at 80% in under 30 minutes. DC Fast Charge stations are typically seen near high-traffic public areas, like gas stations, rather than in homes. As EVs continue to become more popular, you can expect to see more DC Fast Charge stations throughout Tennessee.

If you're charging an EV at home, please get in touch with Volunteer Energy Cooperative. EV charging creates additional energy demand. The time of day you charge your EV can impact the grid and energy costs. By letting us know about your EV charging levels, we can help ensure your home is prepared for the additional energy consumption.

Electric Vehicle Charging Levels

AC Level One	AC Level Two	DC Fast Charge
		
VOLTAGE: 120V 1-Phase AC	VOLTAGE: 208V or 240V 1-Phase AC	VOLTAGE: 208V or 480V 3-Phase AC
AMPS: 12-16 Amps	AMPS: 12-80 Amps (typ. 32 Amps)	AMPS: <100 Amps
CHARGING LOADS: 1.4 to 1.9 kW	CHARGING LOADS: 2.5 to 19.2 kW (typ. 6.6kW)	CHARGING LOADS: 50-350 kW
VEHICLE CHARGE TIME: 3-5 Miles per Hour	VEHICLE CHARGE TIME: 10-20 Miles per Hour <small>30+ for some EV models</small>	VEHICLE CHARGE TIME: 60-80 Miles in 20 Minutes

Sources: Advanced Energy and EPA



Rody Blevins
President/CEO
Volunteer Energy Cooperative

VEC Annual Meeting Set for October 2

Last year during the COVID-19 outbreak, we held our annual meeting virtually. With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) restrictions lifted for in-person gatherings, we decided to have the 2021 meeting in person. Before your calendar fills, save the date, Saturday, Oct. 2. That's the date for this year's Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Annual Meeting.

VEC's Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your cooperative and about the differences between being a member of an electric cooperative and being a customer of a different type of electric company.

Registration, free flu shots, and your choice of a pancake or a continental breakfast begin immediately after the doors open at 8 a.m. EST. Morning entertainment will precede the business meeting, which convenes at 10 a.m.

In between the entertainment, you can visit numerous displays covering VEC's products and services, energy efficiency, and how to save money on your electric bill. There will also be plenty of door prizes, and every family will receive a gift.

There will also be face painting and safety demonstrations designed for the young and the young-at-heart.

Don't miss out on the fun, the food, the entertainment, the prizes and giveaways, along with the chance to learn about your electric cooperative October 2 at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur. Directions are included in this issue of *Powerlines*.

'See you there.





The VEC Customers Share program funded community service grants totaling \$24,000 in July. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, over \$7.3 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the Office of Marketing and Economic Development at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online at www.vec.org.

Organizations receiving grants in July

Mark Twain FFA Chapter	\$1,500	Meigs County Retired Teachers (MCRT)	\$750
Hamilton County S.T.A.R.S.	\$1,314	Monterey High School Golf Boosters	\$750
Friends of the Monterey Branch Library	\$1,250	Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department	\$686
The Cumberland County Playhouse	\$1,220	Cumberland County Imagination Library	\$680
Polk County High School Basketball	\$1,200	Art Circle Public Library Foundation	\$500
United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties	\$1,200	Girls on the Run of Southeast Tennessee	\$500
First Christian Church/Byrdstown Grief Support Group	\$1,000	Toys for Children	\$500
Friendly City Festivals	\$1,000	Lake Forest Middle School - STEM Program	\$500
Midway Quarterback Club	\$1,000	Decatur Civitan Club	\$300
Midway Youth Cheerleading Organization	\$1,000	Frank G. Clement Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #38	\$250
Rhea Health Council - RETC	\$1,000	Meigs County-Decatur Chamber of Commerce-Downtown Christmas	\$250
Rhea Alliance	\$1,000	Ocoee Middle School Softball	\$250
Fleet Reserve Association (Branch 294)	\$850	Walker Valley High School Softball	\$250
Pickett County Historical & Genealogical Society	\$800	Iglesia Cristiana Un Nuevo Comienzo Para Todos	\$250
Homestead Elementary School Basketball Booster Club	\$750	Meigs County High School Golf Boosters	\$250
C5 Christian Counseling Center of Cumberland County	\$750	Foundation House Ministries	\$250
		Meigs County High School Volleyball Team	\$250

A Letter to Our Members

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 86th Annual Meeting of the members of Volunteer Energy Cooperative will be held at Meigs County Middle School. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern time Saturday, October 2, 2021. The following action is to be taken: To consider officers' reports and transact all business which may come before a regular Annual Meeting.

Sammy Norton, Secretary-Treasurer

Understanding Power Surges and Blinks

by Abby Berry

Have you ever noticed your lights blink during a thunderstorm? Or perhaps you've noticed a blinking microwave clock when you arrive home. When this happens, you've likely experienced a brief disruption to your electric service, which could result from a power surge or blink. While the symptoms of surges and blinks can appear similar, what's happening behind the scenes can be quite different.

What's a power surge?

Power surges are brief overvoltage spikes or disturbances of a power waveform that can damage, degrade or destroy electronic equipment within your home or business. Most electronics are designed to handle small variations in voltage; however, power surges can reach amplitudes of tens of thousands of volts—this can be extremely damaging to your electronic equipment.

Surges can be caused by internal sources, like HVAC systems with variable frequency drives, or external sources, like lightning and damage to power lines and transformers.

Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) encourages all members to install surge protective devices (such as surge protector power strips) to safeguard your sensitive electronics. If you're experiencing frequent surges in your home or business and you believe the cause is internal, contact a qualified electrician to inspect your electrical system.

What's a power blink?

Power blinks are also brief service interruptions, but they're typically caused by a fault (short circuit) on a power line or a protective device that's working in reaction to the fault. Faults can occur through a variety of instances, like squirrels, birds or other small animals contacting an energized power line; tree branches touching a power line; or lightning and other similar events. In fact, when it comes to power disruptions caused by critters, squirrels reign supreme. In 2019 alone, squirrels were responsible for more than 1,200 outages.

Any of the events noted above can cause your power to blink, but you may also experience a brief interruption when protective devices that act like circuit breakers are working to detect the fault. Believe it or not, these brief power blinks caused by protective devices are actually good because that means the equipment is working as it should to prevent a prolonged outage.



Photo Credit: Pat Gaines

Lightning strikes can cause faults (short circuits) on power lines, which can cause your power to blink.



Regardless of the cause, VEC crews will be on their way to inspect the damage and make necessary repairs after a power outage. And you can help too! Any time you experience repeated disruptions to your electric service, please let us know by calling your local service center or use the SmartHub app to report the disruption.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives.

VEC Annual Meeting is Easy to Find

GPS Address: Meigs Middle School, 564 N. Main Street, Decatur, TN 37322.

Meigs County Middle School is centrally located in the Volunteer Energy Cooperative service region in Decatur, Tennessee. Once you get to Highway 58 in Decatur, turn east on Z Street (across from Piggly Wiggly), left on Main Street, and right into the Meigs Middle School parking lot. Or you can follow the signs – there will be plenty of signs pointing you in the right direction once you arrive in the Decatur area.

To Decatur from:

- **Kingston:** Follow Highway 58, heading south into Decatur. Turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.
- **Crossville:** Take Highway 127 South out of Crossville. Follow Highway 27/68 over Watts Bar Dam. Make a right turn onto Highway 58, go nine miles, turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.
- **Cleveland:** Take Highway 60 to the intersection with Highway 58. Turn right onto Highway 58 and follow to Decatur. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.
- **Athens:** Take Highway 30 to Decatur. At the intersection with Highway 58, turn right. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

Tennessee Valley Authority

Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment Effective

August 1, 2021

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