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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative 2026 Annual Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2026

First Christian Church,
3601 S. Staley Road, Champaign, IL

Registration & Chicken Dinner: 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

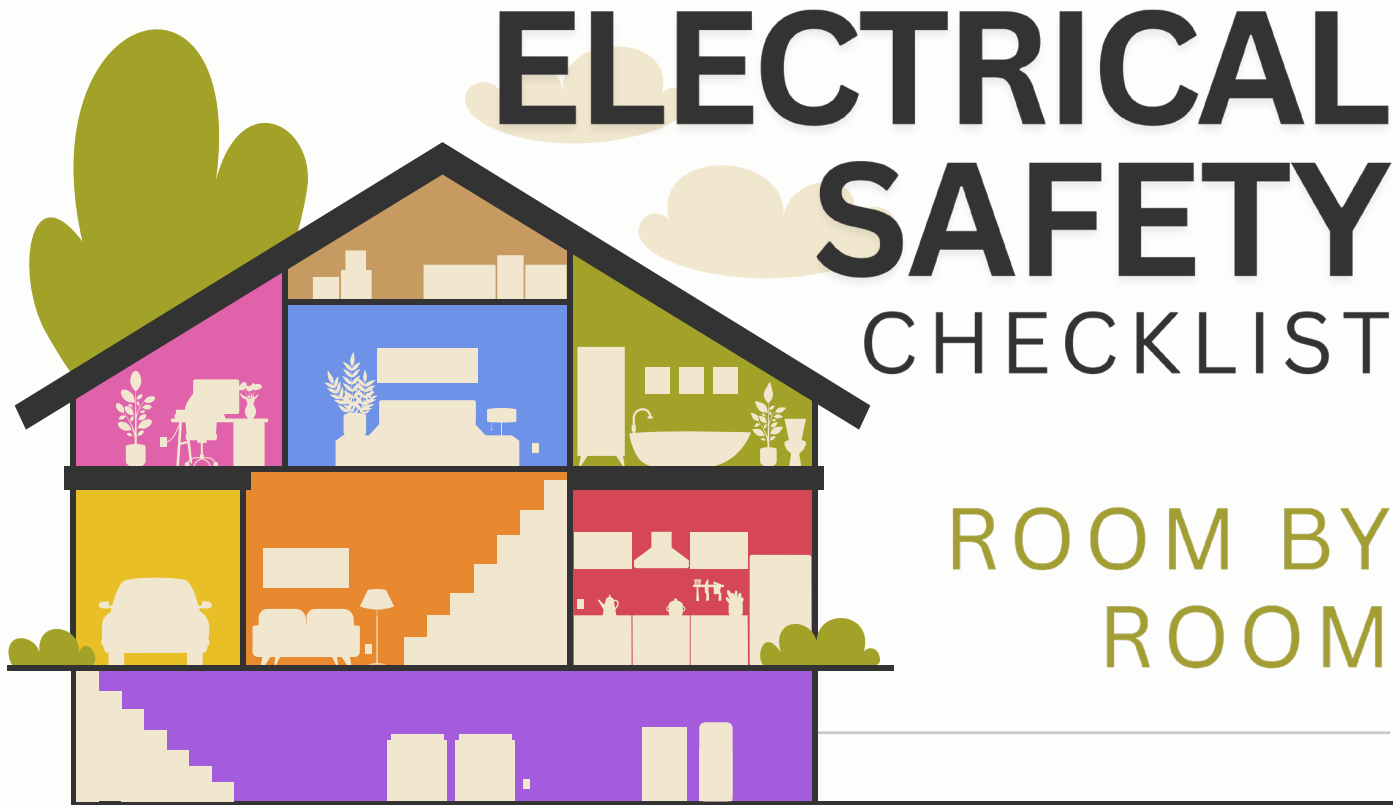
Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual Meeting of Members of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the First Christian Church, 3601 S. Staley Road, Champaign, IL. The meeting will be called to order at 3:30 p.m. The business meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. and action will be taken on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and President/CEO.
2. The election of three directors, one each from Directorate Districts 2, 5, and 9.
3. In connection with the election of directors, the following candidates have been nominated by petitions: John Wilken of Chatsworth, District 2; Kevin Moore of Hoopeston, District 5; and Lauri Quick of Tolono, District 9.
4. To consider and transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.



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Secretary/ Treasurer



Check these monthly to keep your home and family safe.

Kitchen

- Clean refrigerator coils and allow space for airflow.
- Store and use appliances away from the sink.
- Use and test GFCI outlets.
- Inspect cords for cracks or frays.
- Keep cords off counters; unplug when not in use.

Bedroom

- Place and test smoke and CO detectors on every level and near sleeping areas.
- Keep cords out from under rugs or furniture.
- Unplug devices and chargers when not in use.
- Make sure lightbulbs are the correct wattage.
- Plug window AC units into a dedicated circuit.

Basement

- Ensure washer and dryer are stable and ventilated.
- Remove dryer lint after each use.
- Set water heater to 120°F or lower.
- Have furnace inspected and confirm proper ventilation.

Bathroom

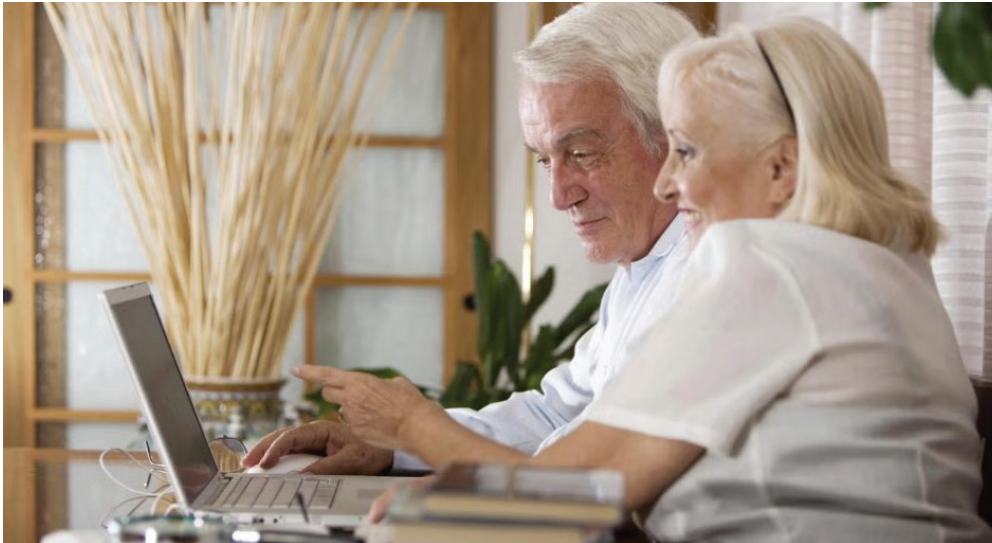
- Keep appliances away from water (sink, toilet, tub, shower).
- Unplug appliances when not in use.
- Use and test GFCI outlets.

Living Room

- Use safety caps on unused outlets, especially if children or pets are present.
- Ensure electronics have space for airflow.
- Replace cracked light switch or outlet covers.
- Avoid overloading outlets, power strips and surge protectors.

Garage

- Use and test GFCI outlets.
- Inspect cords for cracks or damage.
- Unplug tools and appliances when not in use.
- Place garage refrigerators/freezers on dedicated appliance circuits.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

Keep your home free of electrical hazards

Electrical safety is crucial for everyone, but especially important for seniors. Adults over the age of 65 are at the greatest risk of death from fire and this risk increases with age, according to the National Fire Protection Association. As we age, our reflexes slow down, eyesight decreases and senses become less acute, making it essential to take extra precautions when handling electrical appliances.

Here are some ways for older adults to maintain a safe living environment:

Ensure that electrical appliances are in good working condition. Regularly inspect cords and plugs for damage or wear and tear.

Don't overload outlets or extension cords. Plugging too many appliances or devices into a single outlet can cause overheating and increase fire risk.

Limit the use of carpets and rugs, which are tripping hazards, and avoid placing extension cords under them to prevent overheating. To help prevent trips and falls, cords should not stretch across a room. For a safer and more permanent solution, consider having an electrician install additional outlets where needed.

Unplug appliances when not in use and before cleaning or repairing them.

Keep electrical appliances away from water and wet surfaces to prevent electric shock.

It is important to ensure proper lighting in all areas of the home, especially in hallways and staircases, to prevent slips, trips and falls. Consider installing nightlights in bedrooms and bathrooms for better visibility.

When cooking on the stove, never leave pots and pans unattended, and avoid wearing loose clothing when cooking. Never open the oven door if something catches fire inside the oven.

Install smoke detectors on every floor and carbon monoxide detectors near all bedrooms. Test and replace the batteries twice a year — once in the spring and once in the fall.

By following these safety measures, seniors can significantly reduce their risk of electrical accidents. Family members and caregivers can assist older adults in implementing these precautions to ensure their homes are safe, comfortable and free from electrical hazards.



- View your bill
- Make a payment
- Compare usage by month
- Review known issues
- Report an outage
- Update account info



SIGN UP TODAY!

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE EIEC ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 EIEC Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at the First Christian Church in Champaign.

Let us know you will be attending by registering at: www.eiec.coop or call us at 800-824-5102.

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THE WAY WE INTERACT WITH ELECTRICITY IS CHANGING DRAMATICALLY

Transforming your home

Your home runs on a lot more power than it used to. Modern homes consume significantly more electricity than in the past, often requiring upgrades to handle the load. From charging your cell phone to setting the perfect mood with architectural lighting, the way we interact with electricity is changing dramatically. It's no longer just about safe wiring; it's about smart living, energy efficiency, and designing a space that truly elevates your comfort.

Here is a list of things every homeowner will want to consider for making their space safer, smarter, and modern.

Modern LED Lighting That Elevates Your Home: Today's LED lighting offers soft, natural, beautiful light. When thoughtfully chosen, LEDs highlight your home's design, reduce energy use, and last for years. Many homes now use warm-dim LEDs that automatically soften at night for a relaxing, sunset-inspired feel.

Smart Home Systems That Make Life Easier: Smart homes no longer mean high tech; rather, they mean "simple." Now, one app or keypad can control lighting, shades, security, HVAC, music, and more. Whole home integration makes daily routines effortless and often adds value to your home.

Whole-Home Surge Protection to Safeguard Your Investment: Think of this as a helmet for your home's electronics. Surge protection helps shield appliances, TVs, and smart



devices from random power spikes, saving thousands in potential repair or replacements costs.

Hidden and Architectural Lighting: Lighting that's tucked under cabinets, behind mirrors, or inside ceiling details creates calm, open spaces. Designers use these hidden LED features to make rooms appear larger, more luxurious, and more peaceful.

Homes Need More Power Than They Used To: As of 2025, the average U.S. household has approximately 20 internet-connected devices. This includes smartphones, smart TVs, tablets, gaming consoles, and smart home devices. Today's homes need more capacity than older electrical panels can handle. Upgrading your panel or adding a second one helps ensure safety, reliability, and compatibility for future upgrades.

Smart Electrical Panels That Show You Where Your Energy Goes: New panels let you track energy use in real time and control circuits from your phone. They're especially helpful for anyone wanting to better understand power usage in their home.

Older Homes Benefit From Panel Safety Checks: Many homes built two to three decades (or more) ago still rely on panels that weren't designed for today's electrical demands.

A quick inspection can identify safety concerns and help homeowners plan ahead for remodels or the addition of new appliances.

Wellness-Focused, Human-Centric Lighting: Lighting that shifts from bright daytime tones to warm, cozy evening light is becoming a favorite upgrade. These systems create a calm environment, support better sleep, and make your home feel like a luxury retreat.

Homes built in 2000 or later are significantly larger, requiring more energy for heating, cooling and lighting. Heating and cooling account for over 50% of home energy consumption, with larger, open-plan homes placing higher demands on these systems.

There is also an increased use of devices, gaming systems, and large appliances that contribute to higher consumption. 88% of all U.S. homes now have air conditioning, increasing the use of electricity in the summer.

Electrical planning is an impactful, and often the most overlooked, element of creating a comfortable home. Whether you're building new, renovating, or simply upgrading a few key features, thoughtful electrical design can completely transform how you live in your space.

2026 CANDIDATES FOR THE EIEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director election on June 8

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative has nine co-op members who serve on the board of directors. Directors advocate for the cooperative business model and establish the strategic direction of the electric cooperative.

Directors attend all regular monthly board meetings, usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held at the EIEC office in Paxton. Directors also attend special board meetings, committee meetings, the annual meeting, and seminars and conferences.

Directors are required to complete their NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Certificate within nine years or three terms. Directors also participate in continuing education offerings and stay updated on financial reports regarding the cooperative. A director represents all members of Eastern Illini, not a geographic region or directorate district.

The Credentials Committee met on Friday, April 10, to review the qualifications of all candidates who filed nomination petitions.

Members of the Credentials Committee are Megan Deck, Hoopeston, District 5; Carl Phillips, Rossville, District 6; Douglas Vaughn, Gilman, District 4; and Tom Schlatter, Chatsworth, District 2.

The Credentials Committee determined that per bylaws Article III, Section 3.6, each of the candidates are eligible to serve as an Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative director.

Directors in Directorate Districts 2, 5, and 9 will be elected at the annual meeting being held on June 8, 2026 at the First Christian Church located at 3601 South Staley Road, Champaign, IL.

As the governing body of Eastern Illini, the board plays a pivotal role in shaping the cooperative's present and future. The board of directors acts as the voice of co-op members. Directors strive to uphold the mission of Eastern Illini which is to provide members with safe and reliable energy solutions and exceptional service.

2026 CANDIDATES

A sample ballot can be found on the Eastern Illini website: www.eiec.coop/am26.



Directorate District 2
John Wilken
Chatsworth, IL

John Wilken and his wife Tania, have two daughters, Irene and Sarah. Wilken has served as a member of the Prairie Central CUSD #8 board for nine years, and as board President for the last three.

Wilken is a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairbury and has been President of the Gables Condominium Association for approximately five years.

Wilken is an active volunteer in his community.



Directorate District 5
Kevin Moore
Hoopeston, IL

Kevin Moore has served on the EIEC Board of Directors since 2014. He currently serves as President of the EIEC Board of Directors. Moore re-certified as Director Gold through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association program which is geared toward directors who are committed to continuing their education and advancing their knowledge about the energy industry. Moore and his wife, Kasey, reside near Hoopeston in Vermilion County where he operates a grain farm.



Directorate District 9
Lauri Quick
Tolono, IL

Lauri Quick has served on the EIEC Board of Directors since 2018. Quick has Director Gold certification through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This commitment to continuing her education demonstrates her ongoing dedication to advancing her knowledge and performing her fiduciary duty to co-op members. Quick is retired from the University of Illinois. She is a member of the First Christian Church of Champaign. Quick and her husband, David, reside in rural Tolono.

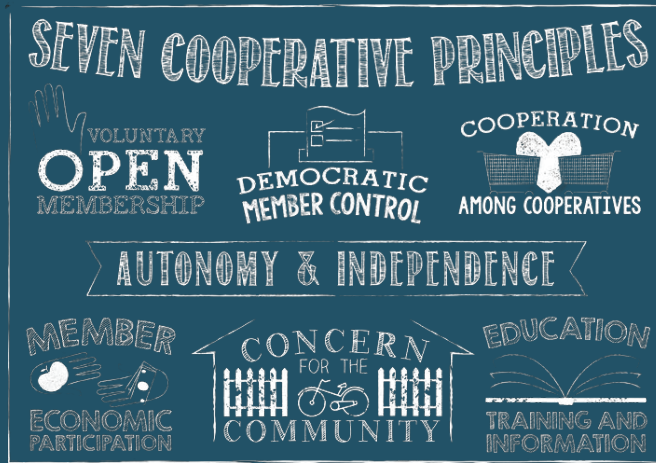
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CHICKEN DINNER
3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

HOME & HEALTH EXPO
Lobby Area

BUSINESS MEETING
6:00 P.M.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT:
Jimm Wood

Come for the meal and stay for the meeting!



RSVP: www.eiec.coop or call 800.824.5102