

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)
Jessica, Alerus Financial, Fargo - "Identity Theft"

Power Interruption Checklist

In Case of Power Interruption

While Nodak Electric Cooperative hopes you or your business never has to experience a power outage, the following information will help you cope with an outage if one should occur. Keep a power outage kit on hand, and make sure you, your family members, and employees know where your "power outage" kit is located. Kit items should include:

- Your utility company's telephone number
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Matches
- Candles
- Spare fuses
- Portable radio with fresh batteries

Checklist of things to do when an outage occurs:

1. **STAY AWAY FROM DOWNED POWER LINES** and broken utility poles. Please note the location of the downed line or pole and call your utility company immediately. Even lines that look harmless can be dangerous.
2. Check your breakers and the yard pole disconnect switch to determine if it has tripped off due to a power overload. If fuses or breakers are okay, call your utility company. They should have a 24-hour dispatch service that will answer your call after normal working hours.
3. Check with your neighbors to determine if they are also without service. Even if your neighbors' lights are on, don't hesitate to call your utility company.
4. Turn off all electrical appliances that were on, especially air conditioners or electric heating. However, you will want to leave a light on so you will know when your power has been restored.
5. Turn on your portable radio and listen for messages from your utility company. This will occur only when there has been a major planned outage or catastrophic conditions.
6. Leave doors closed on refrigerators and freezers as much as possible during outages. Food will keep much longer if the doors are left closed.
7. **If any member of your family is on a life-support system, please notify your utility company TODAY so their name and address can be placed on a priority service list.**

[info found at www.nodakelectric.com/powerinterruption.htm]



Always check your utility billing for helpful tips and remember to replace the batteries in your "power outage" kit semi-annually along with your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

we CAN do it!

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BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT
1210 7TH AVENUE SOUTH
NEXT MEETING → April 3rd

- A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GAME SHOW HOST "CAROL GIERSZEWSKI" - *I can't think of a better way to get everyone involved in "Safety Education"!!!*
- *It's time to start planning our "2008 Fall Seminar" - We welcome any ideas or information you may have.*

BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Harken (President)
Dale Dahlen (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer)
Tracy Cameron (Secretary)
Pat Balstad ♦ Carol Gierszewski
Robert Hewitt ♦ Bonnie Knutson
Cedric Masa ♦ Lyle Ross ♦ Annette Shane

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Carol Gierszewski, Bonnie Knutson, Annette Shane)

- Everyone who has paid their 2008 membership dues should have received a new "Certificate of Membership" with the expiration date of January 2009 listed. If you have not received yours, please contact us at info@nosha.net.

Education Committee

(Bonnie Knutson, Pat Balstad)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **April 16, 2008**
- "Learning Management System (LMS)", La Val Eberhart, WSI
- **May 21, 2008**
- Networking/Round Table

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson)

★ 60+ MEMBERS STRONG...and GROWING!

- Do you know of a potential "New Member"? Invite them to our next general membership meeting and **lunch is on us!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LUCKY WINNERS OF THE "CHIPPERS" (DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR FEBRUARY GM MEETING!)



"SAFETY COMES IN CANS.....I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN"