



# The Sawnee Highliner

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## It's Hot Outside...What Are You Doing Inside?

Did you know that approximately 40% of your electric bill is attributed to air conditioning energy usage in the summer? How can you keep your house cool this summer without the added expense of turning your thermostat down? Try following these simple and cost effective steps to cool your house during Georgia's summer heat...you'll save energy, money and reduce the stress on your air conditioner.

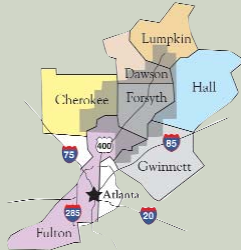
- **Use ceiling fans** to create a wind chill effect to make you more comfortable. When used with your air conditioner, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees with no reduction in comfort.
- **Install a programmable thermostat** to adjust the temperature to a higher setting at night or when no one is home. Remember, Sawnee offers a rebate for this device!
- **Keep lamps and TVs away from your thermostat.** The heat from these appliances may cause your air conditioner to run longer than is needed.
- **Consider installing window shades, drapes or blinds with white backing** to reflect the sun light and the associated heat away from the inside of your home.
- **Be sure to close curtains on the southerly and westward facing windows** of your home during the day to help keep unwanted sun light from adding heat to your home.
- **Consider applying solar reflective window film** on your southward facing windows.
- **Make sure there's adequate caulking and weather stripping** at and around your windows and doors to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- **On hot days, avoid using the oven,** cook on the stove, use a microwave oven, or grill outside.

These easy and low cost steps will help keep your home comfortable and save you money. We can help...Sawnee EMC offers many energy related grants. For additional energy saving ideas and information about Sawnee EMC's energy grants, please visit our Energy Center online at [www.sawnee.com/energy](http://www.sawnee.com/energy).



## Sawnee EMC 2010 Director Nominating Committees Appointed

Effective June 12, 2010, the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC will appoint nine (9) members of Sawnee EMC to serve on one (1) of the three (3) Director Nominating Committees for the districts in which the term of the incumbent director expires in September 2010. It is the function of these Committees to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for District 2, Chestatee; District 7, Italy; and District 9, Webb of Sawnee EMC as outlined in the Corporation's Bylaws.



Below are the names of the SEMC members appointed to serve on these Committees. Interested parties should contact the members of the Committee for the district in which they reside if they wish for the Committee to consider them as a candidate for a director position.

Separate from the Committee is a petition process. Petitions from a potential candidate must be submitted to Sawnee EMC no later than 5:00 p.m. on the thirty-fifth (35th) day prior to the applicable district meeting and these deadlines are Tuesday, August 3, 2010 for District 2, Chestatee; Wednesday, August 4, 2010 for District 7, Italy; and Thursday, August 5, 2010 for District 9, Webb.

If you are a member of District 2, District 7 or District 9, general information as well as, director candidate information packets are available from the office of the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sawnee EMC or online at [www.sawnee.com](http://www.sawnee.com).

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The Nominating Committees will meet at Sawnee EMC Headquarters Building, Cumming, Georgia as follows:

District 2 – Chestatee	Tuesday, July 27, 2010	10:00 a.m.
District 7 – Italy	Tuesday, July 27, 2010	2:00 p.m.
District 9 – Webb	Wednesday, July 28, 2010	10:00 a.m.

If you have a question about the 2010 director election process or this notice, feel free to contact the Office of the President and CEO of Sawnee EMC at (770) 887-2363. Thank you.

## Do You Have AMI?

As you have read in recent newsletters, Sawnee EMC has been very busy with the deployment of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure or "AMI", as it's commonly known.

During this three (3) year project deployment, Sawnee EMC will exchange existing mechanical meters throughout its service territory to a "new" digital AMI meter. You may be thinking, "so what – a new meter; no big deal". But, ask any one of Sawnee's staff, or members who have received their AMI meter, and they will tell you that it is indeed a "great deal". Why? Because Sawnee's AMI system brings a whole new level of useful energy related information to your fingertips.

An AMI meter, and its associated technology and applications, allows Sawnee's members to log on to their home computer and view their hourly energy usage with just a few clicks of a mouse.

If you already have a new AMI meter at your home or busi-

ness, go ahead and visit this site (see the web address in the center of this page). To access your information, simply click

**At [www.sawnee.com/ami](http://www.sawnee.com/ami), you will be able to view both hourly and daily energy consumption information for the current and previous billing periods. All of this is made possible through Sawnee's AMI Website.**

on the member data link located on the left hand side of the page. Then, enter your account number in the upper right corner and begin tracking your energy usage and see the energy usage trends you have at your location. The AMI web site is packed with charts and data to help you understand, and potentially lower, your energy usage.

Don't have your AMI meter yet but want one now? No problem. Just give us a call and we will come and install yours, free of charge, and ahead of our normal deployment schedule, while supplies last.

So get started today! Questions? Contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).



## Washington Youth Tour Recipients Announced

Sawnee EMC is proud to announce its representatives for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) 2010 Washington Youth Tour, an annual leadership event that is sponsored by electric cooperatives, like Sawnee EMC, from all across the nation.



For 2010, Mr. Ben Tribble, a junior at West Forsyth High School, and Mr. Reid Heard, a junior at Veritas Classical School, were selected to represent Sawnee EMC as delegates to this event. These outstanding students were selected from numerous applications submitted by students from high schools throughout Sawnee's seven (7) county service area.



Ben Tribble



Reid Heard

The NRECA Washington Youth Tour was inspired by then Senator and later President Lyndon B. Johnson during his attendance at the NRECA Annual Meeting in 1957. Students from all across the U.S. representing their local electric cooperatives will learn about the electric cooperative business model, American history and the innerworkings of our nation's capital. Sawnee EMC is proud to take part in this worthy cooperative tradition.

**Quotable Quote**

"You will never know how capable you are until you tackle a problem beyond your capabilities."

Herbert Lund

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## Watch the Water...Energy Savers That Help

Did you know that the energy needed to heat the water in your home creates the second (2nd) largest demand (after heating and cooling) for energy in your home?

Below are just a few simple and cost effective ways that you can use hot water as efficiently as possible:

**-Install "low-flow" shower heads and faucet aerators.** These can reduce water consumption by up to 50%.

**-Turn off the water in between activities** such as brushing teeth or washing dishes in the sink.

**-Clean debris from the bottom of the area near your water heater and follow the manufacturer's suggested maintenance.**

**-Consider installing a more efficient unit.** Today's water heaters are generally better insulated and have heat traps installed on them to reduce the amount of heat loss.



These are just a few ideas to help you conserve your water usage and lower your water heating cost. For additional information on water heating and consumption, visit Energy Star online at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call us at (770) 887-2363 and ask for one of our Energy Services Professionals to help cut your water heating costs.

*At Sawnee, We're More Than Electricity, We're Service.*

### WATER HEATER REBATE!

Sawnee EMC offers a rebate for "hybrid" (e.g. heat pump) style water heaters (see picture to left). A "hybrid" electric water heater is designed to absorb heat from the air and transfer it into the water using a small heat pump installed on the top of the water heater. Sawnee offers a rebate of \$100 for a "hybrid" water heater...plus it may qualify for a federal tax credit as well as the state of Georgia appliance rebate, while they exist.

### HERE'S WATTS COOKIN'

#### Million Dollar Pie

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 12 oz. container of Cool Whip
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 graham cracker pie crusts



Mix together milk and lemon juice. Add cool whip and pecans. Fold in pineapple and pour into two pie crusts. Chill over night.

*Thanks to Imogene Bruce. Send us your recipe - if we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00.*