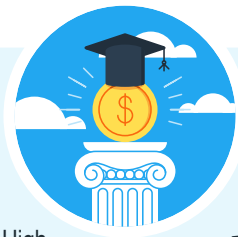


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## 2023 Sawnee Foundation Youth Scholarship Award Recipients

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation has awarded scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors seeking to further their education. The Foundation’s Board of Directors approved the 2023 Youth Scholarship awards for the following 20 students to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.



- **Lilly du Toit** - Denmark High School
- **Douglas Fratt** - East Forsyth High School
- **Alison LaFayette** - Lambert High School
- **Harrison Lowe** - East Forsyth High School
- **Eshan Momin** - Alpharetta High School
- **Aadi Nag** - South Forsyth High School
- **Jaikanishka N.S.R.** - Alliance Academy for Innovation
- **Liam Reid** - Denmark High School
- **Samantha Schoenfeld** - Forsyth Central High School
- **Ramapriya Srinivas** - Denmark High School
- **Gabe St. George** - St. George Academy
- **Prem Stanley** - West Forsyth High School
- **Liam Taylor** - Cambridge High School
- **Ashley Track** - Alliance Academy for Innovation
- **Clay Tucker** - Sequoyah High School
- **Jack Tucker** - Sequoyah High School
- **Joel Unger** - North Forsyth High School
- **Matthew Warren** - Creekview High School
- **Sara Watson** - North Forsyth High School
- **Grant Wiczak** - Lambert High School

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

**Keep your face always  
toward the sunshine  
and the shadows will fall  
behind you."**

— **Walt Whitman**

Congratulations to this year’s Foundation Youth Scholarship recipients. You can learn more about this program at [sawnee.coop/scholarships](http://sawnee.coop/scholarships).

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

# Appointment of Sawnee EMC’s 2023 Director Nominating Committees

Effective June 9, 2023, the Sawnee Board of Directors appointed nine (9) members to serve on the three (3) Committees on Nominations (Committee) for the directorate districts in which the term of the incumbent director is expiring. It is the function of each Committee to consider candidate(s) for the office of director for District #3 (Cumming); District #5 (Ducktown); and District #8 (Ocee), as outlined in the Corporation’s Bylaws.

To the right are the names of the Sawnee EMC members appointed to serve on each of the three (3) Committees. Sawnee EMC members interested in being considered as a candidate for the office of director in 2023 should contact the Committee for the district in which they reside.

The Committees will meet at the Sawnee EMC Headquarters in Cumming, GA as outlined below:

Directorate District	Committee Meeting Date	Time
District #3 (Cumming)	July 26, 2023 (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.
District #5 (Ducktown)	July 26, 2023 (Wednesday)	2:00 p.m.
District #8 (Ocee)	July 27, 2023 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m.

If you are a Sawnee EMC member located in one of these three (3) directorate districts and have an interest in seeking the office of director in 2023, you are encouraged to review the director candidate information available online at [sawnee.coop/elections](http://sawnee.coop/elections) or request a director candidate information packet as outlined below.

Qualified members, who wish to seek the office of director outside of the Committee process, may do so by utilizing the petition process. Petitions from potential candidates must be submitted to Sawnee EMC no later than thirty-five (35) days before each directorate district meeting. These deadlines are as follows:

Directorate District	Petition Deadline Date	Time
District #3 (Cumming)	August 1, 2023 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #5 (Ducktown)	August 2, 2023 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m.
District #8 (Ocee)	August 3, 2023 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m.

*Note: A petition form is available upon request via U.S. Mail, or online at [sawnee.coop/elections](http://sawnee.coop/elections).*

If you have a question about Sawnee EMC’s 2023 director election process, the Committee on Nominations, or the petition process, please feel free to contact the Office of the Sawnee EMC President and CEO , attention Ms. Kristi Sheriff, at (770) 887-2363 or via email at [kristi.sheriff@sawnee.coop](mailto:kristi.sheriff@sawnee.coop).

### District #3 – Cumming:

- Mr. Jack Heard  
1440 Lockridge Dr.  
Cumming, GA 30041  
770-639-0801
- Mr. Tommy Russell  
3740 Stone Creek Cir.  
Cumming, GA 30041  
(678) 787-1182
- Mr. Ricky Williams  
2585 Buford Dam Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30041  
(770) 715-0756

### District #5 – Ducktown

- Ms. Rebecca Kafka  
3137 Canton Hwy.  
Cumming, GA 30040  
(404) 520-5934
- Ms. Linda Shadburn  
3495 Hurt Bridge Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30028  
(678) 773-1953
- Ms. Toni Smith  
4264 Aaron Sosebee Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30040  
(770) 654-0411

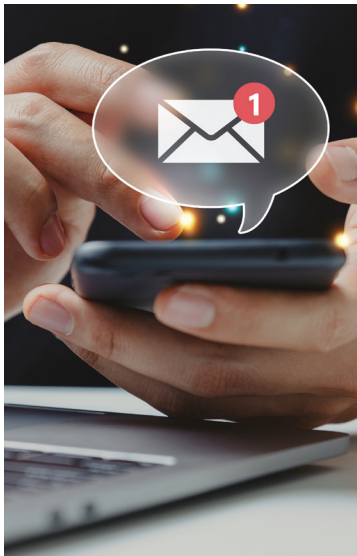
### District #8 – Ocee

- Mr. Kirven Brantley  
10518 Bent Tree View  
Johns Creek, GA 30097  
(404) 229-7698
- Ms. Cathy Marion  
120 Pro Ter.  
Duluth, GA 30097  
(404) 372-7398
- Ms. Carol McGreivn  
10697 Bell Rd.  
Duluth, GA 30097  
(770) 490-0971

# Sawnee EMC's SmartHub Now Offers a New and Exciting Way to View Your Usage

You may have already seen it, but if you haven't logged into SmartHub, Sawnee EMC's online portal, in a while, you will notice some new features created from your residential usage data.\* One of the key new features is usage disaggregation. This is the process that takes member monthly usage data and attempts to identify the individual appliance types within the home that are using the energy. It helps you better identify potentially "where" your energy dollar is going.

Appliances like the AC and electric heaters leave distinct "fingerprints" in your energy data. Identifying how much energy these appliances are using allows you to see an estimate of how much they cost you. This process provides you with personalized, detailed information you can use to save energy and money! Residential members can view this new information in Sawnee EMC's SmartHub and opt to sign up for either email or text notifications, or for alerts to help you better manage your usage.



Some of the new SmartHub alerts include:

**Bill Projection:** Sign up for an alert that will automatically notify you, via email or text, midway through your billing cycle with an estimate for your next bill. This mid-cycle alert can help you make changes when you're headed for a high consumption bill... before the bill arrives.

**Monthly Summary:** This notification lets you know how much electricity was used during the last billing period, provides insight into electricity usage by appliances and includes personalized tips on how to save.

**Bill Analysis:** This will give you a deeper look into your disaggregated appliance usage while comparing to the previous month to show you your usage variations.

**Build Your Home Profile:** Our Energy Services Team recommends completing this profile to make sure you receive the most accurate appliance breakdown through the new disaggregation feature. By updating this profile in SmartHub you will be on your way to seeing your energy data in a whole new light.

Questions? Please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email [customerservice@sawnee.coop](mailto:customerservice@sawnee.coop) or chat at [sawnee.coop](https://www.sawnee.coop).

*\*Please note that net metering accounts are unable to utilize creation tools at this site, at this time.*

*Did You Know...*

**Sawnee EMC is #1 in Customer Satisfaction  
with Residential Electric Service  
among Cooperatives,  
2 out of 3 Years!**



For J.D. Power 2022 award information, visit [jdpower.com/awards](https://www.jdpower.com/awards)





As a child, you probably heard the phrase, “close the door – are you trying to cool the whole neighborhood?” Well, your parents had a great point. It takes a lot of energy to condition the air in your home. So, when the air “goes straight out the door,” the energy you paid for goes right along with it. The same concept applies to the more subtle air leaks you may have around your home. By weather-stripping your doors, operable

## Sawnee EMC Wants to Seal the Deal on Home Energy Efficiency

windows, and other openings in outdoor walls, floors, and ceilings... you can keep your conditioned air inside, where it belongs.

Since the material needed to seal air leaks is rather inexpensive, it is one of the most cost effective steps you can take to increase your energy efficiency. Proper weather-stripping not only prevents your conditioned air from getting out, it can also help reduce noise, pollen, dust and insects from invading your home. Installation is quick and easy, even if you’re not an expert do-it-yourselfer.

To determine how much you need, simply add up the perimeters of all the windows and doors to be treated. Then, add about 10% to cover any accidental waste. Be sure to check the packaging, so you get strips of the appropriate depths and widths, as well as a product able to withstand the elements, friction and other types of wear and tear associated with its location.

Need additional information? Visit our Energy Solutions Center at [sawnee.coop](http://sawnee.coop) for additional tips and ways to save energy in your home.

## Here’s WATTS Cookin’ Lemon Blueberry Trifle

### Ingredients:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 6.8 oz instant lemon pudding - 2 (3.4oz) boxes (dry mix only)
- 3 cups milk, room temperature
- 8 oz whipped topping, thawed
- 4 cups blueberries (or 2 pints)
- 2 Angel food cake, 2 loaves or 1 tube cake, cut into 1" pieces
- Sliced lemon for garnish (optional)

### Instructions:

Beat the cream cheese and the dry pudding mix together until smooth. Slowly add the room temp milk until smooth. Fold in 2 cups of the whipped topping. In a 3-quart bowl, layer 1/3 of the cake, 1/3 of the pudding and 1/3 of the blueberries. Repeat layers two more times. Garnish with reserved whipped topping and lemons. Cover and chill until ready to serve.



Thanks to Jennifer Stewart for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we’ll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to [marketing@sawnee.coop](mailto:marketing@sawnee.coop).