

Coming Next Month...

Holiday Programs



JOIN US NOV. 7 AND 14

Make plans now to join Walton EMC in Watkinsville and Snellville for our 2016 Holiday Programs.

Back this year is popular host Dean Pannell. Join Pannell, a Georgia Master Florist, for practical Christmas decorating ideas. You'll enjoy his interactive instruction style that's peppered with humorous stories and anecdotes.



Pannell, a 21-year floral business veteran, decorated the sets of "Passions" and "Guiding Light" soap operas. He is the recipient of numerous design awards, and his ideas have been featured in many popular magazines.

Pannell now runs Pannell Designs and Events, but his true love is teaching people how to make their homes pop with current and beautiful floral designs.

No pre-registration is required. Programs begin at 7 p.m. and there is no charge to attend.

Nov. 7 – Oconee Civic Center

Nov. 14 – Brookwood High School

NEW! MAKE AND TAKE CLASSES

Want to make your own decorative holiday piece but don't know where to start? Join Pannell for hands-on instruction in our new Make and Take Classes and leave with a beautiful arrangement that you create. All materials are included. Classes begin at 7 p.m.

Mailbox Arrangement – Nov. 10
Walton EMC, Monroe, \$45.

Wreath – Nov. 17
Walton EMC, Snellville, \$50.

Fresh Centerpiece – Dec. 12
Walton EMC, Monroe, \$45.

You must register and prepay online.
Online registration opens Nov. 5.
Check waltonemc.com for details.
Space is limited.



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WHAT'S A CO-OP? and why should I care?

In some respects, Walton EMC is just like any other electric utility.

We put up poles and wires and fix them when they go down. We have linemen and bucket trucks. We send you a power bill.

But in many respects, we're not like other electric utilities at all.

WE'RE OWNED BY OUR CUSTOMERS.

That's right. If you get electric service from Walton EMC, then you're part owner of the company.

WE'RE ALSO RUN BY OUR CUSTOMERS.

Each year, you elect fellow customer-owners to the board of directors at our annual meeting. This board represents your interests in running the cooperative.

WE'RE NOT-FOR-PROFIT.

Any excess comes back to you in capital credit refunds. That's why we've returned over \$81 million dollars to our customer-owners.

That also means we keep rates as low as possible. We're focused on serving one party – you. We aren't pulled in opposite directions trying to keep rates low for customers and returning a profit to stockholders.

WE'RE YOUR NEIGHBORS.

The people who answer the phone or come out to restore your power live right here. When you call, you won't talk to a call center in another part of the state. Neither do our linemen have to drive in from several counties away when you need them.

WE CARE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

Walton EMC has given millions of dollars to the communities we serve through corporate giving, employee charities and Operation Round Up.

Our employees are active in all kinds of organizations, from civic clubs to chambers of commerce to youth sports to houses of worship. They spend thousands of hours every year in serving our communities.

Cooperatives
BUILD
CO-OP MONTH 2016

IF YOU GET ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM WALTON EMC,
THEN YOU'RE PART OWNER OF THE COMPANY.

QUICK GUIDE

IF YOUR POWER IS OUT
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FIND US
Phone 770.267.2505
In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78
Snellville – 3645 Lenora Church Rd.
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Business Offices > M-F, 8A-5P

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Russell DeLong

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Sr. VP Power Supply Robert Rentfrow
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CO-OPS BY THE NUMBERS

29,000
Cooperative businesses in the United States

\$514,000,000,000
Revenue generated by U.S. co-ops yearly

\$25,000,000,000
Wages paid by U.S. co-ops yearly

Number of members of U.S. cooperatives
350,000,000
(many people belong to more than one)

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Walton EMC
board members who
represent you

\$10.2 million
Amount of capital credits returned to Walton
EMC customer-owners last year alone

Did you know these familiar
businesses are also co-ops?

- Credit unions
- REI (recreation equipment)
- Sunkist
- Ocean Spray
- Land O' Lakes
- Ace Hardware
- Nationwide Insurance
- Associated Press
- Blue Diamond (almonds)
- Cabot (cheese, dairy products)
- Florida's Natural Growers (orange juice)
- True Value Hardware
- Welch's

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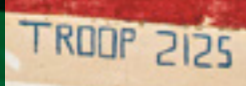


exploring our LANDMARKS

How well do you know Walton EMC's service territory? Take a look around your co-op's 10-county area and you'll find some interesting, beautiful, historic and just plain cool spots. Some of the locations we choose may be hard to identify, but we think they're worth knowing about.

win a prize Guess the location of this scene found within Walton EMC's service territory. We'll draw from the winners of all correct guesses for a \$25 gift card.

This landmark has recently gained notoriety as a stop in the Pokemon Go smartphone app. It also has a "close" connection to Walton EMC.



email your guess with the subject line "OCT. LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than Nov. 5 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: The Monroe Pocket Park on S. Broad Street.

COOPERATIVE SNAPSHOT: Our Seven Guiding Principles



VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Walton EMC is open to anyone who can use its services. The cooperative welcomes anyone who is willing to accept the responsibilities of membership without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.



Because Walton EMC is a cooperative, we follow the seven Cooperative Principles. These ideals were created in 1844 by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers and continue to form the basis of how co-ops operate today.



DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

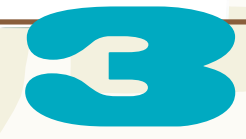
Walton EMC is a democratic organization controlled by its members. The members elect directors from among themselves. Those directors are, in turn, accountable to the membership.



MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to the capital of Walton EMC.

- Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership (the membership fee you paid when you joined Walton EMC).
- Any surplus can be reinvested in the cooperative.
- Members benefit in proportion to their transactions with the co-op (your capital credits are determined by the amount of your electric bills).



AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Walton EMC is an independent organization controlled by its members. If we enter into agreements with other organizations, the terms must ensure our members maintain control and autonomy.



EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Walton EMC provides education and training to its members, employees and the public.



COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Walton EMC cooperates with other cooperatives. This strengthens the cooperative movement and serves members most effectively.



CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on our members' needs, Walton EMC works for the development of our communities through policies accepted by our members.



Charity Shoot Raises \$20,000 for Breast Cancer

More than 130 shot for a cause during the 5th Annual Walton EMC Charity Sporting Clay Shoot at Cherokee Rose Gun Club near Griffin.

Proceeds from the event are donated to the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer, which funds grants to provide screening, early detection, counseling, education and support services to those battling breast cancer.