

Member Update

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"An Adaptable, Resilient Grid: Teaming up for a Bright Future" - that's the theme of this year's VEC Annual Meeting set for Saturday. Packed with a range of timely topics, this on-line meeting offers a great chance to hear what's ahead. CEO Rebecca Towne will discuss grid innovations at VEC, and we'll also get an update from Lt Gov. Molly Gray on state-level policy developments including COVID relief funding and recovery, the emergency needs for equitable broadband deployment, and other current Vermont issues. Learn more and get credentials to log in <u>here</u>.

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ICYMI: Updates on timely issues in Co-op Life

In the most recent issue of Co-op Life, CEO Rebecca Towne and CFO Mike Bursell offered some updates on broadband, power supply, and the financial health of the co-op. Read them <u>here</u>.

Meter upgrade project underway across VEC territory

In a continued effort to keep our system as efficient and effective as possible, VEC's replacing many of our oldest meters with more modern meters over the next several years. Among other benefits, these new meters allow VEC to detect outages faster - in some cases before they have been discovered and reported by a member - which will mean we can restore power faster. If you have any questions or want to learn more about this project, please email Key Accounts Manager <u>Dave Lahar</u>.

VEC, EVT offer help for indoor agricultural efforts

If you are constructing, expanding, or renovating an indoor growing or processing facility, a reminder - VEC and Efficiency Vermont are teaming up to help with advice and incentives for growing in controlled environments. Read more <u>here</u>.

New help for businesses that suffered loss in 2020

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development is offering new assistance to eligible Vermont businesses and nonprofits that suffered a tax loss in 2020 and require immediate state aid. Check details about the new Economic Recovery Bridge Grants program <u>here.</u>

Bites, stings and more: field crews and summer risks

Ticks, bees, poison parsnip, sun and heat, vehicle traffic - these are just a few of the safety risks facing crews working outside in the summer. If you want to learn more about how to reduce risks posed to your crews, please contact VEC's Safety Department at 802-635-2331. You can also learn more <u>here</u>.

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