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CHARITON VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.

OUR HISTORY

Your electric cooperative – Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative – was formed over 70 years ago by members just like you who needed electric services. They pulled together to organize the electric cooperative you know and rely on today.

In the early 1930's, prior to the establishment of the rural electrification program, only roughly 10 percent of our nation's farms and rural homes had central station electric service. Then, in 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) was created, as an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to provide low-interest loan funds for the purpose of electrifying rural areas.

It was presumed that existing power companies would use these funds to extend electric service to farms and rural homes. When investor-owned utilities failed to make use of RUS loan funds, farmers began to organize cooperatives to provide electric service to themselves and their neighbors. CVEC was incorporated on April 30, 1945 and began providing electric service to farms in 1947.

Today, Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative serves around 6,000 meters in the City of Albia and rural Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Marion, Monroe, Wapello and Wayne counties.

CVEC is an energy source you can trust to look out for your community's best interests, not its own bottom line. We are owned by the very members we serve – built to deliver our members reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost. As a member, you hold all the power!

74 YEARS OF RELIABLE SERVICE

PRESIDENT & CEO/GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Everyone will remember 2020 as the year the pandemic hit. However, what stands out for us is how Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative continued to demonstrate teamwork, persistence and achievement during such unprecedented times.

Our cooperative approach helped us remain steadfast in pursuing our 2020 goals while in search of better ways to meet the needs and expectations of our members throughout the pandemic.

CVEC quickly adapted its operations and services to ensure our workforce remained safe while continuing to provide essential services to members and while the pandemic certainly brought on unprecedented challenges throughout the year, collectively our members persevered.

Constructive dialogue on new and existing challenges continued throughout the year as we attuned our business practices to address topics of interest to the membership, including discussions on power supply, renewable energy options and flexible rates. We also continued to find innovative ways to further the trust our members have placed in us as their energy partner. We continue to identify beneficial electrification

opportunities—from electric vehicle charging programs to storage possibilities for grid management.

We are proud of the work our membership and employees have accomplished during this unusual year. Although we may not always agree, our openness with one another and overall collaboration demonstrate how we work together to continuously pursue new ways to meet changing member needs.

We look forward to creating even greater innovation in programs and services in the future-working cooperatively for the benefit of all.



Kenneth VandenBerg
Kenneth VandenBerg
Board President



Leilani Todd
Leilani Todd
CEO/General Manager

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative is owned by the members we serve and is democratically governed by those same members. The board of directors are cooperative members, just like you, who manage the business and affairs of the cooperative by setting policies and approving budgets.

As a member, you have a voice in the operation of the cooperative through your member-elected board of directors – feel free to give them feedback or ask them questions about the cooperative!



Kenneth VandenBerg
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Wesley Green
District 3
Vice President
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Marchelle Brown
District 1
Treasurer
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Norm Major
District 5
Secretary
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CVEC's territory is divided into five districts, represented by the proportional number of board seats for each district. Director terms are staggered in a set three-year rotation, where directors are nominated by petition, placed on the official ballot and elected at-large each year by the membership at the Chariton Valley Electric Annual Meeting in August.

District 1 includes: Appanoose County; District 2 includes: Monroe, Davis & Wapello Counties; District 3 includes: Wayne County; District 4 includes: Lucas & Marion Counties; District 5 includes: Albia City Limits.



Jerry Durian

District 2

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Mike Miller

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Richard Welsh

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The heart of CVEC is its employees. We are **MEMBER FOCUSED** and committed to providing excellent service.

Leilani Todd

CEO/General Manager

Tod Faris

Member Services & Economic
Development Manager

Mike Gibler

Safety & Material Coordinator

Trudy Grade

Finance Manager

Carson Hodge

Operations Manager

Missy Bayer

Operations Assistant

Suzanne Briggs

Billing Supervisor

Lance Henderson

GIS Coordinator

Felicia Hill

Data Analyst

Anna Kerber

Executive Assistant

Anna McGee

Member Service Representa-
tive

Lindsey Pickerell

Member Service Representa-
tive

Marc Smiarowski

Staking & Field Tech

Troy Amoss

Lineman

Thad DeMoss

Line Foreman

Jonathan Giesken

Ground Technician

Kyle Kirchner

Lineman

Jacob Maggio

Apprentice Lineman

Wyatt McCarty

Ground Technician

Kile Overmyer

Lineman

Ryan Romanco

Apprentice Lineman

Tim Scott

Lineman

Jared Shaw

Line Foreman

Mark Waechter

Lineman

Our mission at Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative is to safely deliver reliable power and **INNOVATIVE** services at competitive rates while providing superior member service.

Our vision is to power the lives of our members while improving the quality of life in the **COMMUNITIES** in which they live.

2020 AT A GLANCE

1,351 MILES OF LINE MAINTAINED



\$232,947.78

CAPITAL CREDITS RETURNED THIS YEAR

397 SECURITY LIGHTS REPAIRED & REPLACED



WE KEPT THE POWER ON **99.97%** OF THE TIME

1,495 POLES TESTED



7 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED, TOTALING **\$6,500**

FACILITATED **3** BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
LOANS, TOTALING **\$2,050,000**



DONATED OVER **\$23,000** TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

CHARITON VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative will be held on August 2, 2021, to take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and committees;
2. The election of three (3) directors of the Cooperative for a term of three years each;
3. All other business which may legally come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Due to continuing concerns over COVID-19, and in an effort to protect the health and safety of the members and employees, the Board has decided not to hold an in-person meeting; but rather will complete the election of Directors by mail voting as permitted by the Bylaws and will provide the reports to the members through mail and electronic postings.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have submitted

qualified Petitions seeking nomination for a Director pursuant to the Bylaws.

THREE-YEAR TERM (Three to be Elected)

District 1:	John Houser
District 3:	Wesley Green
District 5:	Norm Major

You are urged to vote for directors, review the reports when delivered, and communicate with the cooperative should you have any issues or concerns.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2021.



Norman Major, Secretary

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES 2019

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Members of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Albia Community High School, Albia, Iowa, at 6:30 P.M. on the 5th day of August, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Miller, President of the Cooperative, who presided. Secretary Kenneth VandenBerg acted as Secretary of the meeting and kept the minutes thereof.

President Miller asked everyone to stand for the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Carlson then gave the invocation.

A dinner was served to members' families and invited guests. President Miller thanked Jim and Charlies for the meal, the Ruritans for serving, the Albia FFA for the ice cream, and others for their work in assisting with the meeting. He introduced special guests in attendance.

The Secretary stated that the members who had registered at the door had been checked, and that a quorum was present for the transaction of business. A list of the members who registered in attendance at the meeting is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.

The Secretary offered to read the Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members and proof of the due mailing of said Notice to all members of the Cooperative. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, reading of the Notice and proof of mailing was waived, and such Notice and proof were ordered to be annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

The Secretary offered to read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members held August 6, 2018. A motion was duly made, seconded and carried, to waive the reading of said minutes, and they were thereupon declared to be approved and were ordered to be filed in the records of the Cooperative.

The Chairman stated that the next order of business was the election of three (3) directors for a term of three years each. Attorney Dennis Puckett was introduced and reported that, in accordance with the By-Laws, the Board of Directors had appointed from the members of the Cooperative a Nominating Committee consisting of: District 1 - Todd Jewett, Chase Exline; District 2 - Mike Beary, Marc Wynn; District 5 - Dan Johnson, Richard Coltrain, Chairman. Attorney Puckett described the work of the Committee, who had nominated the following members as candidates for Director:

Three-Year Term

(One to be Elected from each District)

District No. 1:	Marchelle Brown
District No. 2:	Randy Gottschalk
District No. 5:	Kenny VandenBerg

The report of the Nominating Committee was ordered to be identified by the Secretary and annexed to the minutes of the meeting. Attorney Puckett explained that in addition to the nominations by the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws provide a process for nominations by Petition. He indicated that member Jerry Durian had been nominated by Petition for District 2 and would appear on the Ballot. All candidates were introduced.

The Chairman appointed Lindsay West, Henry Williams, Joanne Williams, Sherri Parker, Cheryl Chambers and Mary Jo Schoenberger Inspectors of Election.

President Miller introduced Treasurer Becky DeTar. She noted that the financial reports were included in the booklet mailed to all members. She suggested that the written report be accepted in lieu of reading the report. A motion was then made, seconded and carried to waive the reading of the Treasurer's report and the same was approved and ordered to be filed in the records of the Cooperative.

The Chairman next introduced Rand Fisher from the Iowa Area Development Group who presented the Cooperative with an Impact Award.

The annual report of the President, Michael Miller, was presented and ordered to be filed in the records of the Cooperative.

The President introduced Interim General Manager Charles VanDePol for his report and he presented his report on the operations of the Cooperative.

The Chairman introduced Sarah Herz and Collette Teno, the Cooperative's Youth Tour winners for 2019. They both made some comments on their trip to Washington, D.C., and thanked the Cooperative for the opportunity to go to D.C.

Chairman Miller called upon the Cooperative's attorney to present the election results.

The Certificate of the Inspectors of Election was then presented and read, certifying that the following members, having received the highest number of votes cast in their respective Districts, had been duly elected directors of the Cooperative to hold office for the term specified, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Three-Year Term

District No. 1:	Marchelle Brown
District No. 2:	Jerry Durian
District No. 5:	Kenny VandenBerg

The Chairman directed the Secretary to annex the Certificate of the Inspectors of Election to the minutes of this meeting, and thereupon declared such members duly elected directors of the Cooperative to hold office for the term specified, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

The Chairman called for any old or new business and there was none.

Prizes were awarded by lot and each member in attendance was given a door prize.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

You can vote to approve the 2019 and 2020 meeting minutes on the official ballot included with this mailing.



PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES 2020

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Members of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Cooperative office in Albia, Iowa, at 6:08 P.M. on the 3rd day of August, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Welsh, President of the Cooperative, who presided. Attorney Dennis L. Puckett acted as Secretary of the meeting and kept the minutes thereof.

It was noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had caused the Board to make the difficult decision to conduct this year's annual meeting differently by restricting attendance and completing the essential business of the Director election by mail.

Attorney Puckett noted that the Bylaws of the Cooperative allowed the members voting by mail to be deemed present for determining a quorum for purposes of the Director election, but not for other purposes. He stated that there were a sufficient number of members represented by mail ballot so a quorum of the members was deemed present for the conducting of Director election.

It was noted that the record of those voting by mail would be accepted in lieu of a roll call.

It was noted that the Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members had been mailed to all members of the Cooperative. In the absence of any members being present in person, the reading of the Notice was declared unnecessary.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members held August 5, 2019 will need to be approved by the members at the next meeting.

The next order of business was the election of three (3) Directors for a term of three (3) years each. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board of Directors had appointed from the members of the Cooperative a Nominating Committee consisting of Nancy McDonald, Sharon Tibbals, Nicole Hermann, Jim Wright, Tammy Adams and Richard Tharp. Attorney Puckett described the work of the Committee, who had nominated the following members as candidates for Director:

Three-Year Term

(One to be Elected from each District)

District No. 2:	Randy Gottschalk
	Doris Little
District No. 4:	Michael Miller
District No. 5:	Richard Welsh
	Dennis Conley, Jr.

The report of the Nominating Committee was ordered to be identified by the Secretary and annexed to the minutes of the meeting. Attorney Puckett explained that in addition to the nominations by the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws provide a process for nominations by Petition. He indicated that there were no nominations by petition.

The Chairman had previously appointed Sherryl Mae Rowe, Savanna Stalzer, Nikki Hermann, Debra Pfeifer, Kim Hugen and Jennifer Grinstead as

Tellers/Inspectors of Election. A vote was then had by mail ballot and the ballots were previously delivered to the Inspectors, who proceeded to count them.

The Certificate of Inspectors of Election was then presented and read, certifying that the following members, having received the highest number of votes cast, had been duly elected directors of the Cooperative to hold office for the term specified, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Three-Year Term

District No. 2:

Randy Gottschalk

District No. 4:

Michael Miller

District No. 5:

Richard Welsh

The Chairman directed the Secretary to annex the Certificate of Inspectors of Election to the minutes of this meeting, and thereupon declared such members duly elected directors of the Cooperative to hold office for the term specified, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

It was noted that the President's, Manager's, and Treasurer's reports were printed and included in the July newsletter mailed to each member.

Since there was not a quorum for the transaction of any other business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL MOORE'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO CVEC'S MEMBERS

After serving 13 terms, totaling 39 years, District 1 Director representative, Virgil "Bill" Moore retired in January 2021.



Over the past 39 years as a Director for CVEC, Moore served nine years on the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Board, represented CVEC on the Southern Iowa Services, LLC Board and the State Government Relations Committee. Moore also served as board president and board secretary for CVEC in previous years.

CVEC commends and thanks Bill for his dedicated 39 years of service and wish him well in retirement – we sure will miss him!

TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Board of Directors of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative is elected by you, the membership, to ensure the cooperative remains financially stable. Every month your directors review the current financial statements and compare them with the annual business plan and financial position of the previous.

Our annual independent financial audit, performed by BKD CPAs and Advisors of Des Moines, was completed in April 2021 and presented to the Board of Directors on April 22, 2021. The reports included the balance sheets, statement of operations, equity, long-term debt, patronage capital statement of cash flows and assets. The board approved the year-end audit report to officially close the 2020 books.

For 2020, total equity was at a strong 31.85 percent and overall audited

net margins totaled \$731,335. Any earnings left over after all expenses and/or reserves are paid are allocated to members as capital credits. CVEC is pleased to report that your cooperative is refunding for the 38th year in a row a total of \$232,947.78 in capital credits. Since 2003 your cooperative has refunded over 4 million dollars. This is not a claim that an investor owned, or municipal utility can make! Please know the patronage check you normally receive at the annual meeting will be mailed to the address on your account or credited to your account.

One highlight from your cooperative's financial reports shows that even though our members are becoming more energy conscious, we continued to have strong kilowatt-hour (kwh) sales of over 94 million kwh sold. As in the past, the bulk of our sales (60 percent) comes

from our residential class members, with the remaining 40 percent from our commercial classes.

One of the major components of our budget is power cost, which represents over 54 percent of the total cost of providing you with electrical service. Our power

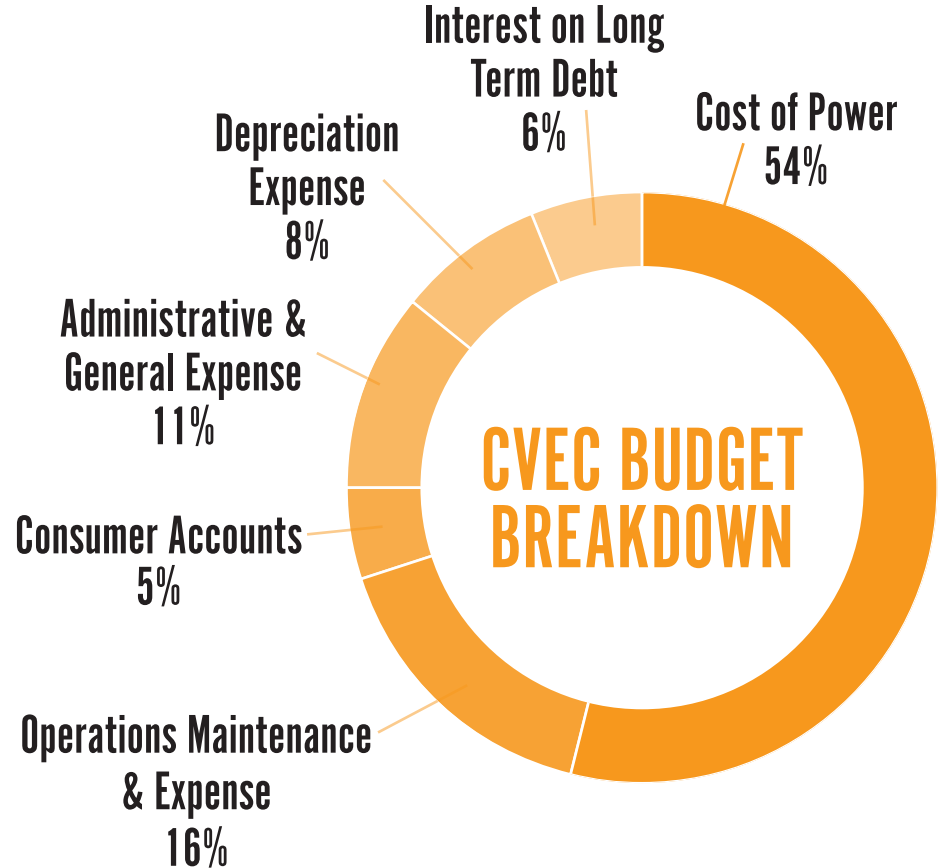


Marchelle Brown
Treasurer

supplier, Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative(Northeast Power), provides us the power that we then distribute to our members. The graph on the right depicts this expense in relation to the cooperative's other expenses. The Board of Directors and staff work diligently to ensure all auditing standards are followed and all requirements are met.



Trudy Grade
Finance Manager



COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATS

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2019	2020
Total Utility Plant	\$ 35,242,222	\$ 36,411,085
Less Depreciation	(10,211,527)	(10,547,429)
Net Utility Plant	25,030,695	25,863,656
Patronage Capital	4,818,059	4,996,102
Investments	7,510,528	7,634,697
Cash/Temp Investments	1,150,149	2,624,681
Accounts Receivable	2,052,249	1,550,827
Other	1,053,552	912,545
Total	\$41,615,232	\$43,582,508
Liabilities	2019	2020
Member Patronage	\$13,559,274	\$13,879,240
Long Term Debt	25,335,200	26,785,456
Notes/Accounts Payable	841,303	1,035,617
Consumer Deposits	126,840	138,338
Other Liabilities	1,752,615	1,743,857
Total	\$41,615,232	\$43,582,508

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Revenues & Expenses	2019	2020
Total Revenue	\$11,882,958	\$11,452,147
Power Cost	5,885,552	5,967,535
Operations/Maintenance	2,023,169	1,799,563
Consumer Accounts	561,205	563,978
Administration/General	1,468,932	1,262,476
Depreciation	889,108	914,703
Interest on Long Term Debt	783,446	631,330
Other Expenses	11,605	11,696
Total Expenses	11,623,017	11,151,281
Margins	2019	2020
Operating Margins	\$259,941	\$300,866
Non Operating Margins	225,447	29,288
G & T Co-op Capital Credits	362,539	357,120
Other Org. Capital Credits	27,200	44,061
Net Margins	\$875,127	\$731,335

Operation Round Up 2020 Statistics

77.67%

**MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING**



\$23,041

**TOTAL PROGRAM
CONTRIBUTIONS**



7

**NUMBER OF
GRANTS AWARDED**



\$21,300

**TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED
TO ORGANIZATIONS**





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MEET THE 2021 DISTRICT CANDIDATES



District 1: John Houser and his wife Linda live in rural Moravia where they operate a 100-acre farm and have been CVEC members for 34 years. They have three children, Marla, Shaun and Derek. John currently is a real estate agent and builds fence. In his spare time he enjoys woodworking and classic cars. He is a retired electric utility

senior field engineer of 46 years.

John has previously served on the Moravia School Board and on the Fire Department/First Responders. He is a U.S. Army veteran having served in Washington, D.C. and South Korea. John would bring substation and electric utility construction knowledge, budget and finance experience, as well as project management experience to the board, if elected.

When asked why he would like to become a Director at Chariton Valley, John said, "I'm always interested in the utility industry, and hope my past experience will be a benefit to the current board of directors and CVEC. I would also like to focus on improving the electric system, control spending, while also improving line equipment and construction techniques."



District 3: Wes Green and his wife Margaret live in rural Promise City and have been CVEC members for 33 years. The Greens have three daughters; Teresa Evan, Denise Day and Susan Brauman. Following 41 dedicated years of service Wes retired from working on the railroad.

Wes currently serves as trustee for Southfork Township. He is also an active member of Farm Bureau and the Seymour United Methodist Church. He has earned his Cooperative Credentialed Director distinction, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) by dedicating numerous hours towards educational classes for rural electric cooperative directors.

When asked why he is seeking reelection, Wes replied, "I am seeking reelection because I have enjoyed serving the members of CVEC for the past 9 years. I know the importance of keeping the lights on and also want to focus on the cooperative keeping up with the ever-changing technologies of today."



District 5: Norm Major and his wife Sandy have been CVEC members for 31 years and live in the city of Albia. Together they have two children; Jacob and Taylor.

Norm was born and raised in Monroe County. He graduated from Indian Hills Community College for business and management. Norm has been

employed with Pella Windows and Doors for the past 45 years and has held several positions within the company, but currently works with the corporate engineering group as an Engineering Specialist. Norm also serves on various boards and is very active within his church. He also organizes and runs the annual golf tournament for the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Norm has achieved his Cooperative Credentialed Director distinction, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) by attending classes and seminars that help guide him in decision making for the membership.

When asked what interests him most about continuing to serve on the board for CVEC, Norm replied, "I want to continue to know more about this industry and what it takes to bring affordable, reliable electricity to our homes and businesses. As a member myself, I am as equally concerned about rates, outages, costs and the safety of our employees just as much as the rest of our membership. I feel the need and want to be involved in the co-op business to represent our members and voice their concerns."

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Every member has a voice. The best part about being a member of CVEC is just that... it is your electric cooperative. You have a say in how your cooperative is run because membership also equals ownership. Being locally owned, operated and democratically run means you can trust your cooperative to focus on members' needs, local priorities and decisions that are best for your community.

The official ballot is included in this mailing. All ballots must be received by **12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021** for your vote to be counted and your name to be registered for this year's prizes.

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