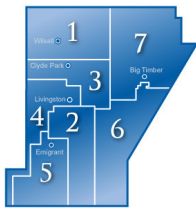


PARK SPARKS



District 3

includes all members with services south of Rock Creek road to nearly 2 miles north east of Livingston including Bracket Creek, Mission Creek, the Lower Shields and the town of Clyde Park. The 884 meters in this district are served by the Livingston and Clyde Park substations.

The town of Clyde Park was settled for many of the same reasons as other towns in this area. Texas cattlemen brought their herds up from the south to graze on the rich pasture land that the area is known for. The current town site of Clyde Park was initially named Sunnyside and had an established Post Office in 1887. In that same year, another Post Office was established at the historic Harvey and Tregloan Ranch (present day Shiplet Ranch) in the name of Clyde Park. By the late 1880's, a



stagecoach was running from Livingston to this area. In 1901, the two post offices were merged and the town was officially

named Clyde Park in its present day location. The train came to the area in 1909 and in 1919, most of the town burned to the ground in a fire.

Every year, the town celebrates its history with Old Settlers Days at the end of August. There is a parade, fun run, pancake breakfast and plenty of vendors. Starting this year, the town will host the weekly Shields Valley Farmers Market at the town park.



Photo Credit Distinctly Montana

Craig Yost is the District 3 Trustee and the newest member of the board of directors. Craig and his family have been members of Park Electric since the 70's. As a lineman for Northwestern Energy, Craig brings a different perspective to the board and while serving on our board, he has learned a lot about what goes on behind the scenes in the electrical industry. He is grateful to give back to the industry he has worked for throughout his career.



Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure you completely extinguish the fire when you're done. Drench the fire with water and stir the ashes until cold.



When burning yard waste, follow local ordinances. Avoid burning in windy conditions, and keep a shovel, water and fire retardant nearby to keep fires in check.



Tips to Prevent Wildfires



Play it safe when using fueled lanterns, heaters and stoves. Lighting and heating devices should be cool before refueling. Keep flammable liquids and fuel away from appliances.



Never discard cigarettes, matches and smoking materials from moving vehicles, or anywhere on park grounds. Completely extinguish cigarettes before disposing of them.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT BULB FOR THE RIGHT JOB

There are three primary types of lighting: ambient (general lighting), task lighting and accent lighting. As lighting technologies continue to advance, consumers should be open to trying new shapes and types of bulbs. The check marks below indicate appropriate locations for different types of bulbs on the market. Happy shopping!

BEST BETS FOR HOME LIGHTING

Common Bulb Types	Ambient Lighting			Accent Lighting			Task Lighting
	Pendant Fixture	Ceiling Fixture	Recessed Cans	Ceiling Fan	Wall Sconce	Spot Light	
Spiral	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Globe	✓				✓		
A-Shape	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Candle	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Reflector	✓		✓			✓	

Source: energy.gov

Manager's Comments

By Tim Stephens

Park Electric is governed by seven trustees (a/k/a directors). Each trustee represents a specific area/district of our service territory. The directors are responsible for supporting PEC staff and providing guidance with conflict resolution and implementation of policies. This method of governance has, and continues to be, a great way to operate an electric utility. The directors meet monthly at the cooperative office. We review financial, operational, and office reports. Policies



are reviewed and changes made as necessary. They are given updates on a wide variety of issues, such as power supply, outages, and safety concerns. Directors are expected to keep up with changes in the industry

and educate themselves through resources made available through our statewide and national organizations. The role of director requires dedication and a genuine interest in your co-op. You, the members, elect the director that represent you.

Elections will take place at our annual meeting, scheduled for October 27th. If you have ever considered running for the board, this may be your chance. The three board seats are up for election this year are Districts 1, 5 and 6. District 1 is everything north of Rock Creek Road in the Shields Valley. District 5 is everything south and west of Arrowhead School in Paradise Valley and District 6 is south of Interstate 90 near Big Timber and includes the Boulder River drainage system. If you are interested in running, please contact the office. We can verify your eligibility and put you in touch with your representative on the Nominating Committee. The committee will be meeting later this month to discuss possible candidates and make nominations for those districts.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Setting your thermostat to a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Keep Food Safe

Before, During and After a Power Outage

Unfortunately, power outages do occur from time to time. It's important to know how to keep your food safe during an outage. Use these tips from USDA to help minimize food loss and reduce your risk of illness.

Before power outage	During power outage	After power outage
<p>Keep refrigerator at 40° or below. Freeze items like fresh meat and poultry that you won't use immediately. Keep freezer set to 0° or below. Group frozen foods to help items stay colder longer.</p> <p>If you anticipate an extended power outage, buy dry or block ice to keep the fridge and/or freezer cold.</p>	<p>Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed!</p> <p>If the doors stay closed during the length of the outage:</p> <p>A full freezer will hold its temperature for 48 hours.</p> <p>A refrigerator will keep food safe for four hours.</p>	<p>Check the temperature inside your refrigerator and/or freezer.</p> <p>If the temperatures are safe, the food should be safe to eat.</p>

Foods that should be thrown out after an extended power outage:

- Meat, poultry or seafood products
- Milk, yogurt and other dairy products
- Cooked or sliced produce
- Eggs and egg products
- Soft and shredded cheese
- Opened baby formula
- Dough and cooked pasta

Source: USDA

Matt Grose graduates from the Management Internship Program

Park Electric Cooperative Employee Matt Grose has completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin, - Madison.



The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it. By also covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program will help Matt analyze business proposals that the coop may want to consider in the future. This program helps teach management challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants focus on member value as part of day-to-day decision making.