

# current lines

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## Join us for EV18

### An Event to Learn About Electric Vehicles

Electric vehicles are gaining popularity as auto-makers have made great improvements in range and available features. Plug-in vehicles (PEV) and plug-in hybrids (PHEV) continue to gain market share as these environmentally friendly autos move from novelties to practical, cost effective and stylish ways to transport us from place to place. To help our members better understand how electric vehicles could easily fit in their garage and their lifestyle, Tri-County EMC, in partnership with the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce, is hosting an Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day on November 1 at the Plaza Arts Center.

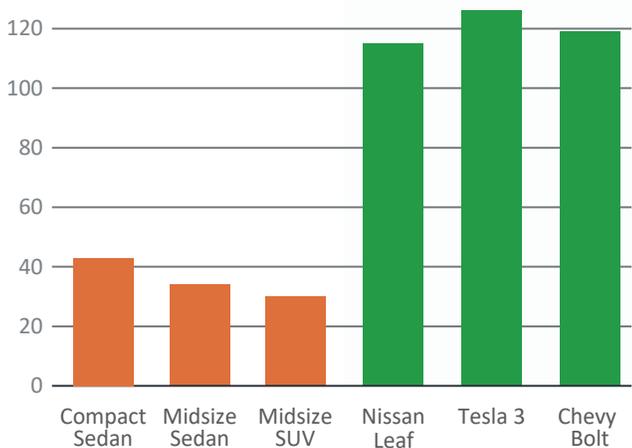


“The biggest hurdle for electric vehicles is ‘range anxiety,’” said Greg Mullis, vice president of corporate services and coordinator for the event. “Folks want to know that they can not only get to work and back home, but also jump in the car and head to Atlanta or Savannah without running out of battery power. And there are certainly many vehicles on the market that can do that just fine. There is also an ever-growing network of chargers, some capable of a full charge in under 30 minutes, that can help get you there and back.”

The Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day, or EV18 as we are calling it, will feature nationally known electric vehicle experts and a discussion about planning for charging options from the home to retail and municipal spaces. The fun part will be the opportunity to drive one of several electric vehicles at the event. “The most surprising part of experiencing an electric vehicle is the power—instant torque—from virtually every manufacturer’s car. EVs are fast and fun to drive.”

So join us for a fun day of interactive information, great speakers and a chance to try out several EV models in a no pressure environment. Lunch will be provided for all attendees and there will be a number of booths available with information about vehicle chargers and other renewable resources. To help us plan for food, please RSVP at <https://www.tri-countyemc.com/ev18.cms> or call 478.986.8118.

**Vehicle Efficiency**  
Gasoline mpg vs EV mpg-e



## Electric Vehicle Demonstration Day

**Thursday, November 1**  
**The Plaza Arts Center**  
**305 N. Madison Ave.**  
**Eatonton, GA**



- 10 AM Displays Open
- 10:30 AM: Presentations from National EV Experts
- 12:30 - 2 PM: Test Drive an Electric Vehicle, Visit Displays and Enjoy Lunch

**RSVP at [www.tri-countyemc.com/ev18.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/ev18.cms) or call 478.986.8118.**

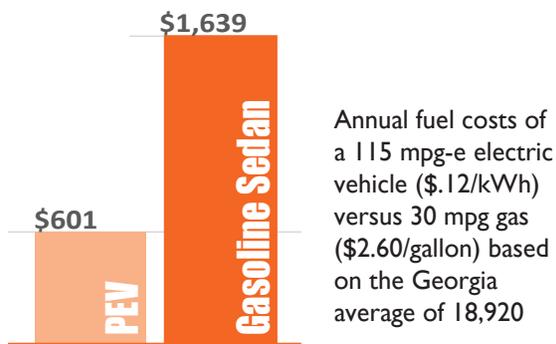
# Electric Vehicles: A Great Way To Commute and a Great Investment .....

It's not surprising that electric vehicles continue to gain popularity across the world. When you compare operating costs, EVs are hands-down the winner for fuel costs and maintenance. With a rapidly growing range of electric cars and SUVs available and federal tax credits available to help with the purchase, a plug-in or plug-in hybrid car could keep thousands of dollars in your wallet while getting you to your destination in style.

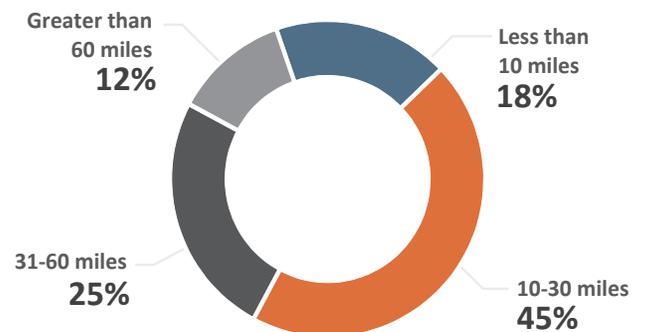
Understanding the potential savings to your household or business from an electric vehicle has been simplified by the EPA's introduction of the "mpg-e". This rating lets you see the miles you get from "equivalent" amount of energy. For example, a Nissan Leaf has a rating of 115 mpg-e compared to 25-30 mpg from a typical gasoline-powered sedan and 20-25 mpg for an SUV.

Another important factor in examining whether an SUV is a good fit for you is your daily commute. A survey of Tri-County EMC members found that about 60% of our members drive less than 30 miles to and from work. 88% have less than a 60 mile commute. This easily fits into the range of most modern EVs, and certainly within the capability of being easily recharged overnight.

**Annual Fuel Costs**  
PEV vs Gas Sedan



**Average Commute by Tri-County EMC Members**



## Cooperatives See The Future .....

Dramatic changes are transforming all aspects of the energy industry. Interest in renewable energy is at an all-time high, and ultimately consumers want greater control over their energy use and payment methods. The prevalence of smartphone apps and "smart" technology for the home is increasing, and consumers and businesses are showing greater interest in electric vehicles. Tri-County is uniquely positioned to meet these changing energy needs because we are a cooperative.

### Co-ops Are Community Led

October is National Co-op Month, which is the perfect time to highlight the many ways electric cooperatives are unique. Cooperatives are locally governed, looking out for the long-term needs of their consumer-members.

Ray Grinberg, CEO of Tri-County EMC explains that, "Electric cooperatives belong to the communities they serve. This heightened community focus allows us to quickly adapt to evolving consumer expectations. Our closeness to the community ensures a better response to these needs because we are led by the people that we serve." (79180001)

### Co-ops Are A Catalyst For Good

Electric co-ops, like Tri-County EMC, are a catalyst for good in their communities. Co-ops engage their consumer-members to do things that might otherwise be difficult or impossible, like 75 plus years ago when electric co-ops brought power to rural areas. Today, it means investing in our communities and our future.

Cooperatives exist to meet a previously unmet need in the community. We facilitate to spark positive change. We partner with Chambers of Commerce and Development Authorities across our eight-county service area to bring economic development. And through grant and scholarship programs like Operation Roundup, Bright Ideas and the Washington Youth Tour, we invest in our people.

The co-op business model is unique. It is pragmatic, mission-oriented and puts people first. Co-ops strive to be a trusted voice in their communities. Co-ops have earned that trust because, while not perfect, they always have their members' best interest at heart and are determined to enrich the lives of those living and working in the communities they serve—now and in the future.

# Tri-County EMC Foundation Grants \$9,507 in September

In September 2018, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board approved grants for 7 projects, totaling \$9,507 in Operation Roundup funds, to benefit organizations or individuals in local communities. The organizations that received funds this quarter are:

**Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center:** \$1,000 to help cover Special Olympics Expenses and horseback riding lessons for children with special needs

**Cafe Central:** \$1,500 to go towards the purchase of a steam table to be used to serve hot meals to individuals in need in Baldwin County

**Lockerly Arboretum:** \$1,500 to repair, replace and upgrade education materials in the Geology Pavilion

**Northridge Cares:** \$623 to purchase materials to construct a wheelchair ramp for an individual with Alzheimer's in Baldwin County

**Real Life Family Resource Center:** \$1,000 to purchase school supplies for students in need

**Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia:** \$1,000 to cover medication and medical check up expenses for residents at the Rescue Mission

**The Plaza Arts Center:** \$1,000 to repair and relocate a pottery kiln to be used in after school and summer camp programs in Putnam County



**Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia received a grant from the Tri-County EMC Foundation to be used to for medical expenses for residents at the Rescue Mission.**

## About Operation Roundup:

Operation Roundup is funded by voluntary contributions from Tri-County members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Participants in the program have their monthly bill rounded up to the next dollar, with that surplus amount going to fund Operation Roundup. Any non-profit, civic, religious or government organization located within Tri-County's eight county service area are eligible to receive funding. Applications must be for special needs or projects. Applications can be found on our website at [www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms) or mailed upon request by calling 478.986.8126.(80718001)

## Interested in Applying for a Grant?:

Do you know of a non-profit group needing funding for a specific project in the Tri-County EMC service area? Encourage them to complete an Operation Roundup Grant Application. The next deadline to apply for an Operation Roundup Grant is December 1.

## Qualifications:

- Applications must be for a special project or need. Donations will not be made to an organization's general budget.
- Project must be located within a county that Tri-County EMC serves (Baldwin, Putnam, Jones, Bibb, Jasper, Morgan Twigg or Wilkinson County)
- Organizations must be a non-profit, civic, religious or government organization

**Did you find your account number?**

Find your complete account number inside parentheses in this issue of Current Lines and win a \$50 bill credit. Call 478.986.8126 to claim your bill credit.

# Christmas Card Art Contest

Artwork Due November 9

**T**ri-County EMC is seeking students (grades Kindergarten through 5th grade) to design the Tri-County EMC 2018 Christmas Card. Artwork provided by the students should be Christmas/Holiday themed and will be judged by a committee of employees. The overall winner's design will appear on Tri-County EMC's Christmas Card, which will be mailed to friends and associates of the cooperative. The artwork will also be featured in the December issue of *Current Lines*, on [www.tri-countyemc.com](http://www.tri-countyemc.com) and on Tri-County EMC's social media pages.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please fill out the release form at [www.tri-countyemc.com/christmascardartcontest.cms](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/christmascardartcontest.cms) and return it with the artwork to:

**Tri-County EMC**  
**Attn: Christmas Card Contest**  
**PO Box 487**  
**Gray, GA 31032**

You may also turn in entries to either office location. **Please do not fold the artwork.** The deadline to turn in entries is **Friday, November 9**. The winner will be announced on social media and our website by 5pm on Wednesday, November 14. If you have questions, please contact Kim Broun at [kimb@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:kimb@tri-countyemc.com) or 478.986.8126. (64857001)

christmas card  
**ART**  
CONTEST

## Prizes!

The first place winner's artwork will be featured on the Tri-County EMC Christmas Card, in the December *Current Lines* on [tri-countyemc.com](http://tri-countyemc.com) and the cooperative's social media pages. The winner will also receive \$50.

Overall 2nd Place: \$40  
Overall 3rd Place: \$25  
Grade Level Winners: \$10

## Recipe Box

### Black Bean & Sweet Potato Salad

Thanks to Erin Weston of Gordon for sharing this delicious recipe! **Did you know that your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to [kimb@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:kimb@tri-countyemc.com) or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.**

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin, or more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- coarse salt and ground black pepper to taste



#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Spread sweet potatoes onto a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil over sweet potatoes; season with cumin, red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper. Toss sweet potatoes until evenly coated. Roast on the lower rack of the preheated oven, stirring halfway through, until sweet potatoes are tender, 25 to 35 minutes. Whisk remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and lime juice together in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper. Add sweet potatoes, black beans, onion, and cilantro; gently toss to coat. Can be served hot or cold.



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