

Energy Lines

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Lineworkers are ready when it matters most

Each spring, as communities grow brighter and warmer days return, we're reminded of the people who keep the power flowing behind the scenes. In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave men and women who make that possible every single day, our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most—leaving family dinners, working through the night and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life, to local businesses, to schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

Electric cooperatives like Flint Energies were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, Flint's crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops—sometimes close to home, and sometimes across state lines—to help restore power.



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Line Technician Apprentice

This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our Members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, it can be dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

On April 13, 2026, we will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication, which are the backbone of our cooperative.

Mark your calendars!



Please join us for Flint's 89th Annual Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 6, 2026
8:30 a.m.: Registration begins
10 a.m.: Business meeting begins

Where: Southside Baptist Church
1040 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Election of Directors

Consumer-members elect directors for a three-year term. Directors serve until their term expires or a challenger qualifies and is elected. Members vote by mail ballot before the Annual Meeting, and results are announced at the meeting. The term of any vacancy coincides with the vacated directorship's term. Members will receive mail ballots in September. Complete, sign and mail the ballot to Flint Energies' independent auditing firm in the reply envelope attached to that mailing.

Qualifications for Directors*

- Must be a Flint Energies Member for at least one year prior to the date he or she takes office.
- Cannot be an immediate relative of a Flint Energies employee.
- Cannot serve in an elected public office for which any pay is received, either as salary, fee per diem or reimbursement for services in any form.

*View a full list of qualifications in our Bylaws at flintenergies.com/documents.

2026 Board election timeline

June 30

Nominating Committee meets and posts nominations at the Reynolds office.

August 7

Nominations by petition must be received by 5 p.m.

August 10

All nominations by petition will be verified and posted at the Reynolds office.

September 8

A mailed official notice will include all candidate names and the mail-in ballot.

September 18

Postmark deadline to mail ballot so it is received by September 23. Members who return their mail ballots are eligible for prizes. If you do not receive your mail ballot by **September 18**, please contact Flint Energies for a ballot.

October 6

Annual Meeting

Southside Baptist Church
Warner Robins

Members may also cast their ballots at the meeting. Election results will be announced.

Directors up for reelection



Neal Talton
Area IV, Post 2
Houston, Bibb
and Twiggs counties



**Clarence J.
"Jackie" Robinson Jr.**
Area II, Post 2
Taylor, Talbot, Schley, Harris,
Marion, Muscogee and
Chattahoochee counties

Electric Co-ops: Much more than electricity!

Electric co-ops are known for providing much more than just electricity to their Consumer-members. While their primary role may be to supply power, these Member-owned organizations offer a range of additional benefits that enhance local communities and promote economic sustainability.

At the heart of a cooperative's business model is a commitment to serving the needs of its Members rather than maximizing profits. This means that cooperatives like Flint Energies often reinvest surplus revenue back into the community through lower rates, infrastructure upgrades and community-focused programs. For example, each year, Flint Energies invests money into communities within their 17-county service area through the Rural Mural program. This program establishes a collaboration between the Co-op and the local, rural communities to create public art that carries lasting impact, sparks economic development and is the focal point of community discussions and potential tourism.

In addition to these economic benefits, cooperatives provide vital services like education and youth programs, health initiatives and support for local businesses. By being locally managed, cooperatives can respond quickly to the unique needs of their communities, whether it's offering disaster relief during power outages or supporting local nonprofits.

Moreover, cooperatives foster a sense of ownership and empowerment among their Members. Every Member has a voice in how the cooperative operates, which creates a stronger sense of community and shared responsibility. This democratic approach helps ensure the cooperative's actions align with the values and priorities of those it serves.

Ultimately, cooperatives offer much more than just electricity—they are hubs of community empowerment, sustainable economic development and social responsibility, making a meaningful impact far beyond the power grid.

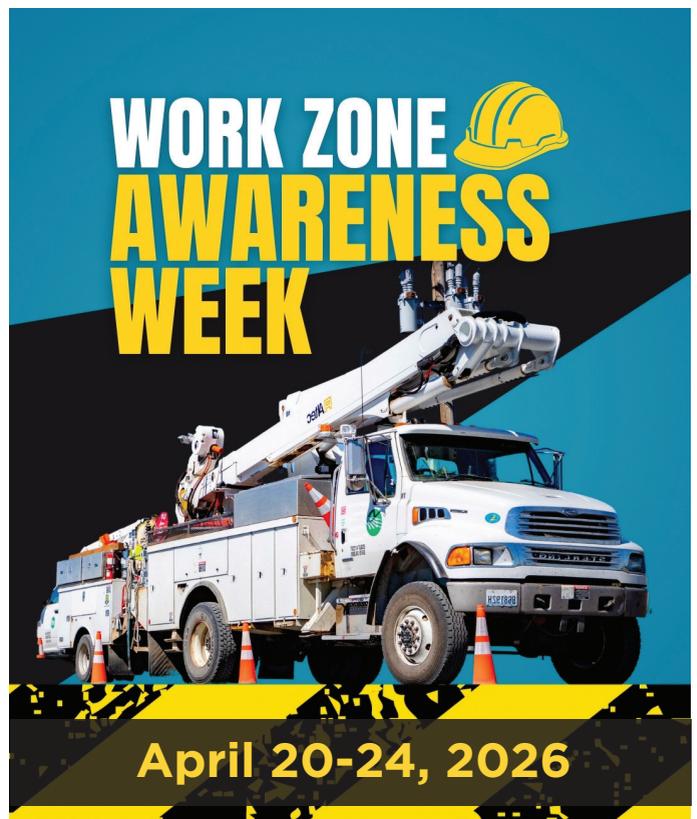
Earth Day

April 22, 2026

Members who visit our offices on April 22, will receive a special gift to remind you that everyone acting together makes a huge difference.



WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK



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Upcoming 2026 festivals

Perry Dogwood Festival
Perry | April 11-12
perrydogwoodfestival.com

Georgia Strawberry Festival
Reynolds | April 25
ga-strawberry.org

Georgia JugFest
Knoxville | May 16
gajugfestival.com

Georgia Peach Festival
Fort Valley | June 5-6
Byron | June 13
gapeachfestival.com

Modest increase in residential rates and base charge

Most Members should see a net decrease for 2026

Starting April 1, Flint's residential base charge will move from \$36 a month to \$38 a month, continuing a long-term initiative to gradually align this monthly charge with the fixed costs of operating the 7,000-plus-mile electric system.

Flint Energies' residential energy rate will move from 10.55 cents to 11.05 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This is the first increase in the cooperative's residential energy rate in nearly a decade.

To help offset these adjustments, the Board has proactively taken the necessary steps to lower the Cooperative's wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA) for 2026. For a typical residential account using 1,200 kWh a month, the WPCA reduction is expected to be approximately \$10.80 a month.

When combined with the base charge and energy rate changes, this results in a net monthly bill decrease of \$2.80. Members who use less energy should likely see a net decrease, though to a lesser extent. The WPCA appears as a separate line item on each month's bill and could be adjusted up or down each month and is dependent upon a member's actual monthly use, as well as wholesale power costs.