

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many events have been cancelled or postponed. For up-to-date information, contact the organizations listed or visit smeco.coop/aroundtown.

May
AROUND TOWN CALENDAR

Annmarie Antique and Flea Faire
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center.
410-326-4640
annmariegarden.org
Sponsor: Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

Drive Thru Ham and Fried Chicken Dinner
Noon to 5 p.m. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville.
301-884-4132
mtzionmech.org
Sponsor: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Find more events at smeco.coop/aroundtown.

6
Charles County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Swan Point Golf Course.
301-932-6500
charlescountychamber.org
Sponsor: Charles County Chamber

9
13th Annual Calvert Arts Festival
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All Saints' Episcopal Church.
202-603-3273
PatrickHerlithy@comcast.net
allsaints1692.org/upcoming-events/calvert-arts-fest
Sponsor: All Saints' Episcopal Church

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Golf Tournament
Sponsor: St. John's School
8 a.m. to noon. 21935 Society Hill Rd, Leonardtown.
717-491-4044
sjshollywood.org

15
Annmarie After Hours
5 to 8 p.m. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center.
410-326-4640
annmariegarden.org
Sponsor: Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

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Art in the Park 5K Fun-Run
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Smallwood State Park, 2759 Sweden Point Road, Marbury.
301-743-5159
japflaum@hotmail.com
Sponsor: Mattawoman Creek Art Center

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Dinner and a Cruise Series: Meet Dr. Thomas Gerard
4 to 8 p.m. St. Clement's Island Museum.
301-761-2222
[Facebook.com/SCIMuseum](https://facebook.com/SCIMuseum)
Sponsor: St. Mary's County Museum Division

May 25: Memorial Day
SMECO offices closed. Customer Care Center is available 24/7.
1-888-440-3311 • smeco.coop

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Bad Art Night
6 to 9 p.m. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center.
410-326-4640
annmariegarden.org
Sponsor: Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center

30
Warrior 5K Fun Run/Walk
8:30 a.m. to noon. Solomons Island Gazebo/Pavillion.
240-434-2834
patuxenthabitat.org
Sponsor: Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

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Applications due soon
Board of Directors candidate applications to be submitted to the Nominating Committee are due by **4 p.m., May 8, 2020**. Nominations by petition are due by 4 p.m., May 29, 2020. In order to serve as a director, you must have been a SMECO member with your name on the account for at least one year.

Interested in running for the Board?
Visit www.smeco.coop/annualmeeting for more information.


All candidates must complete a Board of Directors Candidate Application.

To obtain an application:

- **Call:** Terrie Barringer at 240-528-9747
- **Email:** terrie.barringer@smeco.coop
- **Online:** smeco.coop/annualmeeting

Bike Ride rescheduled
Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the SMECO 75 Bide Ride has been rescheduled for October 17, 2020.
Visit www.smeco.coop/smeco75 for more information and to register.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



- 1 SMECO Sponsors 31st Southern Maryland Computer Bowl.
- 2 The 2020 SMECO Annual Members' Meeting is coming up soon. Are you ready to vote?
- 3 Check out upcoming events and important deadlines.



SMECO Sponsors 31st Southern Maryland Computer Bowl

SMECO held the 31st annual Southern Maryland High School Computer Bowl on March 7 at North Point High School in Charles County.

The event helps students prepare for careers such as software development and cybersecurity. Computer skills are vital for students who plan to become proficient in technical and industrial fields. With information technology firmly embedded in daily life, electric utilities depend on computerization to help keep the lights on.

This year's Computer Bowl featured approximately 70 young computer enthusiasts in a test of their coding skills and technical knowledge. Sponsors for the annual competition are SMECO, the College of Southern Maryland, Booz Allen Hamilton, and the public school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

Nineteen teams from nine high schools in Southern Maryland faced the challenging literacy and programming tests in the Computer Bowl. In the first round of the competition, students took a written test of their knowledge of computer history, hardware, and software. In the second round, teams of three to four students created computer programs to solve specific problems.

Winners received plaques and trophies, and SMECO awarded gift cards to the top four teams. The College of Southern Maryland also provided the first-place winners with performance awards.

Booz Allen Hamilton provided 11 judges for the Computer Bowl: Rachel Aaron, Alan Cooper, Janet Cooper, Carrie Dalton, Amber Dull, Shannon Katulich, Stephen Katulich, Laurie Lawrence, Cailean Parker, Doug Sanborn, and Jennifer Sanborn. Other judges were Tom Inscore and John Stine of Charles County Public Schools; Joe Burgin, Eugen Leontie, and Brian Warnecke of the College of Southern Maryland; and Steve Nixon of Small Satellite Alliance. Lora Bennett and John Stine with Charles County Public Schools developed the literacy and programming tests used in the competition.



First-place team, Great Mills High School

From left, coach Nora Blasko, Venzah Hamilton, Zoe Coughlan, Maya Lee, and Emme Staats.



Second-place team, Huntingtown High School

From left, Evan Fee, Quintin Hilton, coach Tom Currier, Ethan Hilton, and Grayden Hays.



Third-place team, North Point High School

From left, Eric Fotang, coach Melody Stahl, Ishaan Chada, and Gabriel Alleyne. Not pictured is Maxwell Stine.

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About SMECO's annual meeting

Every year, SMECO conducts its members' meeting for the purpose of electing directors and voting on bylaw changes. As a member, you have the right to vote.

SMECO has 15 directors, and every year, five directors are elected to three-year terms.

This year, elections will be held to fill one position in Calvert/Anne Arundel counties, one position in Charles County, one in Prince George's County, and two in St. Mary's County.

The annual meeting ballot also includes proposed amendments to SMECO's bylaws. Bylaws govern the way an electric cooperative does business.

Updating your address

All ballots are mailed to members. In order to receive your ballot, it's important that SMECO has your correct mailing address.

To update your mailing information, you can call 1-888-440-3311 or you can use Account Manager online. To use Account Manager, click on "Sign In" at smeco.coop. Log in with your password and user name. (Click Enroll New User to begin the setup process if you are a new user.) Select "View/Update Account Info" at the top right and update your information.

If you have multiple account addresses, you can designate the one where you would like to receive your annual meeting ballot by calling and speaking to a Customer Care Representative.

Voting

Ballots will be mailed to all SMECO members by July 22.

- SMECO members can vote by mail or online. (No voting onsite.)
- Members can vote for candidates in each county.
- Ballots must be received or submitted online by August 20, 2020. Voting results will be announced at the meeting.

Meeting

The annual meeting is a business meeting. Ballots cast by mail and online will be included to make a quorum of 500. To make a quorum, at least 50 members are required to attend the meeting in person.

- **Location:** Middleton Hall
4045 Renner Road, Waldorf, MD 20602
- **Date:** August 27, 2020
- **Time:** 6 p.m.

