

The High Line

By Line

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Matching Grants

One of the core principles of cooperatives is Concern for Community. At Arrowhead Cooperative we demonstrate our commitment to helping our community in a variety of ways.

Thanks to donations from our members, our Operation Round Up program recently awarded \$19,000 to Cook County nonprofit organizations like Cook County Soil and Water, Cook County Community Education, and The North Shore Health Care Foundation. We have recently donated items to local groups' fundraising efforts, including the WISE Silent Auction at Fisherman's Picnic (formerly known as the Grand Marais

Lionesses), the Gunflint Canoe Races (to raise money for the



Boreal Community Media

Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Departments), and the Birch Grove Gala for the school.

One of the Cooperative's lenders, CoBank, has a Sharing Success program that allows co-ops to apply for grant funds on behalf of organizations in their communities. This year, Arrowhead Cooperative

received matching grants for the Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program (\$1,250), Cook County Higher Education (\$1,250), and Boreal Community Media (\$5,000). We are honored to be able to bring these additional funds to our community to help the organizations that serve our members.

We want to congratulate our community partners and wish them well!



Cook County Higher Education



Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program



October is National Cooperative Month

Celebrate with Arrowhead Electric Cooperative

Member Appreciation Week: October 7-11

Member Appreciation Lunch on Friday October 11th –
Don't forget to join us!

Arrowhead Cooperative partners with Care Partners of Cook County and CERTs

Arrowhead has partnered with Care Partners of Cook County, Cook County Local Energy Project (CCLEP), Nordic Nature Group, and Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) to provide support and education for switching to LED lighting.

If you are interested in an LED retrofit for your home, please contact our coordinating partner from CERTs. You might even qualify for free light bulb replacements!

Contact Colby: 218-353-1448 or colby@cleanenergyresourceteams.org

Time to Submit Photos for the Arrowhead Cooperative Calendar

Submit a photo to be included in the 2020
Arrowhead Cooperative Calendar!

It is easy and fun:

1. Choose a photo you have taken.
2. Send it to us.
3. Come by our office during Member Appreciation Week in October and vote for your favorites to be included in the next calendar.

The details:

1. Only Arrowhead Cooperative members, directors, employees and their family members are eligible.
2. Two entries per membership will be accepted.
3. Please include your name, phone number, email address, and member number or account number.
4. For each submission we need 1 cleanly printed photo AND 1 digital copy.
5. Photos can be either horizontal or vertical orientation.
6. Submitted photos become the property of Arrowhead Cooperative and may be used in other publications or digital media. Photos will not be returned.
7. Deadline: Friday, October 4th.
8. Email photos to Newsletter@accimn.com AND mail prints to Arrowhead Cooperative PO Box 39 Lutsen, MN 55612



Mail printed photo to
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You must also Email your photo
to Newsletter@accimn.com
Subject Line: Photo Contest
Include your name, address,
& contact number.

True North Broadband Announces Participation in Operation Round Up

Beginning in August 2002, members of Arrowhead Electric Cooperative, Inc. began a program to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities throughout Arrowhead's service territory. Member participation in this program, called Operation Round Up, is voluntary.

Contributions made to the Operation Round Up Trust are used to provide financial support in areas including Community Service, Economic Development, Education and Youth, and Environment.

We are now expanding the program to allow True North subscribers to participate as well.

Each month, True North Broadband will "round up" the bills of participating members to the next dollar. For example, if your broadband bill is \$74.64 we would round that up to \$75.00. The additional \$0.36 would go directly to the Operation Round Up Trust. The annual average contribution from a participant is \$6.00. The most a participant could contribute annually would be \$11.88.

The Arrowhead Electric Trust Board administers the fund. The Board is composed of Arrowhead Cooperative members and is independent of the Cooperative's Board of Directors. The Trust Board evaluates requests for donations from the fund and contributions are distributed to the local community annually. Since the program

began in 2002 over \$322,000 of member contributions have been distributed throughout Cook County.



Operation Round Up is an opportunity for you to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities in our communities. Pennies donated by you each month become significant when added to the pennies donated by other participants.

Recently funded projects include:

- North Shore Health Care Foundation -dental care for low income children
- Great Expectations School -rain gear for 1st & 2nd grade students
- Chik-Wauk Nature Center -educational materials
- Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program -quilting and art supplies
- Good Harbor Hill Players -2018 summer solstice pageant
- Safe Routes to School -2019 Bike Safety Rodeo
- Soil & Water Conservation District -Take a Kid Fishing Program
- WTIP -Youth Mentoring Project
- Superior Cycling Association -Britton Peak Trail construction

Considering an Electric Vehicle?

Join us in Duluth during National Drive Electric Week. A panel of EV experts and enthusiasts will be available to answer questions. Take a look at the wide variety of EVs on the market.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5 PM – 7 PM
CANAL PARK LODGE AND PARKING LOT

Light refreshments will be provided



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Dates to Remember

Monday, September 2
Monday, September 16
Thursday, September 20
Thursday, September 29
Friday, October 4

Office Closed; Labor Day
EV show and tell event in Duluth
Electric & Broadband bills due
Board of Directors Meeting
Deadline for photo contest



Don't forget - 2019 Heating Season Rebates!

Thermal Storage Heating Rebates - \$50/kW!!

Interruptible Electric Heating Rebates - \$50/kW!!

Storage Water Heating Rebates - \$400/unit!!

**must be larger than 80 gallons*

Interruptible Water Heating Rebates - \$200/unit!!

** must be larger than 50 gallons*

Our Member Services team is happy to talk to you about your heating system and we can coordinate with your contractor to maximize your efficiency and your savings. 218-663-7239 or 800-864-3744

Electric Vehicle Charger Promotion

Have you been thinking about getting an electric vehicle (EV)? Did you know Arrowhead Cooperative and Great River Energy have partnered up to help you get an EV charger at home?

Arrowhead Cooperative members are eligible to take part in a promotional offer to get a great deal on a home based level 2 charging unit.

Check out the link to the online store here:

<https://energywisemnstore.com/electric-vehicle-chargers/>

There are only 200 chargers available - so log on today to get your charger!

Please call our office if you have any questions: 218-663-7239

Happy Charging!

Right-Of-Way

Crews from Northern Clearing continue to work in the Gunflint Mid-Trail area. Keep in mind, clearing and hazard tree removal can happen at any time, in any area as needed.

What can you do to help?

- Please be sure the right of way is clear of personal items to ensure the mowers and equipment can pass through with ease.
- Brushing and/or mowing your private right-of-way from the meter to your home, following your electric or fiber line, would be extremely helpful. The suggested width is 10 feet for both overhead and underground services.

Please mark survey pins, sprinkler systems, septic systems, well heads, wire or fencing with a five foot permanent reflective marker post within the right-of-way, and remove any personal items that may be damaged by flying debris. Arrowhead Cooperative will not accept liability for damage of these items if not notified. If you do not live at your service address, please call the office to inform us of known obstacles in your right-of-way.

Arrowhead Cooperative encourages members to contact the office with any questions or concerns regarding Right-of-Way clearing.

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