



MEMBER GOVERNANCE

TRUSTEE ELECTION

Any LCEC customer/member who is a resident of North Fort Myers or Lehigh Acres can apply for the seats up for election in 2017. All applicants are considered and interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Each year there are at least three seats up for election. Terms are staggered to provide continuity on the Board. Potential qualifications for nominated candidates:

- Business experience
- Ability to interpret operating and financial reports
- Community leadership
- Sensitivity to member concerns, attitudes, and issues
- Integrity and minimal possibility for conflict of interest
- Capability to contribute to Board discussions and decisions

Seats up for election in 2017

**District 4 – Lehigh Acres**

**District 5, Seat 1 – North Fort Myers**

**District 5, Seat 2 – North Fort Myers**

If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees, contact LCEC Public Relations, 239-656-2202 or [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net). Applications accepted from November 1, 2016, through January 3, 2017.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
TO BE NAMED NEXT MONTH

The LCEC Nominating Committee, independent from the Board of Trustees, is made up of LCEC members charged with interviewing and objectively evaluating applicants interested in serving on the LCEC Board of Trustees. As members of the cooperative, Committee members are responsible for exercising due diligence and great care to ensure the nomination process is carried out thoroughly and with the utmost integrity. The Committee strives to conduct a fair and open process, to be conscientious of its responsibilities, and to apply standards widely applicable to large corporations.

NO RATE  
INCREASE in 2017!!

LCEC is planning for the **NINTH YEAR** in a row without a rate increase!

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING AWARDS

LCEC was proud to award Environmental Funding Awards in September to four local organizations whose missions center around protecting the environment and the wildlife that inhabit it.

The award winners are:

- **The Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife**
- **The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife**
- **The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation**
- **The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum**

LCEC's Environmental Funding Awards are awarded twice each year.



To apply for an LCEC environmental award, organizations can email [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net) to receive an application. The deadlines for 2017 award applications are March 15, 2017, and September 15, 2017. Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered for the award. This funding award is just one of the many ways that LCEC positively impacts and supports wildlife and the environment. In the three years since the launch of this award, LCEC has provided more than \$30,000 to local programs and agencies!



The very nature of the cooperative business model is to serve the community. LCEC accomplishes this by delivering reliable, cost-competitive electricity to its members. But LCEC giving goes beyond power lines. Employees proudly volunteer thousands of hours annually in our communities. To support the passion for philanthropy, LCEC designed the Pay It Forward Program to encourage volunteerism and support employees' efforts to actively contribute to their favorite qualifying nonprofit organization. In essence, employees who volunteer can earn Pay It Forward donation dollars, which are awarded to a 501(c)(3) charity of their choice. Employees can earn up to \$100 in Pay It Forward donation dollars in a year for volunteering. Since its launch in March 2016, more than 4,000 hours have been logged and \$1,000 has been awarded to charities through the Pay It Forward Program.

Cooperatives  
**GIVE  
back**



# Holiday Hours



For the fastest service, the best days to phone the LCEC Customer Care Center are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, LCEC offices will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, reopening for normal business on Monday, November 28.

During the Christmas holiday, LCEC offices will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, and be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, reopening for normal business on Tuesday, December 27.

LCEC will also be closed on January 2.



## Five electric safety tips to keep your holiday merry and bright

1. Use tested lights only. Look for the Underwriters Laboratories label.
2. Inspect electric decorations for damage before use.
3. Don't overload electric outlets.
4. Make sure electric cords used outdoors are designed for outdoor use.
5. Don't go to sleep and leave holiday lights on.



## GIVING THANKS FOR...

### *Cooperative membership*

- Reliable power at competitive rates.
- Neighbors helping neighbors.
- Every member has a vote.
- Money and jobs remain in the community.



### *Turkey Day energy-saving tips*

- Use the microwave as much as possible.
- Stuff the oven – Cook as much as you can at one time.
- Keep the oven door shut – When you peek, the temperature drops, and it takes energy to maintain the heat.
- Right pot, right burner – Use a pot that is the right size for contents and the burner.

## MAKING STRIDES



Thank you to all the LCEC employees and their friends and family who participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on October 8 in Estero. The team raised an impressive \$1,605!



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### **CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNER**

If you receive an LCEC customer survey in the mail, return it for a chance to win \$50. Last month's winner was Jill Janda of Sanibel.

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