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### Tip of the Month

Be aware of utility bill scams. If you are suspicious, contact NOVEC at 703-335-0500 to confirm if a communication is legitimate. Stay safe. Visit [novec.com/Scams](http://novec.com/Scams).

# What's Current

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## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

NOVEC's 2023 Annual Meeting was held Sept. 13 at NOVEC's Technical Center in Gainesville. More than 50 attending members heard from Board Chairman Wade House, and President and CEO Dave Schleicher.

Co-op members reelected Brent George to his District 2 seat on the Board of Directors.

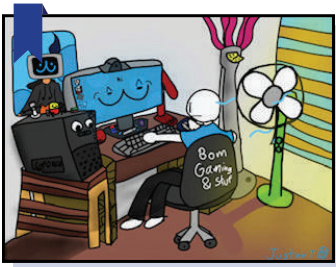
During his state-of-the-Cooperative report, Schleicher said that NOVEC's most important job is to keep the lights on. In 2022, NOVEC maintained an outstanding 99.99% reliability rating. Schleicher also discussed a wide array of NOVEC services and programs. He provided an update on the Co-op's successful financial performance, and he explained how the utility industry as a whole is transforming.



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## NOVEC'S 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Scan the QR code with a smartphone camera to view the NOVEC Annual Report or go to [novec.com/annualreport](http://novec.com/annualreport).



**First place:** Justinn Tong-On, 11, of Aldie



**Second place:** Olivia Chen, 9, of Ashburn



**Third place:** Aaddya Tiwari, 10, of Manassas

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY MONTH

NOVEC encourages Co-op members to take these precautions:

1. Create unique passwords with 10-12 characters that only you will remember. Use a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters. Keep them private. Change passwords every six months.
2. Keep all software up to date on internet-connected devices — including personal computers, laptops, tablets, TVs, gaming devices, and smartphones.
3. Be careful when using wireless networks at public places such as airports and hotels. Don't access financial data or other sensitive information on these types of networks.
4. Don't click on links or attachments in emails or texts from unknown senders.
5. Log off of password-connected websites, especially those of your financial institutions, after visiting.

Find more cybersecurity measures and practices at [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org).

From National Cybersecurity Alliance's *STOP. THINK. CONNECT.*™

## CELEBRATING THE WINNERS OF NOVEC'S YOUTH ART CONTEST

NOVEC judges had their work cut out for them when it came to selecting just three winners in NOVEC's summer children's art contest, because so many entries were exceptional. The contest encouraged children to submit drawings about "How my family uses electricity."

Congratulations to Justinn Tong-On, 11, of Aldie, for earning first place. Olivia Chen, of Ashburn, placed second, and Aaddya Tiwari, 10, of Manassas placed third in the competition.

# ROCK-SOLID

NOVEC customers enjoy almost perfect power and competitive rates!

A 99.99 percent reliability rating reflects NOVEC's strong electric system and dedicated employees. They help ensure customers have dependable, safe electricity 24/7.

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