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## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN HOSTING THIRD ANNUAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIDE & DRIVE EVENT**

**Rockford, Minn. (September 12, 2023)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) invites members to learn more about electric vehicles at its third annual EV Ride and Drive. The free event is Thursday, September 21 from 5-7:30 p.m. at WH's Rockford headquarters, and hosted in partnership with Drive Electric MN. It falls just ahead of National Drive Electric Week, recognized for raising awareness of the benefits of EVs.

Vehicles available for test drives are provided by local car dealerships and will include a Chevy Bolt, Chevy Blazer, Mitsubishi Outlander, Tesla Model 3, Tesla Model Y, and a Polestar 2. Test drives are free, and drivers must have a valid driver's license and insurance. Members are encouraged to pre-register for a test drive time slot at <http://bit.ly/WH-ev-ride-and-drive23>.

Attendees also have the opportunity to learn about EVs from WH members who are bringing their personal vehicles to display. Trailhead Cycling will provide electric bikes for test rides, and electric lawn mowers will also be available to view from Minnesota Mowers.

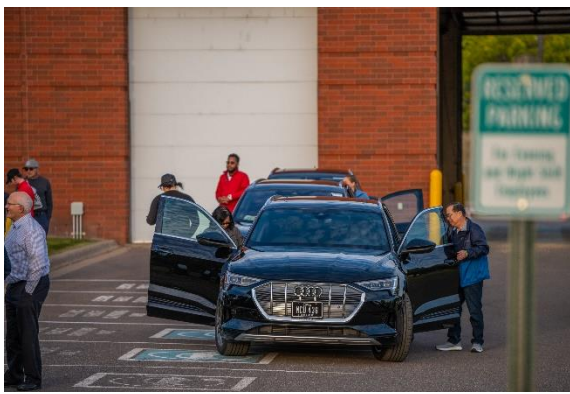
WH staff will also be available to discuss its money-saving EV charging programs, including its new flat-rate \$35 per month Energy-Saving Program. Members can also learn more about home charging station options and available rebates. This year's Ride and Drive also offers a food truck, free ice cream, and a DJ.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 59,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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*A WH member test drives one of the electric vehicles available at the 2022 EV Ride and Drive.*



*Members are ready to drive one of the EVs available for test drives during the 2022 EV Ride and Drive.*



*EV Ride & Drive Event attendees check out the electric bikes available for test rides at the 2022 EV Ride and Drive.*