

Mark Your Calendars!

Power Hour

A casual get together for
Northeastern REMC members. . .

Wednesday, April 24
7-8 pm

Hosted at NREMC member:

80/20, Inc.
1701 S. 400 E.
in Park 30 Business Center
Columbia City, IN

EASY FIXES to make your home more marketable (if you plan to sell) and more comfortable (if you plan to stay)

Moving or not, an energy efficient home is a great thing to have. If selling, it will bring you more money. If you're staying, comfort becomes an important issue, especially in multi-level or older homes. In this session, a local top-selling Realtor and our certified energy advisor will share tips and answer all your questions.

- Easy fixes that are important, especially if you're thinking about selling your home
- More expensive upgrades that will pay off in terms of resale value and/or comfort
- Energy efficiency suggestions so sellers can promote an "energy efficient home"
- Advantages of having an energy consultation
- The most common problems home inspectors are finding in this area
- Top questions asked of a Realtor
- Northeastern's new Nest thermostat and installation offers
- What is covered during a free energy consultation

WIN

- Free Nest thermostat!
 - Free professional home inspection of up to 2000 square feet and a FREE radon test!
- ADDITIONAL 20% OFF the price of Nest thermostats ordered during Power Hour!

Presented by:

Brandon Ferrell
Associate Broker, Minear Real Estate
2018 Top Agent - #2 Whitley County Agent



Jeanne Hasty
Certified Energy Advisor
Northeastern REMC



Reservations required. Seating is limited.

Contact Jeanne Hasty, 625-3700 x 403 or j_hasty@nremc.com, **by Friday, April 19.**

What are the expectations of being a board member?

Northeastern's directors are our members. They pay monthly electric bills like other Northeastern members. They do not receive discounted power and their electric bills are not subsidized.

Our nine-member board of directors is the legal policy-making body that governs the cooperative, decides on the long-range goals, monitors its financial condition and reviews the co-op's activities.

A director is elected from each district but is responsible for decisions affecting the entire cooperative. Directors must work in cooperation with the entire board. Directors are elected to three-year terms.

Directors are expected to attend all monthly and special board meetings including the board meeting following our Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting. They are also expected to attend committee meetings and the annual meeting. Directors should also attend one National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) meeting or director's conference every year as well as other one and two-day educational seminars.

A director is expected to become familiar with information and financial reports provided by the cooperative, as well as other state and national associations.

Directors are expected to complete their NRECA Credentialed Director's Certificate during their first three-year term.

A director must possess self-confidence and communication skills to express their opinion or disagreement with other directors.



Directors may spend over 30 days each year representing Northeastern REMC. Directors receive a per diem and mileage reimbursement for attending cooperative meetings. They receive transportation, lodging and meal expenses when traveling on corporate business.

Directors of Northeastern REMC must be at least 18 years old and shall have earned a high school diploma or GED. Director elections are open to all members, regardless of race, sex or creed.

Members considering running for the board of directors should review the many responsibilities required of the position. See Section 3.3 of NREMC's bylaws at nremc.com for specific qualifications and conflicts of interest. Additional details are mailed or emailed to all members.

Requirements changed for members wishing to fill position on NREMC's board of directors

For any member wishing to become a member of Northeastern REMC's Board of Directors, pre-qualifying requirements have changed.

Any member who wishes to represent the board district in which they live when that position becomes available will now have to secure a minimum of 35 signatures from fellow NREMC members living in the same district. They must also agree to submit a brief resume/description of their business experience and community involvement.

Additionally, candidates will have to agree to review online director

candidate orientation training sessions which should take two to four hours to complete.

This year members will be electing board representatives from districts 5, 6, 7 and 9. A detailed map and the form which needs to be completed and returned to Northeastern REMC by May 10 will be included in bills and found on our website beginning March 28.

Specific details about the election and requirements can be found in our bylaws on nremc.com.

10,000 additional meters to be upgraded this year

The upgrading of all residential electric meters, which began in August, will be continuing this Spring with the exchange of the approximately 10,000 remaining electric meters. Once completed, approximately 20,000 meters across Northeastern REMC's service area will have been changed out. The last time meters were upgraded in this manner was 2007 through 2009.

Crews contracted through Northeastern REMC are conducting this routinely-scheduled exchange. Each contractor will be carrying identification identifying themselves as a contract employee and all will be traveling in REMC logoed vehicles. Our contractors will knock on doors first to make residents aware they are on the property.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Northeastern at 625-3700.



\$200 in your pocket and a more comfortable home... What's not to love about that?

In addition to offering our members Nest thermostats at a reduced price and a \$50 rebate when you sign up for our Rush Hour Rewards program, we will now give you up to \$150 to cover the cost of having your new Nest thermostat professionally installed. So, why would you even want to bother trying to install it yourself?

Nest thermostats are designed for easy installation; however NREMC suggests using a professional. Better yet, use a recommended local Nest Pro Installer. A Nest Pro Installer can handle installation from start to finish, get everything set up for you in the app, and answer all of your questions about how it works and what you can do to be as energy efficient as possible.

An added benefit of using a Nest Pro Installer is that the warranty on your thermostat will be extended at no charge. Once the installation is complete and enrollment in our Rush Hours Reward rebate program is verified, an installation credit of up to \$150 will show up on your electric bill.

For a list of local Nest Pro Installers to call and more details about our program and special members-only thermostat pricing, contact Energy Advisor Jeanne Hasty at 625-3700, x 403, or j_hasty@nremc.com. You can also check out the Nest page of our website at nremc.com.

And this year's youth tour and camp winners are...

Matt Willits, a junior at Homestead High School, and **Hannah Harper**, a junior at Carroll High School, have been selected to represent Northeastern REMC on the Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. in June. The tour provides students the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and learn about the

federal government and electric cooperatives.

This year's Indiana delegation will be comprised of approximately 80 students from throughout the state, each selected by a local Touchstone Energy cooperative. Over 1,500 students from 48 states are typically in the nation's capital

for this week-long conference. Delegates will experience our county's history first-hand with stops at several historical sites and will visit with representatives of Indiana's Congressional delegation on

Capitol Hill. Students will be given an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and a return trip to Washington, D.C. as a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council.

Matt is the son of Michael and Monica Willits. Hannah is the daughter of Jeff and Amber Harper.

Sixth graders **Astoria Smith** from Churubusco Middle School, **Apryl Labit** from Woodside Middle School, and **Bridghid Clark** from Most Precious Blood Catholic School will be packing their bags and heading off to camp this Summer – Touchstone Energy Camp that is!



Matt Willits



Hannah Harper

The energy-themed camp is held at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. At camp, they will learn about electricity, electrical safety and conservation, as well as partake in popular camp activities such as swimming, horseback riding, crafts, zip lining, and archery. This program is offered annually by electric cooperatives across the state in support of area youth.

Parents of these outstanding students are Ashley and Carl Smith, Jami and Ben Smith, and Joshua and Jana Clark.

We wish all these students the TIME OF THEIR LIVES!! Congratulations to all of you!

REMC saddened by director death

Northeastern REMC was very saddened by the unexpected death of their Board of Director Chairperson, Jane Scott, on February 7, 2019.

Jane had been a member of the Northeastern REMC board for 14 years. At the time of her death she was the co-op's board chairperson, having been elected to that position by fellow board members in September 2017. Jane was also a member of the state board of directors for Indiana Electric Cooperatives, Indianapolis.



Jane is survived by her husband, George, daughter Alicia (David) Lundal of Madison, Wisconsin; son Chad (Carolyn) Scott of Carmel, IN, and five grandchildren.

Jane enjoyed being active in her community, serving on multiple committees at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and on the Executive Board of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne, where she was the chairperson for a number of years. She was also a past president of the Kosciusko Community YMCA board of directors and former administrator of the Warsaw Community Development Corporation.

Jane's position as Director representing District 9 will be filled as part of the election during this year's Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting on September 7, 2019.

Text messages offered during outages

Northeastern REMC offers members the option to receive text messages that relate to power outages.

If you would like to receive a text message when an outage occurs in your area, please note the following information:

Northeastern REMC has established a toll-free number (also known as a short code) - 85700, for this service.

To start this free texting service, text 4901 to that number - 85700.

You can opt-out of receiving messages from Northeastern REMC at any time. To stop receiving messages, simply text QUIT to our toll-free number, 85700.

For more information, text HELP to 85700.

Standard message and data rates may apply as defined by your text messaging plan.

Northeastern REMC services are compatible with all major cell carriers including Alltel, AT&T, Boost Mobile, Cellcom, Cellular One, Cellular South, Cricket, nTelos, Sprint PCS, T-Mobile, Metro PCS, US Cellular, Verizon Wireless and Virgin Mobile.



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Alternative options offered

NREMC offers special pricing on propane as well as our community solar project. Be sure to check out nremc.com for details on our programs and member pricing.

Office closed for upcoming holidays

Our office will be closed Friday, April 19, in observance of Good Friday. We will also be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

Do not report outages on Facebook

Our Facebook page serves many purposes, however, it is not an acceptable way to report an outage or any problem with your electric service. Facebook is not monitored 24/7. To report an outage, we ask that you call our office or use SmartHub on our website. To check the status and size of any outage, refer to our outage map at nremc.com.



Our Vision

Service, Satisfaction and Safety - Second to None!

Our Mission

To meet our members' on-going need for reliable energy service at a good value while meritng trust and confidence.

Original, Imaginative, Ridiculous. A Cappella.

Get ready for something unbelievable... and unlike anything we have ever brought to our stage. We are very excited to announce this year's Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting entertainment is the award-winning and concert sell-out performers - VOICEPLAY, as seen on NBC's "The Sing-Off".

VoicePlay is unlike any theatrical experience available today, recreating the orchestrated sound of an entire musical production with nothing but the human voice. That's right – with no instruments. Totally a capella!

The cast of VoicePlay has taken the timeless sound of vocal music and turned it completely on its head. Their performance spans many eras and includes rock, country, gospel and current selections, all laced with inventive and often hilarious on-stage theatrics.

Fit for all ages, VoicePlay's recordings and concerts are an impossible to miss hit which have to be heard and seen to be believed. VoicePlay performs their own unique brand of entertainment across the country and around the world and their



Mark your calendars now to see VoicePlay September 7

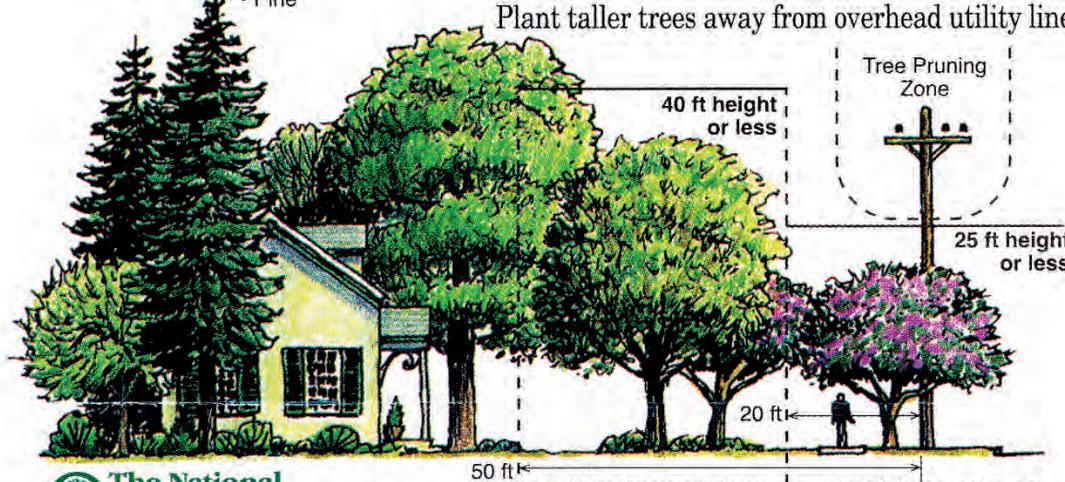
videos are very popular with YouTube viewers around the globe.

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled, jaw-dropping night – Saturday, September 7! You won't want to miss this! And in the meantime, check out their many videos on YouTube.

- NBC's "The Sing-Off"
- 8 National Tours
- 100 Million Facebook Video Views
- 675 Thousand Facebook Page Likes
- 70 Million YouTube Views
- 460 Thousand YouTube Subscribers

Spring tree planting guide

Tall trees, such as:
• Maple • Oak • Spruce
• Pine



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Questions? E-mail memberservices@nremc.com

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

260-244-6111 (Columbia City) or 260-625-3700 (Fort Wayne).

Line Locating: Please call 811 at least 2 full business days prior to digging.