

MERRY CHRISTMAS
&

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the employees and directors of
Northeastern REMC

Refunds being mailed to eligible members this month

Northeastern REMC is a nonprofit cooperative owned by its members. When revenues exceed expenses, the unused funds are considered margins. Each year margins are allocated to members in the form of patronage capital. The amount a member receives is based on the dollar amount of electricity a member purchases in the given year. This patronage capital reflects a member's ownership in NREMC.

The cooperative uses this capital to fund operating activities and reduce borrowing, with the intent of later refunding that capital back to members. After reviewing the cooperative's finances each year, the



Eliza Scott, age 6

board of directors determines whether a portion of patronage capital can be returned to members.

This year the board of directors has approved a patronage capital retirement representing the balance of 1993 and a portion of 1994. Checks to members receiving power these years will be mailed this month. With this mailing, NREMC has refunded over \$33 million to members over the years.

Receiving patronage capital refunds is just one of the real values of being a member of Northeastern REMC!

Nest on sale through December 31

Northeastern REMC has partnered with the makers of Nest WIFI thermostats to create a cutting-edge approach to load management and energy efficiency. This has proven to be a win for members as well as the cooperative as a whole. These thermostats help you reduce your energy usage by automatically changing settings based on your habits and allow you to access and control your thermostat remotely using a smartphone or tablet.

PURCHASE FROM US AND SAVE!

Nest Gen3 and Nest E thermostats can be purchased in our office for less than those available at most retailers. Plus, you can get an ADDITIONAL 15% OFF if you purchase your Nest from Northeastern REMC by December 31.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR RUSH HOUR REWARDS PROGRAM AND SAVE EVEN MORE

If you own a Nest thermostat you are also eligible for a \$50 bill credit if you participate in our Rush Hour Rewards rebate program. Here's how this Summer load management program works - on those hot days when our load approaches maximum, which is typically late afternoon/early evening, we send out a signal which first cools your home below normal. Then the thermostat resets itself just 3 degrees higher than the original setting for the duration of the event.

Rush Hour Rewards

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have WIFI capability
- Must be a Northeastern REMC member on our residential rate
- Must have a central air conditioning unit

THIS IS A WIN-WIN

We have been running a pilot program this summer with 140 of our members and this has been highly successful. By reducing our peak loading, we are able to reduce our pass-through costs which make up approximately a third of our wholesale power supply bill.

The Nest saves you money through reduced usage, you receive credit for joining the rewards program, and the entire cooperative benefits from lowered costs which ultimately helps hold down rates.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on Nest thermostats, our pricing, rebates or the Rewards program, check out our website, nremc.com, or contact Jeanne Hasty at 625-3700, x 403, or j_hasty@nremc.com.



Lobby, entrance closed through December for renovation

If you visit Northeastern REMC's office in the next few weeks, you will notice signs directing you to a different entrance on the west side of the building. The reason? We are undergoing a lobby renovation that has the entrance closed to visitors.

"We have decided to undertake a fairly substantial remodel of our lobby. Though much of this is for aesthetic reasons, this is also a tremendous increase in security by going with ballistic drywall and glass," said Eric Jung, President and CEO of NREMC. "We certainly do not want to place any barriers between us and our members, however, in order to ensure the safety and security of our employees, these changes were necessary."

The renovation, started in late November, is expected to be complete by the end of December. While the lobby and drive-through are closed, a temporary entrance has been established on the west side of the building. Signs will direct all visitors. Members will still be able to use the walk-up night deposit box. Weekday business hours remain 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Most transactions, including bill payments, can be done anytime online at nremc.com.

Employees volunteer at camp, park during REMC Community Day

Fifteen Northeastern REMC employees volunteered to work on two major community projects during Indiana Electric Cooperative's "Cooperative Community Day" on October 12. This year we focused on organizations needing assistance within our Allen County service area.

At Camp Red Cedar on Hursh Road employees rewired and added lighting and computer lines, trenched and installed underground lines to heat watering troughs and light arenas, and upgraded services throughout other buildings. And while that was being done, a large group of employees painted the massive playground equipment at Indian Trails Playground, an Aboite Township park next to the YMCA on Aboite Center Road.

Our employees truly enjoy opportunities such as these to support organizations needing help right here in our communities.

APPLY NOW!



INDIANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

PAGE DAY

SPEND A DAY IN THE INDIANA SENATE

WITH STUDENTS FROM REMCS AROUND THE STATE

APPLY BY JAN. 11

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REQUIREMENTS: You must be available **Jan. 23** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.



Affordable solar now offered

Participation in Northeastern REMC's Community Solar Program provides an ideal solution for residential and commercial members who support renewable energy but don't have a suitable site for solar panels or the money to invest in a system of their own. Northeastern's new pricing has now made solar power much more affordable.

All solar panels are located on Northeastern's property. Members do not own the panel, they simply receive the production credit for the panel with no maintenance worries.

1. Members pay a \$50 sign-up/administration fee for each panel.
2. Members pay a monthly fee of \$5 per panel to receive any production credit.
3. Production credits will be shown as a reduction in total kWh usage.
4. kWh credits and monthly charges will be separate line items on the member's bill.
5. There is a limit of 10 panels per member.
6. Members may cancel at any time. Return to the program requires another \$50 sign-up/administration fee per panel.
7. Credits may be issued at the end of each year for any demand reduction produced by the solar panels.
8. Once 155 panel production credits have been purchased, no further sign-ups will be taken. Additional names will be taken for possible future consideration if cancellations occur.
9. This program ends 12/31/35.

For more information or to purchase panels, call 625-3700.



2019 Student Calendars Available

A limited supply of free calendars are now available at Northeastern REMC's office, as well as the public libraries in Columbia City and South Whitley. This 2019 calendar features the winners of our annual calendar contest. All art is done by students locally and throughout Indiana in grades K-12. The calendar also includes energy-saving tips and reminders.

SPOTLIGHT

Holiday office hours

Northeastern REMC will be closed December 24 -25 and January 1. Payments can be made online at nremc.com, by phone or by using our SmartHub app.

In case of emergency, our telephones are answered 24/7.

Free almanacs

A limited number of 2019 Farmer's Almanacs are now available in our office, 4901 East Park 30 Drive in Columbia City's Park 30 Business Center in Columbia City. Office hours are 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Power Hour a big hit again

Thank you to the 100+ members and guests attending our Fall "Power Hour" at Columbia City's beautiful new event center - Union 12. If you missed it and would like information on our new solar program pricing, Nest thermostat rebates, the advantages of heat pumps, and free in-home energy consultations just give us a call at 625-3700, x 403.



Graduating from high school this year?

Two college scholarships offered to high school seniors

There is no doubt that going to college costs a lot of money. But Northeastern REMC would like to lighten the burden by awarding two graduating students scholarships that can help offset some of the expense.

Two students will be selected from applicants to receive a \$1000 scholarship to attend college, full-time, during the 2019-20 school year. To be considered, students must complete and return the application and meet all qualifications listed. Application forms and information can be found on our website, nremc.com, and in our office in Columbia City.

Selection criteria will be based on scholastic achievement, school involvement, community involvement, and recommendations. Students must be a graduating senior, accepted to an accredited college or university, and be a full-time dependent of a current REMC member.

Northeastern REMC feels that there is no better way to support our community than to encourage our local students in their pursuit of higher education. Good luck to all 2019 graduates.



You must be a junior to apply!

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Ready to pack your bags?
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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.