

**Join Us Wednesday, October 24
from 7 - 8 p.m.**

Power Hour



**at Northern Indiana's newest and
most unique event center...**



SOLAR POWER - our new program's making it affordable for most.

NEST THERMOSTATS - saving you money with our discounts and rebates.

HEAT PUMPS - Collier's Comfort Services talks about the most efficient
option for your comfort.

QUICK TIPS - from our energy advisor that you can do
to save money now!

Also featuring a gourmet dessert buffet catered by

The Orchid
Events & Catering

**Guaranteed to fill up quickly so make your reservation
now by calling 625-3700, ext. 403, or email [j_hasty@
nremc.com](mailto:j_hasty@nremc.com). No reservations taken after Monday, Oct.15.**

**Union 12 Event Center - 7563 E. Lincolnway, Columbia City
- Just west of the Allen/Whitley County Line -**

Member Appreciation Night & Annual Meeting 2018

Creating Memories

- Having fun with mom and dad in the Family Fun Area
- Seeing your first safety demonstration
- Winning great prizes and gifts all evening
- Enjoying an outstanding concert together
- Voting for neighbors to lead the cooperative
- Catching-up with friends.



In case you're wondering:
September 7, 2019

Nest discounts, rebates now available

Northeastern REMC has partnered with the makers of Nest programmable 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 smart phone or tablet.



PURCHASE FROM US AND SAVE!

Nest Gen3 and Nest E thermostats can be purchased in our office or through our website for less than those available at most retailers. Plus, you can get an **ADDITIONAL 15% OFF** if you purchase your Nest through 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 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
- Open to both new construction and existing single-family homes
- Must have a central air conditioning unit

THIS IS A WIN-WIN

We have been running a pilot program this summer with 125 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.

REMC seeking organizations needing funding Members generously supporting local groups by donating cents per month

Several local organizations have received much needed financial support thanks to the generosity of Northeastern REMC members who have rounded up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar in the co-op's Operation RoundUp program.

The goal of Operation RoundUp is to accumulate and distribute these donations to groups and organizations that are in financial need within our immediate area. Funds will be provided to help meet the needs of applicants which aren't being met through other sources. Funding for political contributions and payment of utility bills will not be considered.

We are now seeking applications from groups wishing to be considered for Operation RoundUp assistance. The next round of funding which will take place in January. Funding requests are reviewed and distribution decisions are made by the Northeastern REMC Community Trust board of directors. This board is made up of volunteers from throughout our service area. To meet the next deadline, all materials must be submitted by Friday,

December 28, 2018. Applications are available at nremc.com.

2018 Operation RoundUp recipients:
Churubusco United Methodist Nursery School
Grace Lutheran Food Pantry
Arcola Volunteer Fire Department
Churubusco Community Child Care Center
Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry
Relay for Life Whitley County
South Whitley Community Preschool-One Community
Community Harvest Food Bank
Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church

The most a participating member would contribute to this program would be approximately \$6 per year. If you would like to help your neighbors in need by rounding up your electric bill to the nearest dollar each month or if you have questions about this charitable program, please call our Member Services Department (625-3700) or visit our website at nremc.com. Signing up is very easy and is greatly appreciated by so many in our community!

New pricing for solar

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.

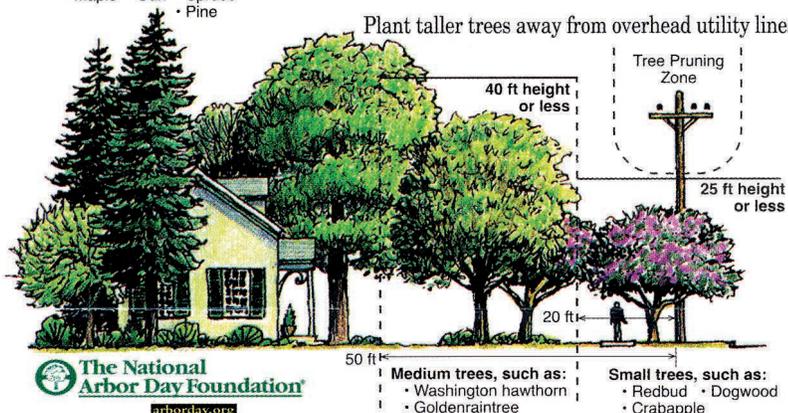
1. Members pay a \$50 sign-up/administration fee for each panel.
2. Members pay a monthly fee of \$5 per panel to receive any production credit.
3. Production credits will be shown as a reduction in total kWh usage.
4. kWh credits and monthly charges will be separate line items on the member's bill.
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, contact Doug Ferrell at 625-3700, ext 436, or d_ferrell@nremc.com.

Fall tree planting guide

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

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines





United Way Day of Caring 2018

Hopefully employees of NREMC ended up with more paint on the stalls at the Whitley County 4-H fairgrounds than themselves during this year's United Way Day of Caring. While several were painting, other employee volunteers were at Mission 25 adding electrical outlets to the kitchen area. Our employees always look forward to this special day of giving back to our community.

DeFreeuw receives award for service excellence

Indiana Electric Cooperatives named Mike DeFreeuw, Northeastern REMC's director of marketing and communications, the recipient of the 2018 Tom Taylor Award. The award is presented annually to an Indiana electric cooperative member services employee who has demonstrated excellence in leadership, attitude, community service and commitment to electric cooperative principles.

"Mike is an outstanding example of an engaged community member who is willing to roll up his sleeves to make an impact not only within our REMC, but also for the betterment of our community," said Eric Jung, president and CEO of Northeastern REMC.

In addition to his role at the electric cooperative, DeFreeuw is active in the local community and has served as a leader and volunteer for the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Hope for Animals, Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Passages, Junior Achievement, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"He is a strong leader and a creative problem-solver with a 'will-do' attitude," said Jung.

The award is the highest honor achievable for employees in Member Services throughout Indiana and is named for the award's first recipient and longtime Boone REMC member services representative, C. Tom Taylor, who lived by the philosophy of "non sibi, sed aliis" – not for self, but for others.



Mike DeFreeuw (center) was joined by Doug Ferrell, Vice President, Member Services (left) and Eric Jung, President and CEO (right) at the awards ceremony during which DeFreeuw received the Tom Taylor Award for excellence in member service.

Two incumbents, one new director named to board following largest election in REMC's history

Two incumbents and one new director were elected to serve on Northeastern's board at the cooperative's September 8 Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting. Doug Schrader, District 2, and Tom Western, District 4, were reelected by members to serve another three year term on the board. Schrader has been a director for 38 years. Western has served on the board for 33 years.

Northeastern's new director is Ingrid Tippmann Nicholson, representing District 3. Nicholson serves as an administrative assistant for the Communities of St. Joseph and St. Catherine. She is also a part-time bookkeeper/accountant for Hartley Tax and Accounting in Fort Wayne and Native Legacy of Arcola. She and her family reside on Meridian Road in Whitley County. Nicholson fills the position previously held by retiring board member Marjorie Kennedy Babbitt.

For the first time ever, the State of Indiana allowed cooperatives to open up voting ahead of annual meetings, using online and mail-in ballots. Votes received prior to the meeting, combined with those cast on September 8, resulted in making this the largest election, in terms of total votes cast, in the history of this cooperative. Nearly 2,700 ballots were received.



Schrader



Western



Nicholson

Board officers named for 2018-19

In its first scheduled board meeting following the co-op's 2018 Member Appreciation Night and Annual Meeting, board members elected officers for the coming year. Elected were:

Board Chair – Jane Scott
Treasurer – Joe Kruyer

Vice Chair – Tom Western
Secretary – Rob Higgins



Scott



Western



Kruyer



Higgins

SPOTLIGHT

Offices closed...

Northeastern REMC will be closed November 22 and 23 to celebrate Thanksgiving. Most member needs, including bill paying, can be addressed on nremc.com. Please use our SmartHub app or call the office if you need to report an outage. We are very thankful for your support throughout the year.

Free consultations

If you think your bill is too high, call Jeanne at 625-3700, x 403, and schedule a free in-home energy consultation. Our infrared camera can tell you where air leaks and/or bad insulation are costing you big bucks!

Board decision changes policy

Effective January 1, 2018, NREMC will no longer provide any maintenance on water heaters.

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 meriting trust
and confidence.**

Snapshots in
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