

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

Join our Member Engagement Group



We're looking for community leaders who want to learn more about **YOUR** electric cooperative, provide input and get paid!

Group members will learn to become advocates for the cooperative and provide input and feedback that could be considered for member service and operational guidance. There will be four meetings over the course of one year at our St. Marys office, on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The details:

- Co-op 101: Learn about our history and purpose.
- Co-op Financials 101: Learn about financial reports; key ratios;

financing sources and strategies; patronage; electric rates; cost studies, plans, and financial forecasts.

- Power Grid & Electric Distribution 101: Learn about work plans; reliability projects; automation, metering, and other technology; transmission dependency; etc.
- Future Challenges (power supply; transmission; regulatory; state and federal energy policy; workforce; etc.)

Contact CEO Matt Berry at mberry@midwestrec.com or call him at 419-300-1307 to express your interest or if you have questions.

HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE

Midwest Electric is trying to locate past members who may be entitled to unclaimed patronage cash back paid in December 2020. This searchable list is available on our website at www.midwestrec.com > My Co-op > Patronage Cash Back and then the Unclaimed patronage cash back tab. If you recognize a name on the list, notify the person. If the person is deceased, let one of their relatives know about the unclaimed check. The person, relative, or guardian must contact our office for the check to be issued. After proper notification, any unclaimed funds from December 2020 will be reassigned to current members following the guidelines established in the cooperative's Code of Regulations.

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Community Calendar

- ◆ Feb 1 **Celina Winter Farmer's Market**, Mercer Fairgrounds
- ◆ Feb 1 **THUNDERBEARD Tribute to ZZ Top**, St.Marys Theater, grandoperahouse.com
- ◆ Feb 1-2 **Tri State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, allencofair.com
- ◆ Feb 4-5 **Ohio Pork Congress**, Lima Convention Center, ohiopork.org
- ◆ Feb 7 **First Friday: Wine About Winter**, Downtown Celina
- ◆ Feb 9 **44th Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet**, Allen County Fairgrounds, allencofair.com
- ◆ Feb 13 **FOREVER SEGER**, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center
- ◆ Feb 14 **MSVW Chocolate Walk**, Main Street Van Wert, visitvanwert.com
- ◆ Feb 15 **Sweet Heart Dance**, Romer's St.Henry, romerscatering.com
- ◆ Feb 23 **Ventriloquist Taylor Mason**, St.Marys Theater, grandoperahouse.com
- ◆ Feb 27 **The Wizard of Oz On Ice**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, vanwertlive.com



Petition forms available to run for Midwest Electric's board of directors

Any member residing in a district up for election may become a candidate by obtaining a petition form from the co-op's office and obtaining at least 15 valid signatures of members who reside within that district. For this year's elections, petitions may be filed by members who reside in:

- **District 1 (3-year term): Auglaize & Shelby counties**
- **District 3 (3-year term): Van Wert County**
- **District 4 (3-year term): Mercer and Darke counties**

Candidates must complete the official petition packet and turn in to the co-op's office after March 17 and due by 8 a.m. on May 2. Call us at 800-962-3830 for a petition packet or to learn more.



The value of electricity to members

Midwest Electric is proud to provide members with reliable electricity at historically stable and affordable rates. Our linemen work around the clock to provide you with reliable power. When a power outage occurs, Midwest Electric members are kept up to date with real-time outage text notifications and can keep an eye on power restoration efforts through our outage map.

Here are four more valuable ways we serve our members:



Affordable rates



Friendly live service



Easy-to-understand bills



Support of communities

Learn more about the value of your membership at www.midwestrec.com/membershipvalue



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