

# HOT LINES

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News about your community and cooperative



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## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

*We need your help*



### CCF SEEKS TRUSTEES

The Community Connection Fund (CCF) needs three cooperative members, two from Mercer County and one from Auglaize County, to fill open spots on the board.

The CCF board meets four times a year, about 90 minutes per meeting, to review grant applications from area community groups. You'll learn a lot about community needs and will gain a tremendous feeling of satisfaction, according to current trustees. No special background, work experience, or education are necessary. You'll be reimbursed for related expenses.

This is an appointed (non-elected) position. If interested, please contact Dave Waltermire by September 1 at 1-800-962-3830 or e-mail [dwaltermire@midwestrec.com](mailto:dwaltermire@midwestrec.com).

### Monthly Service Charge explained:

*Why where you live affects your bill*

Chances are, you live where you do because you love your home's location and charm. We take pride powering your life exactly where you are. However, where you live impacts your electric bill — specifically, the fact that your home isn't packed like a sardine in a can among other houses, as commonly seen in cities and suburban areas.

Because Midwest Electric's service territory is rural-based, we have an average of 6 customers per mile of line, compared to municipals and investor-owned utilities' 34-48 customers per mile. It costs Midwest Electric more than other utilities to get electricity to you safely and reliably, and we get much less revenue in return.

This is why your monthly electric bill contains a \$35 Service Charge. We're not-for-profit and pay back capital credits regularly, but we need funds to cover expensive fixed costs such as poles, wires, meters, transformers, generating capacity, and other resources needed to ensure that electricity is available when you need it.

Remember, the \$35 is included in your bill regardless of how much electricity is used — even if you weren't home all month. On a distribution electric system, fixed costs are incurred by the utility regardless of how much electricity a member uses. Simply having the service available comes at a cost, but we work hard to ensure you get the best value possible for your money. In fact, power reliability investments are a big part of the Service Charge.



### Starting a digging project?

*Call 811 to learn where underground utilities are located*

Homeowners should call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service at 811 at least 48 hours before beginning a digging project. Whether you're planting trees or building a new porch, help us keep you safe from underground utilities — it's the law!



# DO YOU KNOW HOW YOUR POWER IS GENERATED?

Tour Cardinal Power Plant with Midwest Electric to find out!

The 2018 Cardinal Plant tour is scheduled to take place Sept. 13. This scenic, one-day trip to Brilliant, Ohio, to see your power plant up close and personal costs \$35 per person and includes the bus trip, the plant tour, and lunch. We'll stop for supper on the way back (cost not included).

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$35 for all-day trip
- Includes bus ride, plant tour, and lunch
- See where your power comes from!

The bus will depart from Midwest's office headquarters at 7 a.m. and arrive home around 8 p.m. Members signed up to attend will receive a complete itinerary in early August.

Tour participants must be at least 12 years old. There will be a considerable amount of walking, several flights of stairs to climb, and travel through some hot and dusty areas. Members with health concerns, those who require assistance walking, or those who cannot walk more than a half mile without resting should not take the tour.

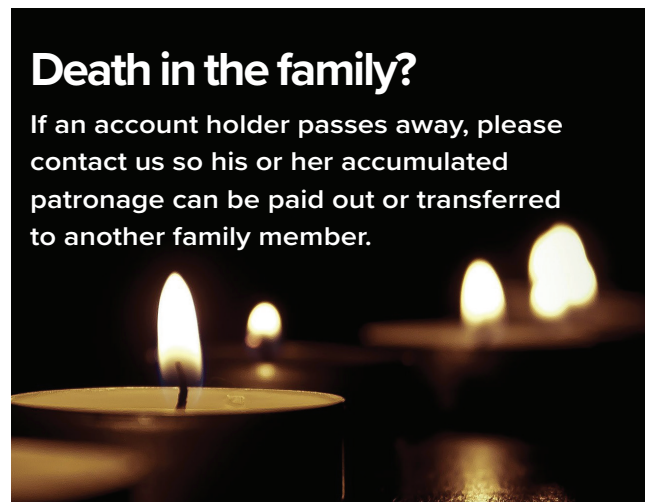
Space is limited. Please call 1-800-962-3830 to reserve your seat(s) for the tour.



**\$1.2 billion**

That's how much Ohio co-ops have invested in Cardinal Power Plant, our primary source of power, to make it one of the cleanest coal-fired power plants in the world.

To request your seat(s) on the Cardinal tour bus, please call us at 1-800-962-3830. Space is limited and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Death in the family?

If an account holder passes away, please contact us so his or her accumulated patronage can be paid out or transferred to another family member.

## Rebates, incentives, and MORE!



- \$500 — Geothermal
- \$500 — Air-source heat pump
- \$200 — Air sealing
- \$200 — Insulation
- \$200 — Electric water heater
- \$500 — Replace propane with electric water heater
- Free energy audits
- Variety of commercial rebates

Business rebates up to \$5,000 are available for motor and lighting upgrades as well. Restrictions apply. Please call our office at 1-800-962-3830 for details or visit [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com).

## Local Events Near You

- ◆ Saturday mornings in August
- ◆ Aug. 3-5
- ◆ Aug. 4-6
- ◆ Aug. 5
- ◆ Aug. 9-12
- ◆ Aug. 17-19

**Celina Farmers' Market**, Courthouse Square, [www.celinafarmersmarket.com](http://www.celinafarmersmarket.com), 586-2219

**Coldwater Community Picnic**, [www.coldwaterpicnic.com](http://www.coldwaterpicnic.com)

**Annual "Veterans Helping Veterans" Auto Show**, Wapakoneta VFW Post 8445, 440-796-3683

**Concerts in the Park**, Faurot Park, [www.limaareaconcertband.org](http://www.limaareaconcertband.org)

**St Marys Summerfest**, Memorial Park, [www.stmaryssummerfest.com](http://www.stmaryssummerfest.com)

**Bremenfest**, Crown Pavillion, New Bremen, [www.bremenfest.com](http://www.bremenfest.com), [bremenfest@gmail.com](mailto:bremenfest@gmail.com)