

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

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News about your community and your cooperative.

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO



Community Connection Fund

CONNECTION FUND SEEKS TRUSTEES

The Community Connection Fund (CCF) needs three cooperative members, two from Mercer County and one from Auglaize County.

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 you'll gain a tremendous feeling of satisfaction, according to current trustees.

No special background, work experience or education are necessary. It's a voluntary position, but 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 email at dwaltermire@midwestrec.com



Help Us Beat the Peak

During the peak times of 3pm to 6pm on the extreme hottest days, electricity costs more!

If you can lower your family's electric use during peak hours, you can help keep our electric rates stable. We have not changed our distribution rates since August 2010, partly because of our peak load management.


Please try to shift your use of electricity to earlier or later in the day during the extreme hottest days. And make sure to turn off things that are not in use or not necessary.

You don't do this every day...only during the extreme temperature days.


How much does this help? The list below shows how much it costs the cooperative when you have one of these items on during a peak hour. This is a cost we continue to pay every month on our wholesale power bill - even long after the month you used the item during the peak hour.

Item	Monthly cost to Co-op
100 watt light bulb.....	74¢
20 watt efficient light bulb	15¢
Television	\$1.29
Computer, printer, etc.....	\$2.22
Dishwasher.....	\$7.39
Swimming pool pump.....	\$13.39
Air conditioner.....	\$22.17
Clothes dryer.....	\$22.17
Electric oven.....	\$17.74


\$2 Million
Rural Economic Development Loans




\$2 Million
annual taxes




99.97%
POWER AVAILABILITY




\$2-3 Million
Annual power system upgrades




\$500,000
Annually peak load control savings



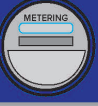
ENERGY AUDITS




\$3.1 Million
Patronage returned to our members




HOURLY, DAILY & MONTHLY ELECTRIC USE DATA




\$50,000
Annual Community Donations




NO ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE SINCE 2010




LIVE ANSWER PHONES



MEMBER REBATES





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Cardinal Trip Invite

Where does my electricity come from?

How is electricity generated?



Join Midwest Electric for the 2018 tour of Cardinal Generating Station to find out how your electricity is generated.

Located on the Ohio River in Brilliant, Ohio, Buckeye Power's Cardinal Plant provides power to the 24 electric co-ops in Ohio. The plant has invested more than \$1 billion into environmental upgrades — making it one of the cleanest coal-fired power plants in the world.

The 2018 Cardinal Plant tour is scheduled to take place in September. This scenic, one-day trip costs \$35 per person and includes the bus trip, the plant tour, and lunch. We'll stop for supper on the way back (on your own cost). The bus will depart from Midwest's office headquarters at 7 am and arrive home around 8 pm. Members signed up to attend will receive a complete itinerary in early August.

Tour participants must be at least twelve (12) years old, unless specifically authorized. There will be a considerable amount of walking, several flights of stairs, and going 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 and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SIGN UP

Sign up for 2018 Cardinal Plant Tour

If you are interested in attending this year's tour, and would like to request your seat(s) on the Cardinal tour bus, please call us at 1-800-962-3830.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 3-4: Delphos Kiwanis July 4th Celebration
(235-5710)

July 13: Convoy Community Days

July 14: Cridersville Fireman's Jamboree
(645-4000)

July 19-21: Wapakoneta Summer Moon
Festival

July 21: Gun & Knife Show, Van Wert County
Fairgrounds

July 20 & 21: Tabfest, Mendon Speedway

July 27: Fountain Park Concert – Katlyn Baker,
Van Wert

July 27-29: Celina Lake Festival