

# New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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## NEW ENTERPRISE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### EMERGENCY OUTAGE NUMBERS

814-766-3221  
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## Attend Your Cooperative's Annual Meeting



**MARK MORRISON**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR** the 86th Annual Meeting of the members of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

This year's annual meeting will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds, 145 Cave Road, New Enterprise. Based on member survey results from previous year's events, we will continue the meeting format as a drive-thru event. The grounds will be set up for members to pass through registration, where you will receive the cooperative's annual report, registration packet and voting materials for this year's director election.

This year, incumbent director and board President Leroy Walls, representing Area 4, is running uncontested. Therefore, no ballots will be cast, and Leroy will automatically be re-elected to a three-year term. (**Note:** Leroy's bio appears on [page XX.](#))

Registered members will receive a \$30 bill credit for attending.

During the drive-thru, the cooperative will be hosting a food drive to benefit local food pantries. Please bring non-perishable and non-expired food items to support our neighbors. Those who choose to donate will be entered into a drawing to win one of two additional \$100 electric bill credits. Thank you for your donations!

Members will also be able to hear reports from the board president and general manager/CEO via radio broadcast. The messages will provide cooperative highlights, news and meeting details. Directors and employees will be available to answer questions during the event.

You will be receiving your annual meeting notice and registration card by mail this month. Please return your registration card as you have done in the past, and we will see you at the drive-thru annual meeting. Please feel free to call us at 800-270-3177 or 814-766-3221, or stop by the office to let us know how we are doing. 📞

**MARK MORRISON**  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO



**\$30 Electric Bill Credit**

# Meaning of Membership: Annual Meeting

**NEW ENTERPRISE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REC)** is a member-owned cooperative. What does that mean to you? We are a business owned by those it serves.

You, the member, elect representatives to the board of directors to govern the cooperative. And as a member, you can exercise the right to vote for your representatives each year at our annual meeting in June.

## Only 'official' members can participate in the meeting

The individuals listed on the membership are allowed to vote, participate in the meeting and receive the bill credits.

Now is the time — before the annual meeting — to review your bill and make changes to your membership, if necessary. If you cannot attend the meeting but your spouse or significant other who isn't listed on the account can, please call the office to get a new membership form.

There is no charge to add a person to your established account.

If only one name is listed on your account, only that individual has the right of membership.

That said, any person listed will be an official part of your membership, have account access, and will be able to attend the cooperative's meetings, vote, and receive any additional benefits.

This issue often comes to light at annual meeting time when we are unable to give ballots, credits, etc., to those who aren't listed on the account, such as a spouse or relative. Much like an account you hold at your local bank, only those who are listed on the account have access to it. Therefore, it is very important that you review your billing statement now and let us know if we can help you make any changes before the annual meeting.

See you in June! 🇺🇸

# Drive-Thru Meeting

SAVE THE DATE



86TH ANNUAL MEETING ~ JUNE 4, 2024

**Join New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative for our drive-thru annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds, 145 Cave Road, New Enterprise, PA 16664 on Tuesday, June 4, from 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Each member who registers and attends will receive a \$30 credit on their electric bill.**

**Don't forget to bring a non-expired food item for the food pantry and be entered to win a \$100 bill credit!**

Directions to the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds:

### From Bedford I-99

Follow I-99 North to Exit 7 PA 869 toward St. Clairsville/Osterburg. Follow 869 East for 3.5 miles over Brumbaugh Mountain; at the bottom of the mountain, turn right onto 869 East for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Cave Road for half a mile. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on the right.

### From Woodbury

Head southwest on PA 36 South toward Everett. Turn right onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for half a mile. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.

### From Saxton

Follow PA 26 South, then turn right onto PA 36 North toward Loysburg for 3.8 miles. Turn left onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for half a mile. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.

### From Waterfall

Follow PA 655 North, then take a sharp left onto PA 913 West for 1.7 miles. Turn left onto Wells Valley Road for 4.9 miles. Turn right onto PA 915 North for 9.4 miles. Turn left onto PA 26 South for 4.9 miles. Turn right onto PA 36 North toward Loysburg for 3.8 miles. Turn left onto PA 869 West toward New Enterprise for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Cave Road for half a mile. The Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds are on your right.

## Meet Your Cooperative Director

At this year's New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting, incumbent director and board President Leroy Walls is running uncontested. He represents Area 4. Therefore, no ballots will be cast at the June 4 meeting, and Leroy will automatically be re-elected to a three-year term.



**LEROY WALLS** of Saxton is the incumbent director representing Area 4 of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative. A graduate of Tussey Mountain High School, he is employed by JCB North America. Leroy lives on a small farm with his wife, Suellen, and his hobbies include working around the farm and woodworking.

Leroy has been active in many community-oriented organizations over the years. He was a Key 4-H leader and served on the 4-H Youth Development for Bedford County and the Tussey Mountain School Board. He's also held several positions at Raven Run Church of the

Brethren, where he's currently chairman of the scholarship committee and a deacon. Recently, he was elected to the Liberty Township Board of Supervisors and appointed to the Bedford County Planning Commission.

He has been a member of the cooperative since 1983 and became a board member in 2000. Leroy has served as president of the board since 2002. In 2007, he was elected to represent the cooperative on the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) Board of Directors. Leroy has served as chairman of the PREA board since 2013. He also served as vice chairman in 2012 and treasurer in 2010.

Leroy's vision for the cooperative is: "Never lose focus of the members and who we serve. We need to provide safe and affordable electricity to everyone on our system."



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
— REMEMBER AND HONOR —

**New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative  
will be closed Monday, May 27.**

# Stay Safe at Work

**EMPLOYERS USUALLY OFFER ORIENTATION AND** training for new employees, but sometimes electrical safety is overlooked, which can lead to burned popcorn in the microwave and, of course, a stench that annoys all your coworkers. To avoid that and more serious dangers, New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) and Safe Electricity would like to remind you of the following on-the-job electrical safety tips, which can also apply at home:

## IN GENERAL

- ▶ **Do not complete electrical work if you are not qualified.** Employees who have been asked to change light fixtures, repair wiring, install outlets, and do other types of electrical work have been injured or killed on the job. It is best to leave electrical work to a professional electrician.

## INDOORS

- ▶ Do not talk on a landline phone during a thunderstorm. Many people think this is a myth, but it is not — a bolt of lightning that strikes a telephone line can come through the wires and enter a headset. That jolt can burst your eardrum or even cause cardiac arrest.



**WAIT!**  
**DON'T PLUG THAT IN**

**DON'T PLUG THESE 15 THINGS INTO A POWER STRIP**

It is fine to plug in some things into a power strip, such as computers, lamps, phones and other light-load electronics.

However, appliances that require a lot of power should not be plugged into a power strip. Do not use a power strip with the following appliances:

<b>IN THE KITCHEN</b>	<b>IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM</b>
× Refrigerators	× Washing machines
× Microwave ovens	× Dryers
× Toasters	
× Coffee makers	<b>ANYWHERE</b>
× Blenders	× Sump pumps
× Slow cookers	× Space heaters
× Rice cookers	× Portable air conditioners

**IN THE BATHROOM**

- × Hair dryers
- × Curling irons
- × Other hairstyling tools

**Do not overload power strips by plugging in appliances that consume more watts than the cord can handle. This can cause the power strip to overheat or start a fire.**

Safe Electricity.org

- ▶ Use high-quality extension cords with appropriate gauges and lengths that have been endorsed by a reputable laboratory.
- ▶ Do not run extension cords under carpet. Out of sight and out of mind, the cords could get damaged under the carpet or overheat, causing a fire.
- ▶ Only use an extension cord as a temporary solution. If your workplace needs more outlets, your employer should have

a professional electrician install them.

- ▶ Electrical cords can be a tripping hazard; your employer should supply heavy-duty cord covers to avoid these accidents.
- ▶ Do not overload the electrical system at work by plugging too many items in or plugging in items that draw too much power.
- ▶ Speaking of drawing too much power, ask before using a space heater at work.
- ▶ Do not use damaged cords, plugs, outlets or outdated electrical equipment.
- ▶ Do not yank on an electrical cord to unplug something; grasp the plug instead.

## OUTDOORS

- ▶ If you are working outdoors, be vigilant about power line locations. Window washers, roofers, painters, and other workers have been injured or killed after making contact with power lines, either with a tool or object they were holding or by direct contact.
- ▶ If your employer asks you to trim trees, do not trim any foliage or limbs within 10 feet of a power line in any direction (20 feet is better). Trimming near power lines should be left to OSHA-certified line clearance workers.
- ▶ If you operate farm machinery or drive a truck with hydraulic beds or lifts (dump truck, for example), bins (grain trucks) or arms/extensions (garbage truck, concrete truck), always be aware of power line locations and use a spotter. Contact with a power line can kill. If your truck, tractor or equipment comes in contact with a line, **DO NOT** get out. Call 911 and wait for the utility to de-energize the power so you can safely exit.
- ▶ If you rent/use scaffolding or a boom lift to do your job, always be aware of power line locations.

## AROUND WATER

- ▶ Water and electricity should not mix, and it greatly increases the chance of shock. Keep all electrical equipment away from standing water or damp conditions (indoors and outdoors) and do not operate equipment with wet hands.
- ▶ Make sure any outlet that is near a water source (and all outdoor outlets) are protected with ground-fault circuit interrupters.

If you have questions about electrical safety at work, call New Enterprise REC. For additional information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).