



NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



RECNEWS

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Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community and sports activities in full swing. It's also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month.

At Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC), that really means we are celebrating you! After all, your Cooperative wouldn't exist without you, our member-owners.

REC's core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but its larger mission is to help make our corner of the world a better place.

“Concern for community” is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share.

Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions—because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor. REC

works to help our communities thrive. New initiatives are led by our employees and Board of Directors, who are also your neighbors and fellow community members.

Because REC is local, we understand our communities' unique needs and strives to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youth through our Youth Tour and scholarship programs. With your help, we offer The Power of Change to provide assistance to our community's most vulnerable. We partner with and support area food banks, veterans groups, cultural organizations and other local charities. Participating member-owners round up their electric bill each month, make a one-time donation or contribute a set monthly amount.

Learn how you can help today
thepowerofchange.org

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The word “cooperative” is close to “cooperation,” meaning people working together toward a common goal—mutually benefiting one another and the larger community.

That’s the essence of the cooperative spirit. At REC, our employees and member-elected Board members are invested in the community in which they live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op we put our members’ priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. That’s why we have numerous programs in place to help.

These include solutions for electric vehicle charging, solar and our just-launched Vividly Brighter Upgrades, which is focused on providing affordable energy efficiency.

Learn more: myrec.coop/vividlybrighter



At REC, we want to empower you to monitor and manage energy use at home. Through the MyREC SmartHub web portal and app, members can track their energy use by the month, day and even hour.

Learn more: myrec.smarthub.coop



And of course we are here to help by sharing information on payment options and community resources that are available for members who need financial assistance.

Learn more: myrec.coop/heretohelp

As a nationwide industry-leading cooperative, REC continuously examines ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we’re your local co-op, and we were built by the members we serve.

Committed to Transparent Governance



REC, its Board of Directors and its Leadership Teams are committed to transparency and good governance. That’s why, in 2019, your Cooperative created a section on the website to provide convenient access to REC policies, financial documents and other items related to its Board of Directors.

REC believes that an informed membership contributes to the overall success of the Cooperative and that voluntarily sharing this information will benefit all member-owners. REC recognizes that an informed and engaged membership only makes for a stronger organization that is Focused on You.

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