

# 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 and provide input!

The purpose of the Member Engagement Group is to further the cooperative principle of Education, Training and Information. Our goal is for group members to become advocates for the cooperative, and provide input and feedback that could be considered for member service and operational guidance. It also serves as a helpful introduction should you have future interest in serving on our Board of Directors, or serving on our Community Connection Fund board.

### The details:

- A small group of around 20 co-op members
- Four meetings over the course of just one year at our St. Marys office, on a weekday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

### Meetings will cover:

- Co-op 101: Learn about our history and purpose; member-ownership fundamentals; industry partners; community involvement; board role, function and governance; etc
- Co-op Financials 101: Learn about financial reports; key ratios; financing sources and strategies; patronage; electric rates; cost studies, plans and financial forecasts; budgets; etc.

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

**You'll also receive a stipend for each meeting.**

Please thoughtfully consider serving your community and your cooperative on our **Member Engagement Group for just four meetings over the course of just one year.** You may contact me at [mberry@midwestrec.com](mailto:mberry@midwestrec.com) or call me at 419-300-1307 to let me know your interest or if you have questions. Dates have not been set, but the first meeting would likely be mid to late February. The other three meeting dates will be set after the first meeting.



## Community Calendar

- ◆ December 24-25 Office closed for Christmas
- ◆ December 31 Office closes early at 11:30 am
- ◆ December 31 New Year's Eve: Disco & Motown, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center
- ◆ January 1 Office closed for New Years
- ◆ Every Saturday Celina Winter Farmers' Market, Mercer County Fairgrounds, [www.mercercountyohiofair.com](http://www.mercercountyohiofair.com)
- ◆ January 11 Dueling Pianos. Romer's Catering, Celina, (419) 584-0606, [www.romerscatering.com](http://www.romerscatering.com)
- ◆ January 12 Lockkeeper's Hike, Lockkeepers' House, New Bremen, [www.htparks.org/2025-cabin-fever-hike-series](http://www.htparks.org/2025-cabin-fever-hike-series)
- ◆ January 16 Hotel California – A Salute To The Eagles, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, [www.limaciviccenter.com/hotelcalifornia](http://www.limaciviccenter.com/hotelcalifornia)
- ◆ January 17-19 Lima Spring Home Show, Allen County Fairgrounds, (419) 228-7141, [www.limahomeshow.com](http://www.limahomeshow.com)
- ◆ January 18 Lima Symphony Organ by Candlelight, Trinity United Methodist Church, Lima
- ◆ January 19 Lima Symphony Organ by Candlelight, St. Augustine Church, Minster
- ◆ January 25 Rock the Dock: Ambrosia, John Ford Coley, Peter Beckett, Veterans Memorial, [www.limaciviccenter.com/rockthedock](http://www.limaciviccenter.com/rockthedock)







# The value of electricity to members

Midwest Electric is dedicated to providing our members with reliable, affordable power while strengthening our communities. As a member, you can power your life for just **\$7 a day!** That's a great value.

As a Midwest Electric member, for just \$1, you can:



Use an oven for 3 hours



Use a microwave for 8 hours



Use a computer for 32 hours



Use an Insta Pot for 8 hours

Learn more about the value of your membership at [www.midwestrec.com/membershipvalue](http://www.midwestrec.com/membershipvalue)



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