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For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



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SEPTEMBER 2014

MAC Meetings Set for October

Wake Electric announces that the fall 2014 Member Advisory Committee (MAC) meetings will be held on:

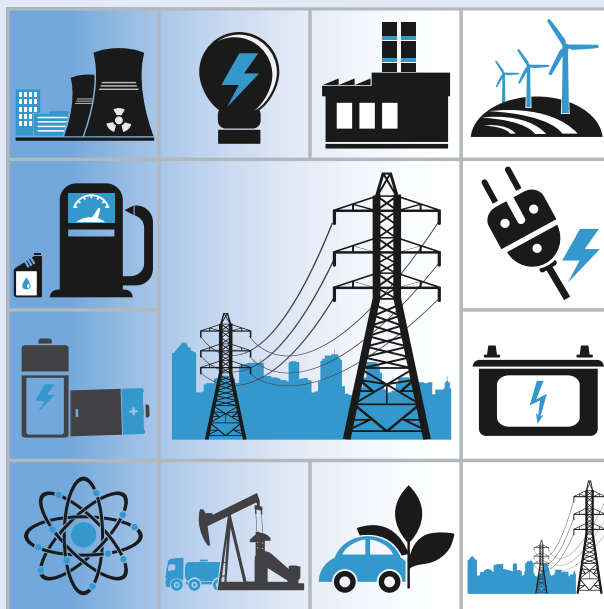
- *October 7
- *October 9
- *October 13

Members can choose to attend on ONE of these dates.

The energy industry is more complicated than ever. MAC meetings are Wake Electric's way of helping our members understand the trends, challenges, and topics affecting their co-op. At MAC meetings, Wake Electric's senior management team joins you in discussing electric utility issues and the co-op's current plans and progress. Currently, we hold three sessions twice a year.

These casual meetings are open to all Wake Electric members. As an incentive, each meeting features several drawings for a \$25 credit on your next electric bill. A catered dinner is also included for all attendees. The October MAC meetings will be held at Wake Electric's Youngsville office at 228 Park Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Questions or wish to RSVP? Contact Darnell Alford, Business Operations Specialist, at (919) 863-6312 or 1-800-474-6300 or via e-mail at darnell.alford@wemc.com.



Space is limited and attendance is on a first come, first serve basis. If the date you have chosen is full, you will be notified. Please leave a contact number in your RSVP.

For more information, visit www.wemc.com/MACmeetingsandcommunity.aspx. We hope to see you there!

Students: Here's your Chance to Win a \$25 Gift Card



Don't miss the opportunity to win a \$25 Visa gift card through the "Give Us an A" program. The next deadline for submitting your "A" grade(s) is Monday, September 22, at 5 p.m.

To learn more about our "Give Us an A" program and how to submit your grade, please visit www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx.



Wake Electric will be

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Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1. For emergencies, call 919-863-6300 or 800-474-6300.

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Recycle it!

That old fridge or freezer costs you money on your bill

Many Wake Electric members moved their old fridge or freezer to the garage or basement when they bought a new ENERGY STAR-qualified refrigerator. But after realizing how much energy—and money—it was costing just to keep a few drinks cold, they pulled the plug on those old appliances and called Wake Electric to pick them up, free of charge. Wake Electric even gave those members \$50 for properly recycling the fridges and freezers.

The program ended in the spring but we're still encouraging our members to recycle those old appliances.

If your fridge is more than 21 years old, it should be recycled. That's because the refrigerant and insulation in older refrigerators may contain chemicals—chlorofluorocarbons or CFCs—that are a potent greenhouse gas. Recycling a refrigerator bought before 1993 ensures that CFCs aren't released into the atmosphere.

During our program, which started Sept. 1, 2011 and ended May 23, 2014, Wake Electric members turned in 418 appliances, saving each participating member as much as 2,000 kilowatt-hours and \$240 per year by pulling the plug on old refrigerators and freezers. Combined with the \$50 incentive check, many of our members received the equivalent of two months free electricity (that's based on the average use of 1200 kWh per month by Wake Electric residential members).

Although we no longer offer the incentive check or the pick-up service, getting rid of old appliances through

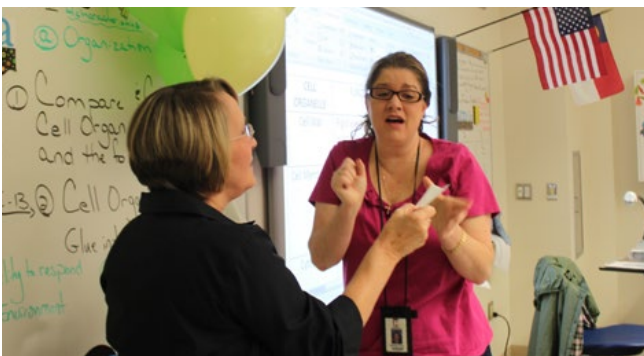


FRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS ENDED BUT YOU CAN STILL SAVE ENERGY

Don't let your old fridge end up in a landfill. Recycle it! This ensures that dangerous chemicals aren't released into the atmosphere and recycling saves approximately 123 pounds of steel, which can be used to make new products.

recycling can still save you close to two months in average electric bills and ensures that the appliances are properly disposed of.

To find out how you can recycle your old appliances and start saving money, contact the recycling and waste departments at your local county government. Many county governments have websites detailing how and where to recycle in your county.



One of last year's Bright Ideas grant winners, Pamela Fiely, a teacher at Rolesville Middle School, was more than surprised when Darnell Alford, Bright Ideas program coordinator, announced that she'd been awarded \$2,926 for her grant application, "We Like to Move It, Move It!"

Deadline for teacher grant opportunities is approaching

Sept. 15

Wake Electric is committed to the communities it serves. One way your co-op demonstrates this is through the Bright Ideas and Classroom Technology teacher grant programs. And time is running out to apply!

Please note: The Classroom Technology Awards grants and the Bright Ideas grants are two separate and distinct grant programs offered by Wake Electric. A teacher can

Wake Electric Awards \$6,165 in Operation RoundUp Grants to Local Nonprofits

Wake Electric awarded \$6,165 in grant monies during the 2nd quarter of 2014 to nonprofit organizations located in counties served by the co-op. These grants were made available through the Operation RoundUp program.



Seniors like Roy Williams, 86, of Wake Forest, come regularly to the Northern Wake Senior Center to enjoy socializing with friends, participate in planned activities, and have lunch. The center partners with Meals on Wheels of Wake County to provide nutritious meals for area residents.

Grants are open to all project and subject areas which enhance economic infrastructure and job creation, promote service or charitable organizations, or meet emergency needs of individuals within the service area of Wake Electric.

The 2nd quarter 2014 Operation RoundUp grant winners are:

- ★ Alice Aycock Poe Center, health education program—\$750
- ★ Autism Society of NC, camp scholarships—\$1,000
- ★ Meals on Wheels of Wake County, meals for seniors— \$1,400
- ★ Safe Space, Inc., emergency shelter funds—\$1,000
- ★ Seby B. Jones Performing Arts Center at Louisburg College, Atlas Stageworks—\$2,015

The funds for Operation RoundUp grants come from Wake Electric members who agree to round up their electric bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$104.91, the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$105.

NEXT APPLICATION DEADLINE

The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is Friday, Sept. 12, by 5 p.m. For more information or to download a grant application, visit www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx.

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apply for both grant programs, but he or she must submit a different item or project for each. (For example, a teacher cannot apply for SmartBoard funding through the Classroom Technology Awards grant program and then also apply for a SmartBoard through the Bright Ideas grant program.)

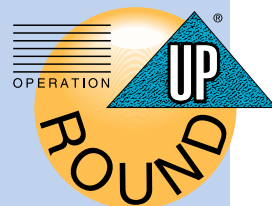
BRIGHT IDEAS

Certified K–12 public school teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply for a Bright Ideas grant. Educators with creative ideas for hands-on classroom projects must submit their grant applications by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 15. Teachers can find the application, grant-writing tips and other information at www.ncbrightideas.com.

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Eligible teachers include public school K–12 and community college teachers working in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties. Grants will be awarded in any discipline for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras, scanners and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom. Applications for the Classroom Technology Awards grant program are also due Monday, September 15, by 5 p.m. For more information, please visit www.wemc.com/classawards.aspx.

For more about either program, you may also contact Darnell Alford, business operations specialist, at 919-863-6312 or 1-800-474-6300 or e-mail her at darnell.alford@wemc.com.



Smart digging is no accident

For many homeowners, fall means planting new trees and shrubs around their home. Where you plant them is very important.

You can accidentally dig into an underground utility line, potentially harming you or disrupting service to your home or to your entire neighborhood.

Or, as your trees or shrubs mature, their roots could grow into an underground utility line and disrupt service.

Calling before digging gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

Smart digging is no accident—call before you dig!



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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