



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

On Saturday, April 13, I had the pleasure of attending the 82nd annual meeting of members as the new general manager/CEO of your cooperative. Since 1994, I have been attending annual meetings as a representative on the board for District 1. I sincerely appreciate everyone who gave up what was nearly a perfect sunny day to attend and participate in the democratic process.

Every year at the annual meeting, directors are elected to serve the membership. This year, you elected three directors, representing districts 1, 3, and 5.

Five members living in District 1 were nominated from the floor. Each nominee had five minutes to speak to the crowd of 300 about themselves and why they wanted to serve the cooperative. All members present cast their ballots, and the result was the election of Maureen Riley.

Maureen lives in Hopewell Township with her husband, Rod, and three children, Katherine, Michaila, and Colton. A 1990 graduate of Muskingum University with a bachelor's degree in communications and sociology, Maureen worked with AEP until 1996. She and her husband now operate ClearPath Utility Solutions, where she is managing member and majority owner. Maureen is a Zanesville Noon Rotarian and attends North Terrace Church of Christ. Maureen enjoys traveling, gardening, fitness, natural and preventive health, and taking care of the family hobby farm. In 2014, her family traveled to Antigua, Guatemala, to help locals build a bottle school with eco-bricks made from plastic bottles filled with inorganic trash.

District 3 was previously served by Jim Rex. Jim chose to retire from the board after serving his neighbors since 2004. Three members were nominated for district 3; ballots were cast, and Matt Carpenter was elected.

Matt lives in Meigs Township with his wife, Andrea, and three children, Luke, Ali, and Benjamin. Matt has a bachelor's degree in economics and accounting from Muskingum University and an MBA from the University of Findlay. Matt is the executive vice president and chief lender for the Citizens National Bank of McConnelsville. He is active with Malta-McConnelsville Rotary and the Genesis Finance Committee. In his personal time, Matt is active with his children in 4-H and enjoys hunting, fishing, and weightlifting.

District 5 is served by Jay Gray. Jay has been on your board for 10 years and is the board's active president. Jay was the only member nominated and re-elected.

I look forward to working with our new directors to continue delivering electricity safely at a reasonable rate. Thanks to those who attended the annual meeting — your voice as a member can be heard through local representation.



Brian Hill
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO



Newly elected board members Matt Carpenter and Maureen Riley



Jay Gray



Guernsey-Muskingum holds 82nd annual meeting



A crowd estimated at 1,400 turned out for food, fellowship, prizes, and entertainment and to hear reports on the financial condition and progress of their nonprofit electric cooperative.

Members enjoyed hot dogs grilled by GMEC linemen, musical group The Love Quartet, plus games and vendor displays, before hearing reports on the state of their cooperative and voting for directors.

Members reelected Jay Gray to an additional term on the board of directors, representing District 5, and elected Maureen Riley to represent District 1 and Matt Carpenter to represent District 3. GMEC Board President Jay Gray reported on cooperative achievements during 2018. Ed Bay, secretary-treasurer, reported on the cooperative's financial status.

Kurt Helfrich, general counsel of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and Buckeye Power, reported on the activities of the statewide services organization and generation and transmission cooperative serving all electric cooperatives in Ohio, which included safety initiatives and service projects in other states and abroad.

Brian Hill, general manager/CEO of GMEC since April 1, introduced himself to the members. He informed the members that the cooperative plans to



evaluate what, if any, role the organization might have in bringing high-speed internet service to the service area. The cooperative continues to look for development of businesses in the service area and also continues efforts to remove ash trees in the rights-of-way due to the emerald ash borer invasion. He promised members could expect "more of the same safe, reliable, affordable power" and that the cooperative would continue to look for ways to engage with members.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and PT Reptiles entertained children during the business meeting, and each child received a stuffed toy wolf at the end of the day. After the business meeting, door prizes and energy credits were awarded.





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ADVISOR**



Ray Crock

Tips for maintaining an efficient HVAC system

Ah, summer. Cookouts, swimming pools, camping — it's the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. And when it's time to come back indoors, there's nothing better than that cool blast you feel from your home's air conditioning unit.

Your heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system is essential to keeping your home comfortable during summer months, and if it breaks down, it's also the most expensive equipment to repair or replace. Luckily, there are simple steps you can take to lengthen the life of your HVAC system.

Change or clean the filters. Dirty filters block airflow, which can greatly decrease the efficiency of your system. The Department of Energy recommends changing or cleaning filters every month or two during the cooling season. If your unit is in constant use or is subjected to dusty conditions or pet hair, consider checking filters more frequently.

Clean the HVAC unit. Outdoor condenser coils can become clogged with pollen, dirt, and small debris. Use a hose to spray the HVAC unit once each season to ensure maximum airflow. Warning: Do not use a pressure washer to do this, as it can damage the equipment.

Clear space around the HVAC unit. Dryer vents, falling leaves, and grass left behind from the lawnmower can create buildup. Remove any debris around the HVAC unit. If you have foliage near the unit, trim it back at least 2 feet around the condenser to increase airflow.

If you want to evaluate the efficiency of your HVAC system, try this quick test.

The outdoor temperature should be above 80 degrees, and you should set your thermostat well below the room temperature to ensure the system runs long enough for this test.

1. Using a digital probe thermometer (about \$12), measure the temperature of the air being pulled into your HVAC filter.
2. Measure the temperature of the air blowing out of your A/C vent.
3. Subtract the A/C vent temperature from the HVAC filter temperature. You should see a difference of about 17 to 20 degrees. If the difference is less than 17 degrees, you may need a licensed technician to check the coolant. If the difference is greater than 20 degrees, your ductwork may need to be inspected for airflow restrictions.

You should also have your HVAC system periodically inspected by a licensed professional. The frequency of inspections depends on the age of your unit, but the Department of Energy recommends scheduling tune-ups during the spring and fall, when contractors aren't as busy.

When HVAC equipment fails, it's inconvenient and uncomfortable — especially during the dog days of summer. Remember, your HVAC system runs best when it's regularly cleaned and serviced. With a little maintenance along the way, you can add years to your system's lifespan.

3-Step HVAC Test

As summer temperatures rise, so do electric bills. Follow these steps to test the efficiency of your HVAC unit.

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Operations Manager Ed Wagner Retires

Ed Wagner, P.E., was hired by Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Inc. in July 2010 as the operations manager. Ed retired in May 2019. GMEC would like to thank Ed for his nine years of dedication to the cooperative!





IT PAYS TO BUY **QUALITY!**

TWO WAYS TO SAVE:

Rebates for water heaters purchased at Guernsey-Muskingum

Prices include:

FREE delivery

FREE maintenance (except cleaning),
including parts & labor

FREE pressure relief valve

FREE radio-controlled switch

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Vaughn 50-gallon: 11-year warranty
3-inch foam insulation, 4-inch hand-hole cleanout
Dimensions: 28-inch diameter x 52-inch height
Weight: 230 lbs.

\$650 wholesale cost
\$250 member rebate
\$400 net member cost, plus tax

Marathon 85-gallon: Lifetime (same owner) manufacturer warranty
2.5-inch foam insulation
Dimensions: 29-inch diameter x 71-inch height
Weight: 135 lbs.

\$1,150 wholesale cost
\$ 250 member rebate
\$ 900 net member cost, plus tax

Installation may be available for an approximate charge of \$120.

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Cash back* – For electric water heaters purchased elsewhere, with installation of a radio-controlled switch (hybrid water heaters eligible):

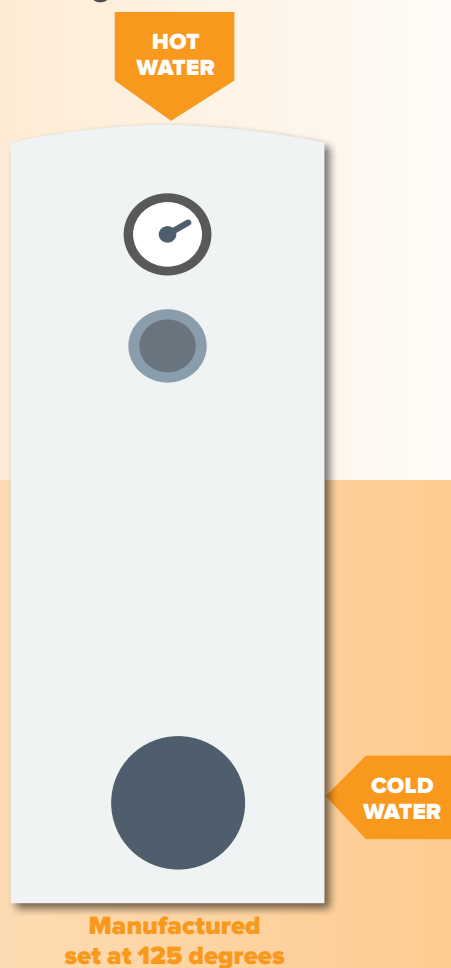
\$100 cash back for:

- 50 gallon
- 7-year warranty (or longer)
- 91% or higher Energy Factor

\$50 cash back for:

- 40 gallon
- 7-year warranty (or longer)
- 91% or higher Energy Factor

**To qualify for cash back incentives and discounts, members must allow the free installation of a radio-controlled switch. Prices and rebates subject to change. Call Guernsey-Muskingum for more details at 800-521-9879.*



CO-OP NEWS

Geothermal heating and cooling system — \$300 rebate

We have a \$300 rebate to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling, and hot water system available today. To be eligible, the geothermal unit must be ENERGY STAR-rated and have a radio-controlled switch installed on the unit and on the electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches must be installed on both the heat pump and water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. Over 890 members are using Dual Fuel.



Cool Returns — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. Over 170 members are using Cool Returns.

ENERGY STAR refrigerator/freezer rebate

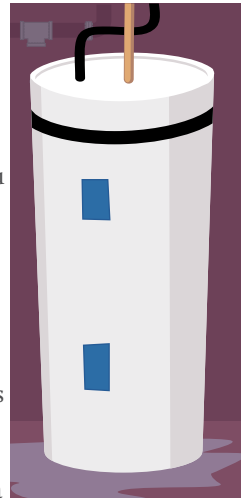
Did you buy a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator or freezer? We may have a \$100 rebate for you. Call member services for details.

Water heater with a hole

The 4-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for free delivery. We also have \$50 or \$100 checks to send you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.

Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from GMEC, our member services technician, Tim Fisher, may be able to install your water heater for an additional charge. Give us a call for details.



Radio-controlled switch

What a deal! If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, please call, and Tim Fisher will install one at no charge. Over 5,600 GMEC members have an RCS on their water heaters. The switch entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning), including parts and labor, on your electric water heater. Some exclusions apply; call us for details.

GenerLink

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask about GenerLink. GenerLink eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen. Over 200 members currently have a GenerLink installed at their homes.



Meter reading

You can enter your meter readings online at our website, www.gmenergy.com. You can also mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.

Co-op Connections card

The Co-op Connections card is free to all GMEC members, and one card can be used by the entire family. The card can be used to receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining, and more. Visit www.gmenergy.com and click on the link to explore the possible discounts available to you.



GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING



HAPPY
Father's Day

from Guernsey-
Muskingum Electric

JUNE 16

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: *energy.gov*



Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change-out to LED lightbulbs (limit six bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

#85-0026-20-00 ...Carroll Patterson

#13-0033-45-01.....Richard W Leas

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ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1*

Service Availability Charge — \$22/mo.

First 500 kWh/month — 12.169¢/kWh

Over 500 kWh/month — 10.845¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
rate schedule S-1*

Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr.

First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.769¢/kWh

800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.645¢/kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 10.845¢/kWh

(Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr.

for service between March 1, 2018,
and Feb. 28, 2019)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*

Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.

First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 12.569¢/kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 10.845¢/kWh

*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh

Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh

Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

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