



POWERLINES

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC

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JANUARY DUE DATES

The due dates for payment of electric bills are **January 19** and **26**.



A NEW YEAR, A NEW VISION



JOSHUA JOHNSON
CEO

As we begin the new year, our focus turns to a shared vision and defined direction. This month, the WWVREMC Board of Directors and staff will participate in a strategic planning session led by Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). Through collaboration, we will set aligned goals, address key challenges and opportunities, and ensure our organization remains resilient and forward-thinking.

Strategic Planning for the Future

Strategic planning defines WWVREMC's future. It is a structured process that aligns operations with long-term goals, provides an opportunity to assess the current standing, and crafts a clear path forward. We remain committed to providing safe, dependable, and affordable power, reaffirming our dedication to the communities we serve and ensuring that every decision reflects the priorities of our members.

What Does Strategic Planning Involve?

This year's planning process will include a thorough review of our mission, vision, and values to confirm they continue to represent the direction and aspirations of our cooperative. To make this effort meaningful, we're gathering input from multiple sources:

- Member survey data to understand your needs and expectations

- Internal staff feedback to identify operational strengths and areas for improvement
- Board guidance to ensure alignment with governance priorities

These perspectives will help shape key focus areas for the coming years, including:

- Enhancing member engagement and communication
- Strengthening financial forecasting and long-term stability
- Evaluating infrastructure investments to support reliability and growth

Why It Matters

Our priority is to keep WWVREMC strong, prepared, and responsive. Strategic planning shapes how we deliver value to our members and invest for the future. Through proactive planning, we anticipate challenges, pursue opportunities, and enhance the member experience.

This process also reinforces transparency and accountability. As plans take shape, members can expect increased communication about results and next steps. We believe that keeping you informed is essential because your voice matters in shaping the future of our cooperative.

Stay tuned for updates in future *Powerlines* as we share insights and results from this vital planning process. Together, we're creating a stronger, smarter, and more resilient WWVREMC for the future.



Camp Kilowatt JULY 26-29, 2026

Spend four fun-filled days at Camp Kilowatt learning about energy while making new friends, horseback riding, ziplining, swimming, canoeing, and more! This year's camp is changing locations to Happy Hollow Children's Camp in Nashville, Indiana. Camp Kilowatt is available to students completing sixth grade in 2026. Priority will be given to students of parents who receive electricity from an Indiana electric cooperative.

Visit campkilowatt.org to apply. Applications must be completed by May 1, 2026.

Youth Program Deadlines Approaching

Deadlines are approaching to apply for the following 2026 youth programs:

PAGE DAY: APPLY BY JAN. 9

Apply: wwwvremc.com/page-day

Indiana YOUTH TOUR: APPLY BY FEB. 13

Apply: wwwvremc.com/youth-tour

COOPERATIVE STUDENT ART CONTEST: APPLY BY FEB. 27

Apply: wwwvremc.com/student-art-contest



BE PREPARED for winter storms

Winter in Indiana often brings weather conditions that can create travel hazards and electrical dangers. Follow these tips to stay safe.

EMERGENCY KITS

AT HOME: stock at least two weeks of supplies, including bottled water, nonperishable food, emergency blankets, first aid supplies, flashlights, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, and basic toiletries.

FOR YOUR VEHICLE:

pack at least three days of essentials such as blankets, warm clothes, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable food, sand or cat litter for traction, backup batteries, and phone chargers.

POWER LINE SAFETY

IF YOU ENCOUNTER DOWNED LINES:

- » Stay at least 35 feet away — about the length of three cars.
- » Never touch the line or anything touching it.
- » Call 911 immediately and warn others to keep clear.
- » Always assume the line is live and dangerous.

PLUG INTO
SAFETY

Cooperative Christmas Festivities: A SEASON OF JOY AND COMMUNITY

December was a season of joy and togetherness at our cooperative. The start of December is always a busy and exciting time for us. We kicked off the festivities with an all-employee and director Christmas party, bringing our team together for an evening filled with laughter, delicious food, and festive cheer. The hidden account number is 982401. The event was a wonderful opportunity to recognize everyone's hard work and to strengthen the bonds that make our cooperative so special.

We also brought our community spirit to the streets by participating in the Liberty Hometown Christmas parade. This year's float theme, "Wicked Winter Wonderland," added extra festive fun and creativity to the celebration.

These celebrations and community events highlight our dedication to giving back and staying connected with those around us. We look forward to continuing these traditions and finding new ways to spread holiday cheer in the years ahead.



Whitewater Valley REMC won "Most Unique Float" at the parade for their Wicked-inspired float.



Energy use spikes during periods of extremely cold weather, which adds strain to the electric grid. When our community works together to reduce energy use, we can make a big impact in supporting reliability. Here are four simple ways you can help:

POWER UNDER PRESSURE

Four Ways to
Ease Grid Strain
This Winter

1. Lower your thermostat. Even a difference of a few degrees can help.
2. Delay using large appliances. Run them in the evenings or midday when demand is lower.
3. Lower your water heater to 120 degrees and avoid back-to-back showers.
4. Unplug unnecessary devices. Electronics and lighting add up. Unplug any unused items.

HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER

Each month we hide an account number in the Powerlines. Did you find it?

NO NOVEMBER WINNER

Keep reading your Powerlines each month. The next hidden account number could be yours!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

U.S. Mail

Whitewater Valley REMC, P.O. Box 350
Liberty, IN 47353

SmartHub

Log on at wwwvremc.com.

Pay-by-Phone

Call 855-940-3859. Set up your PIN. Follow prompts.

Liberty Office

In person or in the drop box.

Automatic Withdrawal

Simply request a form and submit it to our office.

Franklin County National Bank (FCN)

In person or in the drop box. Bring payment stub.

VanillaDirect

Visit vanilladirect.com for payment locations and details.



For more information about payment options, please call us:
765-458-5171 or 1-800-529-5557

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Liberty Office Hours

1201 S. State Road 101, Liberty, IN 47353

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS

To Report an Outage or Emergency

Call 1-800-776-0493, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Log in to your SmartHub account and report your outage.

BE READY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- The name and account number under which your electric service is listed.
- Map location number.
- Your phone number – needed to call back or confirm power restoration.
- The type of problem you are experiencing – flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.



BILL CREDIT WINNERS

Our monthly drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2025 annual meeting continues. Here are the winners.

JANUARY

Chris Mangas, Winchester
Teresa B. Paddock, Brownsville
Lori Palomino, W. Harrison
Robert Gilbert, Centerville
William Leach, Connersville



SAVE THE DATE: 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

We are excited to announce that the 2026 Annual Meeting will once again take place at our facility, as it did last year. This year, we will continue with the family-friendly event, which will include food, fun, and entertainment, while also providing information about the cooperative, offering prizes and scholarships, and announcing election results, as in previous years. **Mark your calendars for June 4, 2026**, and stay tuned for further details in the upcoming months!



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