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ourSOLAR

A Cooperative Solar Program

Have barriers to solar power kept you from getting renewable energy for your home or business? Since 2016, Tri-County EMC's cooperative solar program, ourSolar, has offered members the opportunity to purchase blocks from the cooperative's 10-acre solar site in Putnam County. ourSolar gives members access to affordable solar energy with no risks and no rooftop installation required. The sun energizes Tri-County's panels, and that energy is used on the cooperative's system.



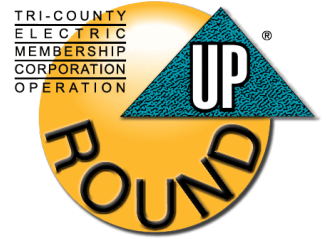
At \$20 a month for each 1.22 kW block, ourSolar participants receive all the energy generated by each block credited against the normal usage on that month's electric bill. Each block should generate approximately 160 to 250 kWh per month. Members are limited to 4 blocks per account. (1952003)

Participating in the cooperative solar program has several advantages. With ourSolar, there are no installation or maintenance costs. Tri-County's solar site has over 4,200 solar panels capable of generating over 2 million kWh annually. The cooperative maintains the facility at no extra cost to its members. Unlike rooftop solar panels, there is no financing or long-term contracts. Members can end their participation at any time but must wait twelve months to rejoin.

As your trusted energy advisor, Tri-County EMC is here to help you make smart energy investments. If you are interested in solar generation, call and speak with a Tri-County EMC representative to better understand your electricity usage and make the best energy decision for your home.

TRI-COUNTY EMC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$36,380 IN JUNE

On June 11, the Tri-County EMC Foundation Board met to consider applications from 21 organizations to receive an Operation Roundup Grant. Eleven projects were funded for a total of \$36,380. The Operation Roundup program is made possible through the generosity of our members who elect to have their bill rounded up each month. Below is this quarter's list of receiving organizations. The next deadline to submit an Operation Roundup grant application is September 1, 2024.



ACTION IN KINDNESS, INC.

\$1,000 to purchase diapers, wipes, and other sanitary supplies to distribute in low-income communities

BALDWIN COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

\$3,000 to purchase school supplies, book bags, clothing, shoes, and other items for students at the school

BRAVE MEADOWS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

\$2,000 to expand access to riding programs for individuals with disabilities

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAY

\$5,000 to support the church's backpack food ministry during the 2024-2025 school year (48801002)

GRAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

\$2,000 to purchase book bags and school supplies for the church's second annual Back-to-School Bash for Jones County

JACOR FOUNDATION

\$8,000 to replace a medically restricted local elderly couple's leaking roof

OVERVIEW, INC.

\$2,000 to purchase fresh produce for residents at the Baldwin Senior Center

PUTNAM CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

\$5,000 to purchase healthy food suitable for the Food Pack Ministry

REACH 2 TEACH

\$2,500 to provide school supplies to 50 youth living in Putnam County's housing authority and affordable housing

RESCUE MISSION OF MIDDLE GEORGIA

\$3,380 to purchase washer and dryer units for program housing for women and children victimized by domestic violence

THE PLAZA ARTS CENTER

\$2,500 to support the after-school art program at The Plaza Arts Center in Eatonton



Rachael-Anne Stewart, Pastor Josh Echols, & Shana Redd with Gray Community Church



Board Chairman John Westmoreland, Executive Director Wanda Addeo, & the Overview, Inc. Team at Baldwin Senior Center



Director of Programming Vickie Spivey at The Plaza Arts Center in Eatonton

TRI-COUNTY EMC ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Each year, the nine-member Tri-County EMC Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates for election to the cooperative's board of directors. These nominees are voted on by the membership during the annual election in the fall. The 2024 Nominating Committee met on June 17 to nominate candidates for the three Post 2 board seats up for this year's election. All Post 2 incumbents were nominated and will appear on the ballots sent out in September.

As stated in Tri-County EMC's bylaws, a member can also be added to the ballot using "nomination by petition." To fulfill this step, the member must submit a petition of at least 50 signatures to the cooperative no later than July 19, 2024. (Bylaws, Section 4.06. Nominations.) The C&E Committee will meet in August to review and validate any petitions submitted to the cooperative. Members can contact Tri-County EMC to obtain a petition form.



CHAP NELSON
INCUMBENT

District 1, Post 2 | Gray

NOMINATED



GEORGE "BUCK" COMER
INCUMBENT

District 2, Post 2 | Eatonton

NOMINATED



EDWARD "ED" WALKER
INCUMBENT

District 3, Post 2 | Milledgeville

NOMINATED



SAVE PAPER. VOTE ONLINE.

If you wish to opt out of receiving a paper ballot and vote online during this year's annual election, complete the online form at www.tricountyemc.com/voting.cms or call us at 1.866.254.8100. Instead of receiving a ballot by mail, your login information for the voting website will be emailed to you. If you have opted out before, there is no need to do so again unless your email address changes. If we do not hear from you before August 30, you will automatically receive a voting packet in the mail in September.

RECIPE BOX

BACKYARD KING'S HAWAIIAN ITALIAN SAUSAGE PANZANELLA SLIDERS

Courtesy of Georgia Grown

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 King's Hawaiian rolls, sliced
- 1½ lbs Stripling's Italian Sausage
- 2+ tbsp mayonnaise

ITALIAN SALSA

- 1 cup diced grape tomatoes
- 4 oz diced fresh mozzarella
- 1 tsp fresh minced garlic
- 2/3 cup diced English cucumber, skin on
- 1 tbsp fresh chopped basil
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- Salt & pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Combine all salsa ingredients together in a bowl. Mix gently and refrigerate until ready to use. Preheat grill to medium heat. Form sausage into 12 square patties. Grill sausage until it reaches internal temperature of 155°. Toast cut sides of rolls on grill.

Spread a generous amount of mayonnaise on bottom half of each roll. Divide salsa evenly among the rolls. Top salsa with sausage patty, pressing down to hold ingredients together. Top sliders with top half of roll. Serve immediately. Makes 12 sliders.



Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to annas@tri-countyemc.com or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

TRI-COGO LAUNCHES NEW OUTDOOR EXTENDER

More and more, where we live and play extends beyond the walls of our homes and into backyards and around patios, pools, detached shops, and even docks. And now, with Tri-CoGo, Tri-County EMC's fiber internet affiliate, you can get the same fast speeds you enjoy inside up to several hundred feet away from your home with the help of a weatherproof outdoor access point extender. (45436001)



The access point extenders come in two sizes and ranges, ensuring a strong internet connection in even the most remote areas of your property. The best part? These devices are available for a mere few pennies per day. They can connect to a multitude of devices, from phones and laptops to security cameras and smart televisions. Whether you're working from your outdoor office or enjoying a movie by the pool, our extenders can transform your home into a smart estate.

There's no need to guess the size of the access point you need for your property. Tri-CoGo's technicians will give customers a free assessment to recommend the most suitable device and locations to meet your outdoor Wi-Fi needs. Basic wireless installation is free, and technicians can also assist with installing posts and wiring to connect more complex installations. Learn more about Tri-CoGo's new outdoor access points by calling 478.986.8320 or 844.662.7569.

ACCOUNT NUMBER

Three random account numbers are hidden in this issue of Current Lines. Find your COMPLETE account number inside parentheses for a \$50 bill credit. Call 478.986.8126 to claim your credit.



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