

October is National Co-op Month

When you hear the word “cooperative,” what comes to mind?

As your local electric co-op, we hope you think of Hancock-Wood Electric. Regardless of the services offered, all cooperatives have one thing in common: They’re led by the people they serve — and that simple idea makes a meaningful difference. Cooperatives come in all shapes and sizes, each created to meet a specific need. Credit unions help members save and borrow money. Producer cooperatives, like Ocean Spray and Land O’Lakes, help farmers bring their products to market. Retail cooperatives, like REI and ACE Hardware, are owned by their shoppers or a membership of store owners, while housing cooperatives give residents a voice in managing their communities. And utility cooperatives — like Hancock-Wood Electric— provide reliable electricity to the communities they serve. Unlike many businesses

that answer to outside investors or shareholders, cooperatives are built for their members. Their goal isn’t simply to earn a profit; it’s to provide value, meet unique local needs, and strengthen the communities they call home. That’s exactly what makes Hancock-Wood Electric different. Our story began in 1938, when neighbors came together to bring electricity to an area when other utilities wouldn’t. While a lot has changed since then, our purpose has remained steady. We’re still here to provide power and make decisions with our community’s best interests in mind. Being locally owned means we have the flexibility to focus on what matters most to the communities we serve. That’s why no two electric cooperatives are exactly alike. Every community has different needs, and every cooperative reflects those priorities.



Optimize Your HVAC System

Schedule system tune-ups with an HVAC pro in fall for heating and spring for cooling.

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