



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Hancock-Wood 2021 recap

Here at Hancock-Wood, we've seen a lot of change this past year, including a new CEO. One thing we will always continue to focus on is providing our members with safe and reliable electricity. Our co-op has worked hard on a few major projects this year I would like to highlight.

Rebuilding = reliability

Over the past year, our crews have rebuilt approximately 14 miles of distribution lines, and our contractor rebuilt approximately 14 miles of line. Our engineering and operation group also completed work at NorthPoint Development, a 400,000-square-foot facility being constructed south of the CSX Intermodal terminal.

Online voting

Due to COVID and unfortunately not being able to hold our annual meeting in person, the co-op provided a virtual meeting to the members. The co-op made changes to help improve our election process by offering online voting in 2021.



Serving our communities

We continue to serve our local communities through sponsorships and donations for various projects. We partnered with CoBank to provide a \$20,000 donation to the Hancock County Firefighters Association for the Simulated Tactical Response and Incident Command Training (STRICT) Center, an innovative training complex for Findlay and Hancock County's first responders. Our Operation Round Up program has provided more than \$37,000 to local schools, fire departments, libraries, and more.

OurSolar expansion

Buckeye Power, in collaboration with Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, is developing an expansion to OurSolar, a community solar program developed and operated by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. OurSolar is a green energy option that's available to cooperative members. The expansion will begin in fall 2021; the new facility is anticipated to be operational by summer 2022.



Bill Barnhart
INTERIM
PRESIDENT & CEO

NorthPoint Development

Crews work on rebuild project in 2021.



C&I lighting rebate

Commercial members can take advantage of a great LED lighting rebate from Hancock-Wood. Citizens National Bank, located in Bluffton, received \$8,885.93 for updating their business' lighting to energy-efficient LEDs. Pictured are Cindy Scott and Energy Advisor Bruce Warnecke.



Electric bus Ride & Drive

On Oct. 14, Hancock-Wood hosted a Ride & Drive featuring a Lion-C electric school bus. Several local schools and U.S. Rep. Bob Latta attended the event to learn more about the benefits of electric school buses. Our schools pay a demand charge year-round that is essentially driven by their summer peaks.

They pay for capacity that is underutilized every night, weekend, and in some cases, all winter. Since this capacity is already paid for, the marginal cost of charging an electric vehicle is very low.

Weinandy hired as materials coordinator

Zach Weinandy has been hired as Hancock-Wood's materials coordinator. He graduated from North Baltimore High School. His parents are April McEwen and Matt Weinandy. He has a sister, Katelyn, and a dog, Winston. Zach enjoys watching sports and spending time with family and friends. Zach served as our maintenance intern last summer.



High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors!

Interested in a life-changing leadership experience in Washington, D.C.?

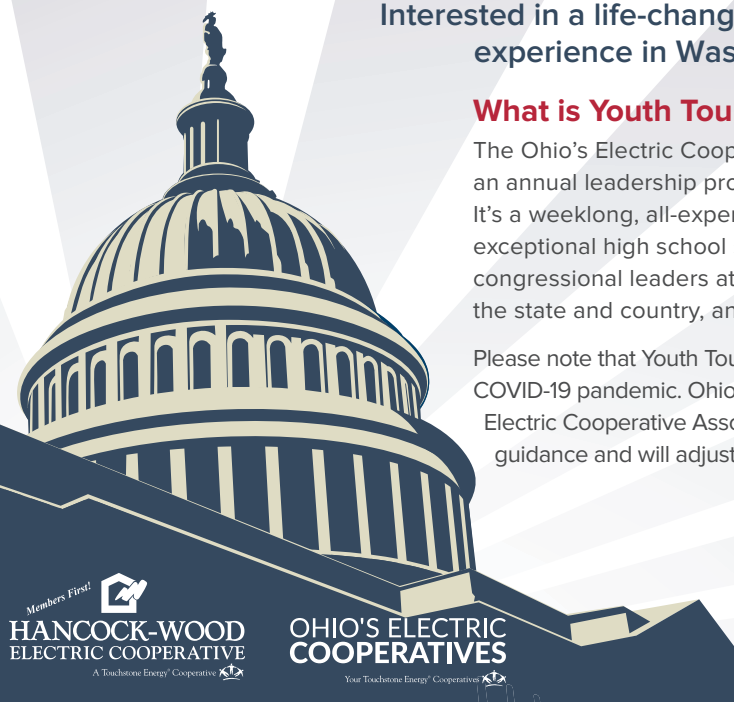


What is Youth Tour?

The Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour is an annual leadership program sponsored by Hancock-Wood Electric. It's a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that gives exceptional high school students the opportunity to meet with their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, make new friends from across the state and country, and see many of the famous Washington sights.

Please note that Youth Tour 2022 is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association are continually monitoring state and federal guidance and will adjust plans accordingly if needed.

For more information and to apply, visit hwe.coop or call Hancock-Wood Electric at 800-445-4840. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2022.



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It is hard to believe 2021 is almost over. As we prepare for the busy holiday season, I want to provide you with information about energy savings measures to consider if you are going to be away from your home or business for an extended time during this holiday season.

- If you use an electric hot water heater, turn off the breaker before leaving. Turn it back on as soon as you return. Just remember you will not have hot water for about the first hour after restoring power to the heater.
- A gas water heater can be turned to the lowest heat setting, pilot, or vacation mode to save money during your absence. The gas water heater should be able to provide you with hot water around a half hour after returning the temperature to normal settings
- Turn off your main water supply or power to your well pump.

Electronics/appliances/lights

- Unplug all electronics and appliances that aren't going to be needed while you are gone. A cable box uses almost the same amount of energy when it is in standby mode as when it is being used.
- Use timers on lights to make your home appear occupied instead of leaving the lights on all the time.

I hope this information helps you save a few dollars the next time you have a chance to get away.

Heating/cooling/water

- Before leaving your home, adjust your thermostat lower to reduce your heating cost. I suggest a setting of 55 to 60 degrees. This temperature will keep your home warm enough to protect items from freezing. It is also a good idea to open doors of cabinets that contain water lines, to combat cold drafts that may enter those cabinets.

The Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative
office will be closed Dec. 10, Dec. 23, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31
and be open until noon on Dec. 30.

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