

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

JUNE 2009

North Carolina member residents to receive *Free CFLs in the Mail*

In July, Wake Electric members who reside in North Carolina will be mailed two free compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). We are sending these to you for several reasons:

- ★ First, CFLs provide useful light while using much less electricity than conventional incandescent lamps.
- ★ Next, while many consumers are already benefiting from energy savings with CFLs, many are not. This package is a way to introduce those who are not using CFLs to the advantages. For consumers who already use CFLs, this package conveniently provides two additional bulbs for reducing energy in your home.
- ★ Finally, these bulbs are sent as part of a state approved energy efficiency program that is designed to further Wake Electric's compliance with the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards (REPS) legislation enacted by the NC General Assembly in 2007. At that time, North Carolina became the first state in the Southeast to adopt such a standard. Under this new law, rural electric co-ops are required to meet up to 10%



of their energy needs through renewable energy resources or energy efficiency measures. Wake Electric may comply with the REPS requirement in a number of ways, which include distributing environmentally friendly and energy-saving CFLs.

Using these bulbs in fixtures that

are on during the greatest amount of time will provide the greatest amount of energy savings. Wake Electric has a long and proud tradition of encouraging wise energy use and environmental responsibility. For more information on CFLs and their proper disposal, visit our website at www.wemc.com.



Wake Electric
Membership Corporation

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Regular office hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Telephone hours: M-F, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., 863.6300 or 800.474.6300

Underground locating service: Call 811

Our Town



Wake Electric seeks grant applicants and announces grant winners

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Youngsville Fire Department

Wake Electric awarded the Youngsville Fire Department a \$2,000 Operation RoundUp grant. The grant is to assist in the purchase of new and updated hand-held radios. "In any organization," said David Williams, Board Member, "communication is one of the most important things to insure a safe operation." Williams said that handheld radios are a vital part of that operation and can mean life or death for the firefighters. "On the scene of a fire," he said, "radios are used to relay important information from firefighters inside a burning structure to those outside to determine the status of the structure and any evacuation information." The Operation RoundUp grant will be well-used and is much needed, he said.

The fire department serves about 16,000 people in Youngsville

and portions of southern Franklin County and indirectly protects 70,500 through mutual aid agreements.

Other Operation RoundUp grant winners for the 2nd quarter were Epsom Volunteer Fire Department of Vance County and Meals on Wheels of Durham.

Wake Electric is seeking grant applications from non-profit organizations in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake and Vance counties for the 3rd quarter. Through its Operation RoundUp program, the Wake Electric Foundation board will consider grant requests for projects and proposals that:

- ★ Serve a broad range of individuals
- ★ Use funds for educational, charitable, or economic development purposes

Grant requests can be made for up to \$5,000 and are given out in January, April, July, and October. The next grant application deadline is Friday, June 12, 2009.

To learn more or to apply, go to www.wemc.com or contact Angela Perez, Public Relations/ Communications Specialist, at 919.863.6300 or 1.800.863.6300.

The funds for the Operation RoundUp grants come from WEMC members who agree to round up their light bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$104.91—the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$105.00.

Wake Electric is a non-profit electric utility serving 33,500 customers in parts of Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake, and Vance counties.

Operation RoundUP



Above left: Youngsville firefighters (from left to right) David Williams, board member, and Nick Burgart.

Above right: Epsom firefighters (from left to right) Asst. Fire Chief Phillip Grissom, Jr. and Safety Officer Phillip Grissom.

"Our Town" is dedicated to local events, people and places in our service territory, which includes Durham, Franklin, Nash, Johnston, Vance, Granville and Wake counties. Suggestions for events, businesses, people, or points of interest for "Our Town" should be e-mailed to Angela Perez, Public Relations Specialist, at angela.perez@wemc.com or call at 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300.

Win \$150 by simply changing a light bulb!

Wake EMC is encouraging members to replace their old incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star® fluorescent bulbs by June 30, 2009. Two winners will receive a \$150 credit on their electric bill. Winners will be notified in July 2009.

All the member has to do is mail-in or drop-off a receipt that shows a compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) purchase made between March 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. On the back of the receipt, the member must include an account number, name, email address (if applicable), and a telephone number to be entered in our drawing.

Only ONE receipt per member household can be entered. The number/quantity of CFLs purchased does not matter—as long as there is at least one CFL purchase listed on the receipt.

Only two lucky members will win the \$150 credit on their electric bill, but every member that installs a fluorescent bulb in their home or



business stands to save as much as \$30 per year.

All receipts must be received at our office by 5 p.m. on June 30, 2009, in order to be eligible for the drawing.

Receipts may be enclosed in the electric bill or mailed separately and directly to:

Wake Electric
Attention: Change a Light Program
P.O. Box 1229
Wake Forest, NC 27588

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Rural Electric Youth Tourists announced

Two local high school juniors were recently selected to represent Wake Electric on a one-week all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., as well as a \$1,000 scholarship for college.



Lukas Holub



Brian Panasiak

Wake-Forest Rolesville High School student Lukas Holub, 17, of Wake Forest, and Franklin Academy High School student Brian Panasiak, 17, of Louisburg, will attend the annual 2009 Rural Electric Youth Tour. In June, Holub and Panasiak will join nearly 1,500 students from across the United States in the nation's capital.

Over the course of the week, students, traveling with delegations from their own state, will visit historic sites and federal facilities and spend time with their congressional delegations. Students will create podcasts and digital photo projects as they learn about electric cooperatives and discuss issues in energy and climate change legislation that face their communities and the nation.

To learn more, go to www.wemc.com and www.youthtour.coop.

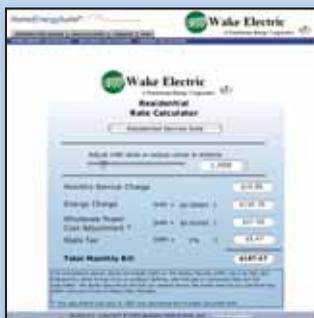


Right-of-Way maintenance to begin

Wake Electric is scheduling the distribution and transmission circuits that will be treated with herbicide for 2009. The use of herbicide to control the young trees and brush has been part of Wake Electric's annual right-of-way maintenance program since 1997. Since we began using herbicide in conjunction with bushhogging, the number of stems or young trees along the floor of the right of way corridor has been greatly reduced. Without the heavy infestation of young trees to shade the ground, we see a thicker natural growth of wild grasses and weeds that provide cover and food for wildlife as well as shade to make it harder for young trees to have enough sunlight to sprout and grow.

This year, Wake Electric will spray lines in portions of Vance, Granville, Durham, Wake, Franklin and Johnston counties. Substations that will be sprayed are Oxford, Tar River, Butner, John Ferrell, New Light, Franklinton, Walker's Crossroads, 98 East, Lassiter, Emit and Hares Crossroads.

Wake Electric uses only herbicides that are approved by and registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. All spray work is done by licensed and trained applicators. The herbicide solution is applied at low volume rates with backpack style equipment. Should you have questions concerning this work, please call Ed Wheeler at 919-863-6461 or 1-800-863-6300 or email him at ed.wheeler@wemc.com.



New tool available for calculating electric bills

In response to member inquiries on how to better understand and figure their electric bills, Wake Electric announces the launch of an on-line application to help members calculate and understand the elements of their bill. Members also will be able use the calculator to figure how usage directly affects the amount of their bill.

If used in conjunction with our free on-line audit, the Home Energy Suite, members can find ways to lower their electric bill each month.

For more information, go to www.wemc.com and click on Rate Calculator logo. To use the on-line energy audit, click on the Home Energy Suite logo.

This year, Congress is expected to vote on legislation that will increase energy costs for families and businesses.

Proposals being considered would require the nation's electric utilities to increase renewable energy resources and pay a tax on carbon emissions. If these measures pass as currently written, **your electric rates could increase by 40 percent or more.**

Your cooperative is working with members of Congress to help ensure they get this right, but it's important

for you—the consumer—to tell your Congressional representatives to remember the folks back home as they vote on energy-related legislation.

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Wake Electric seeks Classroom Technology Award grant applicants

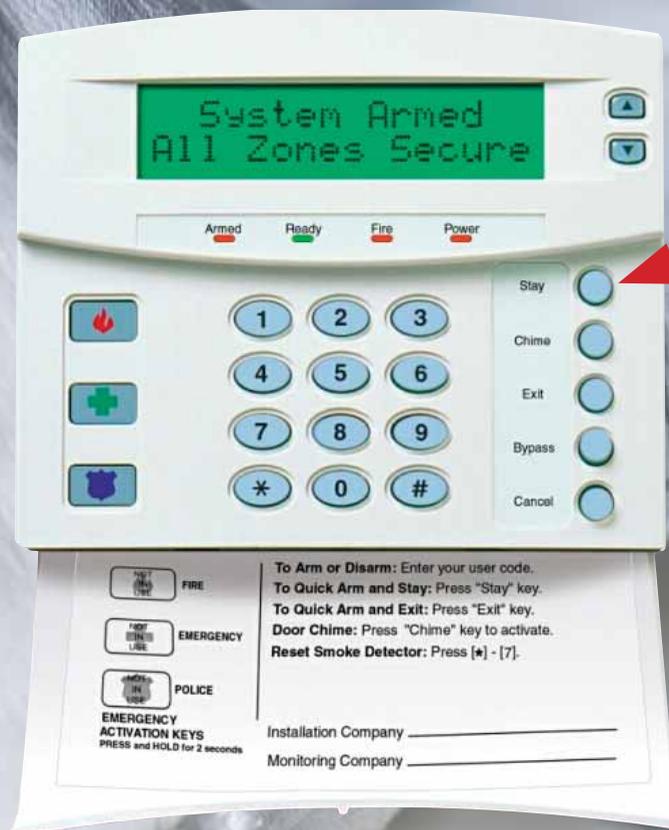
Wake Electric seeks applicants for its Classroom Technology Awards grant program.

The company will award grants to North Carolina teachers serving grades K-12 and area community colleges to be used during the 2009-2010 school year. Grants will be awarded in any discipline for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras, scanners, and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom.

Public school teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply. The final deadline to submit all grants is Sept. 11, 2009.

For more information or to apply go to www.wemc.com or contact Angela Perez, Public Relations/Communications Specialist at 919.863.6376 or 1.800.474.6300 or email at angela.perez@wemc.com.

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