Corridor Energy Cooperative

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Corridor Connections

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR OUR MEMBERS

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

These directors were re-elected at our annual meeting and will serve a three-year term.

KIRK HILAND
DISTRICT 2

GARY SCHLOTTERBECK
DISTRICT 3

RON O'NEIL
DISTRICT 7

Corridor Energy Cooperative held its 2026 Annual Meeting online on September 24, where members learned more about the cooperative's financial performance, growth, and future investments. During the meeting, General Manager and CEO Terry Sullivan reviewed the cooperative's 2025 financial results and highlighted ongoing investments to support reliable electric service as our communities continue to grow.

Missed the meeting? A recording is available on our YouTube channel for members who would like to watch.

Board Election Results

We also announced the results of the 2026 Board of Directors election.Congratulations to **Kirk Hiland (District 2), Gary Schlotterbeck (District 3), and Ron O'Neil (District 7)**, who were re-elected to serve three-year terms.

Following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected officers for the coming year:

President: Ron O'Neil
Vice President: Lisa Rose
Treasurer: Gary Schlotterbeck
Secretary: Jeanna Sager
Assistant Secretary: Kirk Hiland

Get Involved in Your Cooperative

Mark your calendar! Our next Annual Meeting is scheduled for **September 23, 2027**.

Congratulations

To Our Voting Prize Winners!

The following members were randomly selected to receive a $100 bill credit for voting in our 2026 board election. Thank you to everyone who voted!

$100 BILL CREDIT

WEB BALLOT WINNERS:

ROBERT P O'BRIAN	DAVID B WEETMAN
LANCE GRAVES	AMANDA BIEBER
PAT GATES	DEAN E BARTH
TERRANCE RILEY	NATHAN L WEAR
JEFFREY K MILTON	JASON KAUTZ
THEODORE W FRANCOIS	TIMOTHY B SHUGART
MARK A CULVER	LOWELL H KNIGHT
SCOTT E BECKER	LARRY WEBER
CINDY L MARING	ROSE MARIE MONAGAN
JILL L GASTER	LINDA JAMES
ELWYN BRUHL	DALE WILHELM
RONALD A HENDRICKS	LAWRENCE D KUDEJ
WILLIAM E BARRY	LANCE LEFEBURE
DANIEL ORRIS	CHRISTIE P THOMAS
LARRY D LIPCAMON	LEATH DRAKE

MAIL BALLOT WINNERS:

GEORGIA DOBBINS
JODENE K WALKER
RENEE Y OTTO
CHRISTINE R NORDSTROM
JANE A MOON
ALLEN D WALKER
ROBERT SKEERS
PATRICIA MCCORMICK
KEVIN BANASIK
LANCE J QUIGLEY

As a member-owned cooperative, your voice matters. If you're interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if you live in District 4 or 6 and would like to run for a seat on the Board of Directors in 2027, contact our office at 319-377-1587 to learn more.

Your participation helps shape Corridor Energy Cooperative's future.

The Clocks Fell Back. Now Switch On Energy Savings!

Daylight saving time ended November 1, bringing shorter days and longer evenings. As darkness arrives earlier, many households are turning on their lights sooner and keeping them on longer. That extra lighting can add to your electric bill, but switching to energy-efficient LED bulbs is an easy way to keep your home bright while using less electricity.

Changing a light bulb may seem like a small step, but the right bulb can noticeably reduce your home's energy use. Replacing older incandescent bulbs with LEDs is one of the simplest and most affordable ways to save energy.

ENERGY STAR LED bulbs use up to 90% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and last 15 to 25 times longer. With dozens of light bulbs in the average home, those savings can really add up over time.

Bright Ideas for Saving Even More

- **Turn off lights** when leaving a room.
- **Use natural daylight** by opening curtains and blinds during the day.
- **Use timers or sensors** to keep light on only when needed.
- **Replace your most used bulbs first** to maximize energy savings.

As we settle into the shorter days of fall and winter, a few simple lighting changes can help you manage energy use without sacrificing comfort. Start with one bulb, and let the savings add up!

BUDGET BILLING

Take control of your utility bills with predictable, monthly payments.

Seasonal weather changes can cause your energy bills to go up and down. Our budget billing plan helps you avoid these seasonal spikes by spreading your costs evenly throughout the year.

With budget billing, your monthly payment is based on your estimated annual energy use, giving you a more predictable bill each month and better control over your household budget.

HOW IT WORKS

Your monthly payment will equal 1/12 of your estimated annual bill, based on your usage history from the past 12 months. At the end of your budget period, we review your account, compare your actual usage to the estimate, and adjust your payment amount for the next 12-month period if needed.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. If your actual usage is higher or lower than expected, your new 12-month average may be adjusted. This helps keep your payment amount as accurate as possible.
2. We'll notify you of your new monthly payment amount one month before the change takes effect.

SIGN UP TODAY

To enroll in budget billing or learn more, contact our Consumer Services team. Start enjoying more consistent monthly payments and fewer surprises on your utility bill!

Same Home. Same Habits. Higher Bill? Here's Why.

Even when your daily routine stays the same, colder temperatures and shorter days can drive up your electricity use. Here's what you need to know as winter approaches.

Have you ever opened your electric bill during the winter and wondered why it's higher, even though you haven't changed anything at home? You're not alone. As temperatures drop, several seasonal factors can increase your electricity use without you even realizing it.

Your Heating System Works Harder

As outdoor temperatures fall, your heating system runs longer to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature. The greater the indoor-outdoor temperature difference, the more energy it takes to heat your home. For homes with electric heat, this can significantly increase monthly electricity use.

Shorter Days Mean More Electricity

With fewer hours of daylight, you turn on lights earlier and leave them on longer. Add in more time spent indoors watching television, cooking, doing laundry, and using electronics, and those small increases in electricity use can add up.

Cold Weather Affects More Than Your Furnace

Your water heater may also work harder during colder months as incoming water temperatures drop. If you have a heat pump, cold weather may cause supplemental electric heat to run more often, increasing electricity use.

Small Changes Can Make a Difference

You can't control the weather, but you can manage your energy use. Adjust your thermostat when you're away or sleeping, seal drafts around windows and doors, replace furnace filters regularly, and turn off lights and electronics when you don't need them.

Remember, a higher winter electric bill doesn't necessarily mean you're doing anything differently. Sometimes, it simply takes more energy to keep your home comfortable.

See What's Happening With SmartHub

You don't have to guess when it comes to your electricity use. Corridor Energy Cooperative's free SmartHub app lets you track daily usage and compare your electricity consumption over time.

Try comparing your usage from November to October or looking at the same month last year. You may notice how colder weather affects your home's energy needs, even when your daily habits haven't changed.

WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR ENERGY USE?

Log in to your SmartHub account. If you don't have the SmartHub app, download it for free to explore your usage history and see how the seasons affect your home.

Free 2027 calendars are available for pick up at our Marion office from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm while quantities last. Due to postage costs, we are unable to mail them.

Spinach Artichoke Casserole

6 cloves garlic, unpeeled
4 (10 oz) pkgs frozen chopped spinach - thawed, drained and squeezed dry
1 (14 oz) can artichoke hearts, drained, chopped
¼ cup butter
3 green onions, finely chopped
1 cup sour cream
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 teaspoons garlic salt
1 cup French fried onion rings
1 (8 oz) pkg sliced fresh mushrooms
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
1 (8 oz) can water chestnuts, drained
¾ cup real mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place garlic cloves in a small oven-safe dish, and roast in oven until softened and fragrant, about 20 minutes. Set roasted garlic cloves aside to cool. Place spinach in a large mixing bowl; stir in the artichoke hearts. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until mushrooms are softened, about 10 minutes. Mix in green onions, and cook and stir until onions are soft, about 5 more minutes. Transfer mushroom mixture into the bowl with spinach mixture. Remove cream cheese from wrapping, place into a microwave-safe bowl, and cook until warm and very soft, about 1 ½ minutes. Stir softened cream cheese into spinach mixture, and add sour cream, water chestnuts, Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, garlic salt, and lemon juice. Squeeze roasted garlic out of garlic skins, and mix thoroughly into the spinach mixture. Spoon the casserole into a round 2-quart baking dish. Bake until hot and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Spread French-fried onion rings over the top, return to the oven, and bake until the onion rings are lightly browned, 5 to 10 more minutes.

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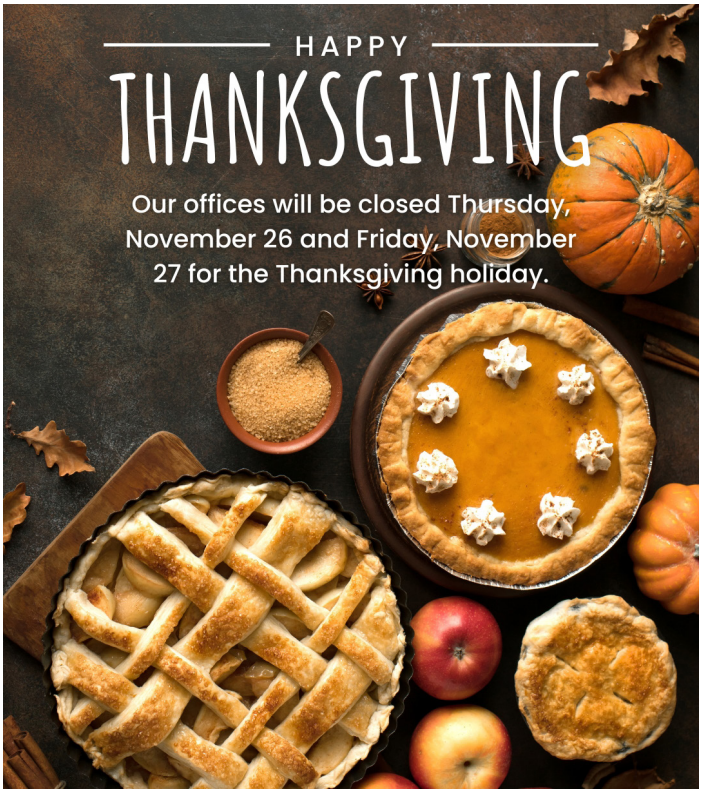

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