

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Treasurer
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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New Enterprise REC Happenings This Summer



MARK MORRISON

THROUGHOUT 2025, I WROTE ABOUT the upgrades coming to our Waterside substation. Now, I am happy to say that in early 2026, we energized the new station, and it is serving members of the Waterside service area.

Next steps for this project include upgrading poles and insulators and replacing distribution transformers throughout the entire Waterside service area. As our scheduled upgrades take us out from the station to the end of the line, we will transfer member energy load to the new station.

An additional piece of the substation project is our cooperative right-of-way maintenance program. Cooperative staff and line crews are evaluating all right of ways as they progress through the Waterside substation area ahead of any construction upgrades.

Our tree management program will continue this project through the remainder of this year. Your help and engagement with this program are an integral part of keeping the lights on in the worst conditions. We are grateful to members, landowners and the township leaders who have been assisting us as we complete this meaningful work.

The cooperative hosted members of the Pennsylvania House Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee at the cooperative's headquarters in July 2025 to discuss energy topics affecting electricity consumers throughout the Commonwealth. This was the first time a state legislative panel visited the cooperative.

We built great relationships with our government leaders throughout the day. The board and management of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) were grateful to represent all Pennsylvania cooperative members as we voiced our concerns, shared ideas, and promoted the principles of electric cooperatives with members of the committee.

The cooperative's board and staff continued advocating for New Enterprise REC and electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania this past May at the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's (PREA) Legislative Event in Harrisburg. State Rep. Danilo Burgos (D-Philadelphia), who chairs the legislative committee that visited our co-op last July, received the 2025 Cooperative Legislator of the Year Award at the event and shared kind words about Pennsylvania cooperatives during his remarks to the group.

New Enterprise REC is looking into the future for our members. We are focusing on increasing the reliability and capacity of our distribution system, making improvements to existing facilities, and exploring options that provide the best service possible to the membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office at 3596 Brumbaugh Road or give us a call at 814-766-3221. 📞

MARK MORRISON
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Highlights from New Enterprise REC's 88th Annual Meeting

WENDY CONLEY, MEMBER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE

NEW ENTERPRISE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REC) hosted its 88th annual meeting June 2 at the Southern Cove Power Reunion Grounds in New Enterprise. Breaking last year's attendance, we had 424 members participate in this year's event, where they had the opportunity to chat with cooperative staff and directors.

Members who attended the drive-thru meeting were registered to receive a bill credit and an opportunity to win one of two \$100 bill credits. This year, three directors were up for re-election in uncontested races for three-year terms. Merle Helsel was re-elected to serve Area 3, Timothy Newman to serve Area 6 and Curtis Brant to serve Area 7.

A big thank you goes to you, our members! You did an awesome job giving food and monetary donations for the Hopewell/Saxton Food Bank. You make one of the seven cooperative principles, "concern for community," truly meaningful for our membership.

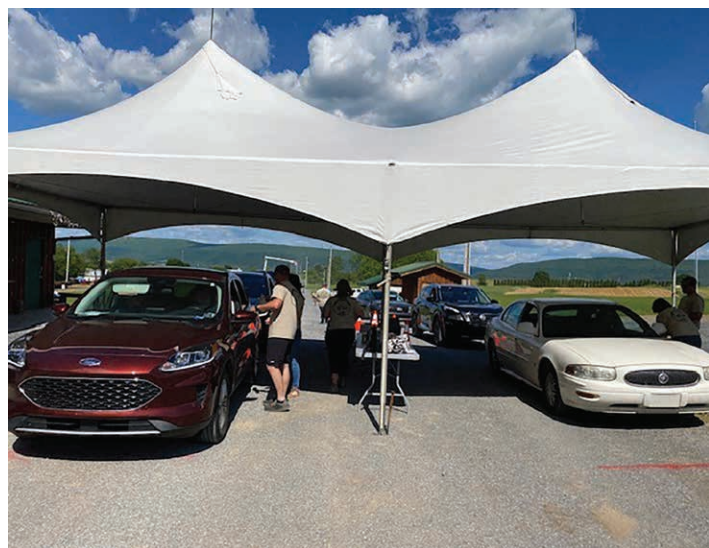
New Enterprise REC Board President Leroy Walls and

General Manager/CEO Mark Morrison addressed the attendees with their 2025 Year in Review. They updated members on the project to replace the old wooden Waterside substation with a new steel structure. The upgrade will increase capacity and provide room for growth for future generations. The pair also discussed the right-of-way maintenance program and how it's helping improve reliability. In 2025, New Enterprise REC also hosted discussions with the Pa. House Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee. This marked the first time a state legislative panel has visited the cooperative.

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual meeting and showed your pride in and support of New Enterprise REC. We hope you enjoyed it. If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the office or give us a call. ☎️



SERVING MEMBERS: Left photo – Director Mark Swope collects ballots at New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative's (REC) annual meeting. Right photo – Member Service Representative Shay Reasy registers members as they arrive at the drive-thru event.



CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY: Clockwise, from top left – New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) Lineman Mark Replogle collects donations for the Hopewell/Saxton Food Bank at the co-op's drive-thru annual meeting; Members stop at the registration tent to receive a ballot along with a \$35 bill credit; New Enterprise REC Board President Leroy Walls, left, and General Manager/CEO Mark Morrison, right, congratulate the three incumbent directors – Tim Newman, Curtis Brant and Merle Helsel – on their re-election to the board; Lineworkers Mason Dettlerline and Zac Conley stand with this year's donations for the Hopewell/Saxton Food Bank.



DORM ROOM

ELECTRICAL SAFETY:

TIPS FOR A SAFE SEMESTER



Be smart and stay safe. Share these tips with your campus-bound students.

⚡ **DON'T OVERLOAD OUTLETS**

Too much power draw = fire risk.

💡 **Tip:** Plug dorm room fridge directly into wall outlet.

⚡ **UNPLUG WHEN NOT IN USE**

Even when off, devices can still draw power or overheat.

💡 **Tip:** Unplug fans, chargers and appliances when you're out.

⚡ **DECORATE SAFELY**

Don't use nails or tacks to secure cords or light strands.

💡 **Tip:** Use plastic hooks to hang string lights.

⚡ **NEVER CHARGE A PHONE UNDER PILLOWS OR BEDDING**

It could overheat or catch fire.

💡 **Tip:** Create a dedicated charging station in your room.

⚡ **NEVER USE DAMAGED CORDS**

Frayed or cracked cords can spark a fire.

💡 **Tip:** If a cord looks worn, replace it — don't tape it!

⚡ **KEEP CORDS COOL & CLEAR**

Don't run cords under rugs, beds or doorways.

💡 **Tip:** Keep cords visible to avoid overheating.

⚡ **REPORT ELECTRICAL ISSUES FAST**

Flickering lights? Warm outlets?

💡 **Tip:** Tell campus maintenance ASAP; don't wait.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

August heat can put your air conditioner to the test, making it a great time to check your system's air filter. A dirty, clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing your cooling system to work harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable. That extra strain can reduce efficiency, increase energy use and contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on equipment. Inspect your filter monthly during periods of heavy air conditioner use and replace it if it appears dirty. A clean filter supports efficient operation and can even enhance indoor air quality — helping you stay cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer.

