

CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WREC'S GENERAL MANAGER HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO ENDING SENIOR HUNGER

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) proudly supports Feeding Pasco's Elderly, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization tackling senior hunger in Pasco County. At the event, WREC General Manager David Lambert received the 2025 Servant-Leader Award at the Annual Leadership Breakfast for his community dedication.

WREC proudly supports Feeding Pasco's Elderly, and David Lambert also serves on the organization's board, reflecting the shared commitment to supporting our local seniors. "The true heart of a community is revealed in how it cares for its elderly's health and well-being," said Lambert.

The nonprofit delivers over eight million meals to homebound seniors, addressing food insecurity among the county's aging population, many of whom are isolated and vulnerable.

Feeding Pasco's Elderly is more than meal delivery—it is about dignity, connection, and empowering seniors to thrive. WREC is honored to be part of this mission. Learn more at feedingpasco.com.



LIGHTING THE WAY: WREC JOINS THE MISSION TO EMPOWER THE NAVAJO NATION



In May, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) became the first Florida electric co-op to join the “Light Up Navajo” initiative—a partnership with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to bring electricity to families who have never had it.

A team of 16 WREC employees traveled to the Navajo Nation, where over 10,000 families still live without power. For two weeks, they worked in remote, rugged terrain to bring electricity to awaiting homesteads.

The team completed a demanding project in Sheep Springs, New Mexico, in just eight days—despite it originally being estimated to take four weeks. They set 94 poles into mountainous terrain with over 7,000 feet in elevation and installed nearly 7 miles of line across rugged landscapes.

“This wasn’t just about electricity—it was about connection, purpose, and impact,” said Jamen Monbarren, Crystal River District Manager and team leader. “The memory of this experience will last a lifetime.”

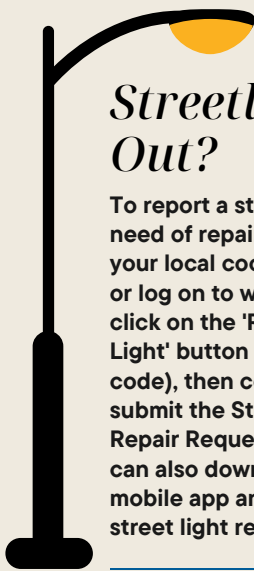
For the first time, families could enjoy light, refrigeration, and access to medical equipment. Children could study after dark, and elders could live more safely and independently.

“Our mission has always been rooted in service,” said General Manager, David Lambert. “We are honored to help transform lives in the Navajo Nation. Access to electricity is a basic human need.”

This experience reminded us that service knows no boundaries. When we come together with heart and purpose, we do not just light up homes—we light up lives.







Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to wrec.net and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



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One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115
New Tampa/Wesley Chapel: 813-979-9732
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465
Land O' Lakes/Odessa: 813-972-9233
CITRUS: Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382
Dunnellon: 352-489-6818
HERNANDO: West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Be Prepared Before The Storm
In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency kit.



WATER

Seven-day supply, one gallon per person per day.



FOOD

Seven-day supply of non-perishable food that requires little preparation and no refrigeration.



TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.



FIRST AID & PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.



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