

CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

OFFICIAL NOTICE

WREC ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Dear Member:

This is your **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of the **78th WREC Annual Meeting** of the Membership to be held on **Wednesday, April 16th, 2025**, in the **Dan Cannon Auditorium** at the **Pasco County Fairgrounds**, 36722 State Road 52, Dade City, Florida 33525. **Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6:15 p.m.** The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS MUST PRESENT AND PROVIDE PHOTO ID IN ORDER TO REGISTER

In accordance with the provisions of the bylaws, the purpose of the meeting is to consider reports presented by the Corporate Officers, hear the Executive Vice-President and General Manager's report, and conduct other appropriate business. Trustee positions up for election this year are **District 1 in Citrus County, District 3 in Hernando County and District 5 in central Pasco County**. The Nominating Committee met on February 7, 2025 to consider qualifications of all Members who indicated a desire to be nominated for a Trustee position:

District 1: Robert W. Strickland

District 3: Patricia P. Bechtelheimer

District 5: Robert J. Barthle

The bylaws provide that nominations may be made by petition, but none were submitted. Therefore, the incumbent trustees of Districts 1, 3 and 5 were nominated by the committee and automatically re-elected for a three-year term. **Please make plans to attend and participate in the business of your Cooperative.**

Sincerely,



Terrence E. Schrader
WREC President

Investing in our communities

and families is a cornerstone of WREC.



Since 1997, your Cooperative's Educational Foundation has awarded 2,524 college scholarships totaling more than \$19.8 million. The Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative's Educational Foundation underscores our commitment to education, community strength, and the potential within our Members. Scholarship recipients can attend any in-state regionally accredited college, university, or technical school. This life-changing program is funded by abandoned Capital Credits that would otherwise be forfeited to the State of Florida.

This year, 110 high school seniors will be selected to receive \$12,000 each for their undergraduate education, totaling \$1,320,000. Parents of graduating high school seniors, should encourage them to apply for this scholarship opportunity. Applications are available online at wrec.net, your local WREC district office or school guidance office. Application deadline is March 31, 2025. For more information or to download the application please scan the QR code.

"The WREC scholarship is an investment in the future of our youth. By empowering students to achieve their dreams, we are not only transforming their lives but also fostering a brighter future for our entire community."

- David Lambert,

WREC's Executive Vice-President & General Manager



Pet Electrical Safety Tips

Be sure to keep electrical cords and wires out of reach of your pets. Pets often chew on wires and cords, which sometimes can result in electrical shock. Make sure all cords and wires are hidden or out of reach.



Cyber Safe Corner

Beware of "vishing" incidents. Vishing, which is short for "voice phishing", is an attack where cyber attackers perform fraudulent voice calls to trick people into revealing sensitive information.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WREC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

If you have a disability and require special transportation, please contact your local Emergency Management Office as soon as possible. These offices become extremely busy when a storm is approaching and may not be able to provide assistance during those times. To ensure you receive the help you need, reach out to them before the start of hurricane season. Contact information, including telephone numbers and locations, is listed below.

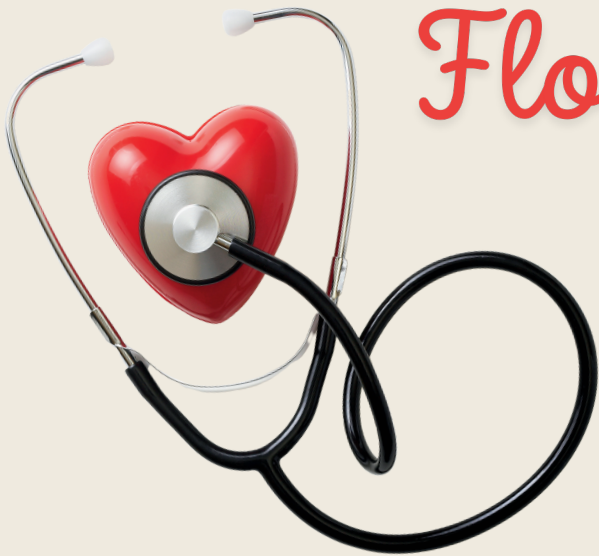
CITRUS COUNTY - 352.249.2700
3549 Saunders Way, Lecanto, FL 34461

HERNANDO COUNTY - 352.754.4083
1890 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34601

PASCO COUNTY - 727.847.8137
9744 Government Dr., Bldg. A, New Port
Richey, FL 34654

POLK COUNTY - 863.298.7000
1890 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL
33880

SUMTER COUNTY - 352.689.4400
7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785



Florida Special Needs

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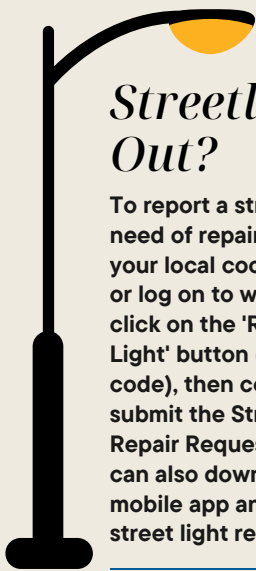


In the Event of an Emergency or Natural Disaster

Do you or someone you know need assistance in evacuating your home to a shelter that meets your/their needs?

State and local emergency management agencies developed the Florida Special Needs Registry to ensure persons with special needs receive assistance during disasters.

**To register, visit snr.flhealthresponse.com
or scan the QR code.**



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.



Scan to Report

LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

PASCO: Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133
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
POLK: One Pasco Center District Office: 863-687-4396
SUMTER: Bushnell: 352-793-7813

Energy Saving Tips



Keep your home cool by effectively using fans and shades. This helps prevent heat from entering and improves the circulation of your air conditioner throughout your home.



DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN HELP FELLOW MEMBERS IN NEED BY ROUNDING YOUR BILL UP, SIGN UP FOR OPERATION ROUND-UP TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT, WREC.NET/OPERATION-ROUND

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Your Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporate Office in Dade City to conduct the business of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries. LEGAL NOTICE: Operation Round-Up is a registered trade name for WRECares. 100% of all contributions are available for disbursement. Registration #SC-02353. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free from within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state. 1-800-435-7352.

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