

# CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

## WREC SUPPORTS HOPE AND HEALING DURING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative is proud to support efforts that strengthen mental health and well-being across our communities. Recently WREC joined Vincent House Pasco, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, state and local elected officials, and community members in Hudson to celebrate the dedication of the first homes in a new supportive housing community.

The event marked the completion of the first two homes in what will become a 39-home neighborhood designed to provide safe, stable, and affordable housing for individuals living with mental illness as they work toward independence and recovery.



This milestone reflects years of dedication and leadership, especially from WREC’s General Manager, David Lambert, who also serves as President of the Vincent House board. His commitment and advocacy helped bring this vision to life and unite community partners around a shared mission.

“This project shows what’s possible when people come together for a common purpose,” said David Lambert. “It’s about neighbors helping neighbors and creating opportunities for a stronger future.”

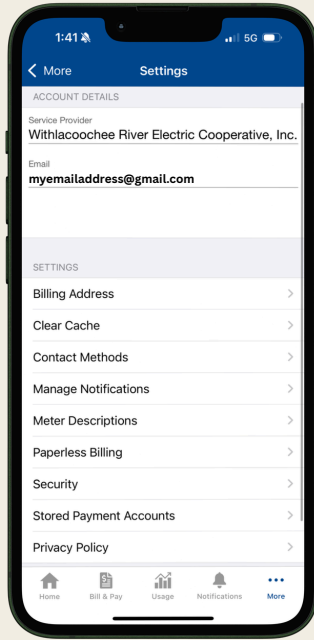
The Vincent House model offers a supportive, non-clinical environment where individuals can build relationships, gain job skills, and find stability. With rent set at 30 percent of income, these homes provide both affordability and a renewed sense of belonging.

WREC is honored to support this transformational effort and remains committed to initiatives that strengthen the communities it serves.



# UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION & DOWNLOAD THE WREC MOBILE APP BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

As hurricane season approaches, it's crucial to ensure that WREC has your updated Member information and that you sign up for notifications. Be sure to download the WREC mobile app before the season starts. The WREC mobile app offers the most efficient management of your WREC account.



## To Update:

- **Mobile App:** Download the free WREC mobile app and log in using your previous credentials or the log in you use at wrec.net. Once logged in, click *More* in the bottom right corner and then *Settings*. Here you can update your contact information as well as sign up for different types of notifications from WREC.
- **Online:** Log in to your WREC account at wrec.net by clicking the *My WREC Account* tab in the menu bar. From there, click on *Settings* on the left side of the screen. Here you can update your contact information as well as sign up for notifications from WREC.
- **By Phone:** Call a WREC representative at 352-567-5133 and update your information.

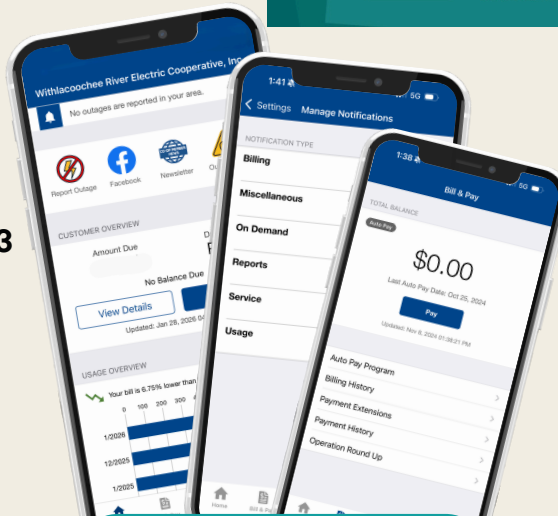
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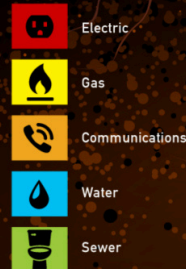


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Are you planning an outdoor project that involves digging?

Your yard may contain buried utility lines. Call 811 before you break ground. Your local utility companies will visit your home and mark the location of any underground lines free of charge. Knowing where utility lines are buried will help you avoid injury, service outages and costly repairs.

Each utility type is marked with a specific color:



Who's behind the 811 campaign?



It's operated by the Common Ground Alliance, a private organization that grew out of a U.S. Department of Transportation initiative to protect underground utilities and ensure public safety.

## UNDERSTANDING

# A HURRICANE FORECAST

When a hurricane is forecast to potentially affect the area in which you live, it is important to understand how to be prepared. You can do this by the following:

- Rely on NOAA, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, for all of your weather forecasts.
- Know the difference between a "WARNING" and a "WATCH". According to NOAA, a warning means that hurricane conditions are expected whereas a watch means that conditions are possible.
- Understand that even if your area is outside of the "Cone" (the predicted path of a hurricane) that you can still be affected and have hazards occur.
- Focus on the potential impact that can happen from the storm.

Remember that you can access these websites to complete your preparations for storms before hurricane season begins.

### Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative

wrec.net

To manage outages and office closures due to hurricanes.

### The Florida Division of Emergency Management

floridadisaster.org

Learn about hurricane hazards, what to do when a warning is issued in your area and how to prepare for a storm.

### The National Hurricane Center

nhc.noaa.org

Follow the path of any active hurricane to determine if your home is forecast to be in an impacted area.

### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

fema.gov

Apply for assistance after a storm hits and learn about flood zones in your community.

## ✓ 12 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

These steps include some of the most important ways to help yourself and your family increase your preparedness.

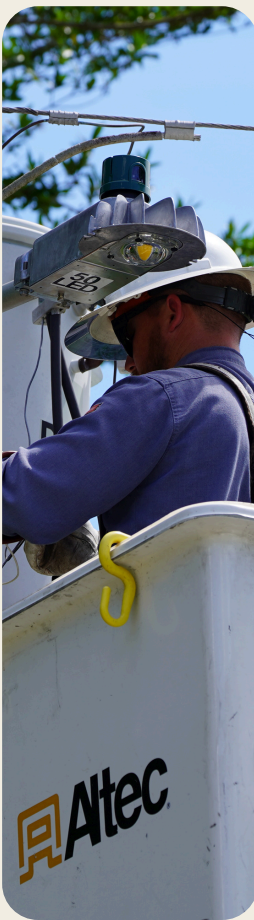
-  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings
-  Make a Plan
-  Save for a Rainy Day
-  Practice Emergency Drills
-  Test Family Communication Plan
-  Safeguard Documents
-  Plan with Neighbors
-  Make Your Home Safer
-  Know Evacuation Routes
-  Assemble or Update Supplies
-  Get Involved in Your Community
-  Document and Insure Property

# Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office or log on to [wrec.net](http://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

Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133  
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115  
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465  
West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000  
Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382

## Stay in the Know

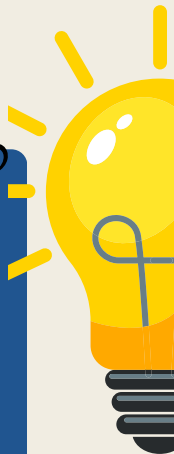
Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms.



Scan to visit [wrec.net](http://wrec.net)

## Energy Saving Tips

You can help lower your energy bill by shifting certain tasks to off-peak times. Use major appliances early in the morning, unplug unused devices during the day, and run your dishwasher or other appliances after 8 p.m. Charging EVs overnight also helps reduce peak demand.



## DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN VISIT THE YOUTH SAFETY ZONE ON WREC.NET FOR FUN ACTIVITIES AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS.

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