



Clearing the Path

In honor of National Right of Way Professionals Week, June 12–18, Jones-Onslow proudly recognizes our outstanding Vegetation Management program and team.

Jones-Onslow's Vegetation Management program ensures our members receive safe, reliable, and economical electric service. We strive to achieve this through our Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) strategy.

This program demonstrates our commitment to environmental

responsibility. Our crews apply various techniques for managing vegetation growth on rights-of-way, including advanced technology through artificial intelligence, which was discussed earlier this year in our January edition of **Spotlight**. In addition to advanced technology, the program uses mechanical devices such as tractors, chain saws and

carefully evaluated chemical methods. Maintenance activities take place regularly and at varying times of the year.

Let us use this week of celebration to acknowledge our excellent Vegetation Management team.



Get in on this **WIN-WIN!**

Enroll in Paperless Billing and AutoDraft and enjoy a winning combo of convenience. All participants—who enroll in Paperless Billing and AutoDraft between March 28 and December 12, 2023—will have a chance to win monthly prizes and will be automatically entered to win an as-is 2017 Chevy Silverado in December! Go to joemc.com/winthistruck or speak with a Member Services Rep at (910) 353-1940 for more info.



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INNOVATIONS

Charge Up and Drive On: Electrifying adventures with EV chargers!

New Technology

Level 2 Residential Electric Vehicle Chargers

Opportunity

Before the accessibility of in-home charging for electric vehicles, charging them was a significant challenge. Many early electric vehicle owners relied on public charging stations, which were few and far between, often requiring long wait times or inconvenient detours to access. Additionally, many of these stations were slow-charging, meaning that fully charging your electric vehicle could take several hours. Even when charging stations were available, they were often incompatible with certain types of electric vehicles, which adds additional worry. This made owning and driving an electric vehicle more difficult and less convenient than traditional gasoline-powered cars.

Goal

The introduction of level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers for home use has made a significant impact on the EV market. These chargers,



which provide faster charging speeds compared to standard level 1 chargers, have brought about a new level of convenience and accessibility for EV owners. With level 2 chargers installed at homes, EV users can now conveniently charge their vehicles overnight, taking advantage of off-peak electricity time and waking up to a fully charged vehicle ready for the day ahead. This is great because you do not have to worry about running out of power during the day and lessen the range anxiety some members have while driving electric.

Solution

Jones-Onslow EMC is proud to support the growth of electric vehicle infrastructure by offering a NEW Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate. With this rebate, members can receive up to a \$250 rebate when you purchase and install a Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charger for your home. The qualified EV Charger must be new and bought and installed during the program year (the program year began January 1, 2023). We believe that providing convenient and affordable access to chargers is essential to our members. To apply for the rebate, members can visit our website at joemc.com/energywise/go-electric-rebates/.

Bright Ideas Early Bird Deadline is August 15!

As the school year winds down, teachers in Onslow County, Jones County, and the Topsail area should apply now for a 2023-24 Bright Ideas grant from Jones-Onslow EMC! Creative ideas in the classroom could earn you up to \$1,500 in funding.

The deadline for applications is September 15, but you could get an even bigger reward if you're an "early bird"! Submit your application before the early bird deadline of August 15th, and you will be automatically entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

For more information and to apply, head to ncbrightideas.com.



Shock proof your home

SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR KIDS



We understand your child's health and well-being are your top priority. With over 140,000 electrical fires occurring each year, knowledge of electrical safety is necessary to ensure your loved ones stay safe. Here are a few tips you can share with your little ones:

- Electrical fires are caused when a wire or electrical device overheats. It is important to make sure your children understand that water cannot extinguish this type of fire. Only fire extinguishers can be used to remedy this situation.
- In addition to the previous tip, it is never a good idea to mix water with electricity. Keep blow dryers, radios and any other electrical devices away from all water, especially those used in a bathroom.
- Keep metal objects out of appliances and plugs. If a piece of toast gets stuck in the toaster, never use a metal knife to retrieve it. Unplug the toaster, and use a different tool or utensil to remove the toast. Remember, only plugs should go in outlets. Sticking fingers or other objects in outlets may result in an electrical shock.
- It's always a good idea to turn lights off when they are not in use. This will save your family money on your electric bill and prevent electrical fires from overheated bulbs.
- Kids will be kids, and they love the great outdoors. Remind them to avoid overhead power lines as well as underground facilities such as padmount transformers and meter boxes. Whether they are climbing trees, flying kites or playing hide and seek they should always be mindful of what is around them. Talk to your children about the importance of electrical safety, and more importantly, lead by example because you never know who's watching.

Two local students receive Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships!



Jones-Onslow is delighted to announce Brooklyn Lanier and Ronin Wilson have been selected to receive Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships.

Brooklyn Lanier will be heading to the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp at the North Carolina State University in



Raleigh, while Ronin Wilson will be attending the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this summer.

"These scholarships are a fantastic way to provide a one-of-a-kind education and athletic opportunity" said Krystal



Carolina Cajun Shrimp Boil Packets

Foil packets are perfect for camp cooking on the grill or in hot coals. Make ahead at home and throw in your cooler, or have fun making on site. They come in their own serving "dish" too!

Courtesy of: carolinacountry.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 stick butter, cut into 8 pieces
- 1½ pounds large or jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 pound andouille sausage, cut in ½" rounds
- 2 large ears corn, cut in rounds
- 8 small new potatoes, cut in ½" rounds
- 1 bunch green onions, cut in 1" pieces
- 1 lemon sliced in thin rounds
- 1-2 tsp Cajun or Old Bay Seasoning packet
- 1 cup tomato-based BBQ sauce
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley, optional

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare coals or preheat grill to high heat.
2. Tear 4 sheets of heavy duty foil, about 12"-14" square. Put one pat of butter on each piece of foil. Scatter meats and veggies over butter. Lay 2 slices of lemon on top. Dust with seasoning. Drizzle each with ¼ cup of sauce. Top with remaining pats of butter. Fold into sealed packets.
3. Cook over direct heat for about 12-15 minutes. Carefully open packets and garnish with parsley!
4. Grill some bread for dipping in the delicious juices you'll have in these packets.

Phillips, Communications and Community Relations Director at Jones-Onslow EMC. "We're proud to reward local student-athletes with the opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop skills to help them excel on and off the court."

We're Here to Serve You

"We're here to serve you." We've all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us—your local electric cooperative—they mean everything.

Jones-Onslow EMC was created to serve our community. Back in the day, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, JOEMC helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our history.

Today, we are continuing to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago. That's why we're adapting to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs, and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy advisor means we want to help you save energy (and money) and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you're looking for

smart ways to save energy around the home, check out joemc.com/energywise for energy-saving tips, rebates, energy-saving programs, and ideas to increase your home's energy efficiency. Consider scheduling a free energy audit with one of our energy experts to identify ways you can save energy at home. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to modify energy use and thereby keep more money in your wallet.

If you're considering a rooftop solar installation, visit joemc.com/energywise/solar to learn more, or, better yet, contact one of our energy advisors—they'd be happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons of installing solar panels. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and fully understanding the costs, responsibilities, and potential energy savings is essential. Unlike a solar company that has one objective—to sell their products and services—we will look at the total energy



Jeffery T. Clark, CEO

picture and help you determine the best options for your home. We understand that homeowners must undertake their due diligence and we are here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize that many members are considering electric vehicle options. JOEMC provides information about EV charging and electrical requirements to our members so you can make informed decisions about EVs. We can provide an assessment of charging requirements for all types of EVs. JOEMC also offers ways to save on EV charging by offering residential charging rebates to members (see this newsletter).

Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. So, the next time you hear your co-op use the phrase "we're here to serve you," we hope you know we mean it. We continue to evolve with the times, and in return, we've found additional ways to serve you and provide more options for you to power your life.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

Source: Dept. of Energy

