

## your electric Co-op's newsletter

# December 2021

Early November morning view of Winnepesaukee from Meredith Neck, as shot by NHEC Line Design Tech Lindsay Woodward.

## Briefly...

### Join Round Up and Pay It Forward

During this season of giving, there's an easy way to give back to your community. Join the Round Up program and your NHEC bill is rounded up to the next dollar, with the change benefiting the NHEC Foundation. Since 2006, the NHEC Foundation has awarded millions in grants to non-profits and community groups throughout our NHEC towns. Join Round Up today:

<https://www.nhec.com/round-up-program/>

### Your Co-op Needs YOU!

Want to get more involved in your Co-op? Consider running for a seat on the NHEC Board of Directors, or the NHEC Nominating Committee! NHEC seeks broad representation and encourages members from all parts of our service territory to consider serving on these important panels. For more information, contact Sharon Yeaton at **603.536.8801**, or [yeatons@nhec.com](mailto:yeatons@nhec.com).

### Holiday Call Center Closures

In observance of upcoming holidays, NHEC and the Member Solutions Call Center will be closed on:

- December 24, 2021
- December 31, 2021

Bill pay and outage reporting are always available 24/7 at [www.nhec.com](http://www.nhec.com), or **1.800.698.2007**.

### Board of Directors Meetings

The NHEC Board of Directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month. Please check the Board of Directors page on the Co-op web site at [www.nhec.com](http://www.nhec.com), or call Sharon Yeaton at **603.536.8801** to confirm the current month's time and location.

## Make SENSE of Your Energy Usage!

Understanding how much energy your home is using, when and where, empowers you to find savings. The **Sense Home Energy Monitor** gives you the tools to break it down and take action! Sense provides detailed, real-time information about the appliances and devices in your home - how much power they use, how much they're costing you, how long they've been operating, and more.



Right now, you can **save \$150** when you buy one for your home! NHEC and Sense have collaborated to offer this deal just to NHEC members. For more information or to order, visit: <https://www.nhec.com/sense/>

The **Sense Home Energy Monitor** detects devices by identifying their unique electrical signals. Sense uses more complex signals than just the overall wattage of a device, which gives you the power to:

- **SAVE ENERGY:** Real-time usage info, broken down by appliance/device...
- **KNOW WHAT'S ON:** Know when the garage door opened, the TV turned on, the dryer finished its cycle...
- **AVOID DISASTER:** Sump pump running? Oven on? You'll know right away...
- **REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS:** See which types of fuel the region is using to produce power & shift usage to times when the grid is cleanest...

**\$150 Off for Limited Time Only!**

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## Member Voices

A member in Plymouth was still out of power last month after her neighbors had been restored. She called us to find out why...

*"...what surprised me the most was when I got a knock on my door and two linemen actually came to check my pole with me and my meters, they then explained to me it was probably inside, what it may be, and what to do. I was in a panic as my husband was away for Drill with the National Guard but thanks to these gentlemen I was able to go back inside and figure it out without having to have my husband come home. They went above and beyond and I can't tell you how much that was appreciated!!!"*

# NH Broadband Ramps Up for a Busy 2022

With significant federal funding opportunities on the horizon and plans to break ground soon on new fiber optic networks in two towns, NH Broadband is preparing for a busy year ahead connecting more NHEC members to affordable high-speed internet.

In Sandwich and Acworth, broadband engineers have been surveying the local utility infrastructure in preparation for 'make-ready' work, which will prepare utility poles to accept the new fiber optic lines. We expect service to be available to every resident of both towns by early/mid-2022.

Meanwhile, NHEC is closely monitoring the availability of federal and state funding with an eye towards

further construction in 2022. The recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will send at least \$100 million to New Hampshire to help fund broadband construction. That's on top of the \$121 million allocated to support broadband projects in New Hampshire under the American Rescue Plan Act. NHEC is hard at work preparing to access these funds as soon as they become available and move forward on our plans to ensure all our members have access to the high-speed internet they need.

Learn more about NH Broadband, pre-subscribe for service and follow construction updates at [www.nhbroadband.com](http://www.nhbroadband.com).

## Give the Gift of ENERGY STAR!

The holiday season is a popular time to purchase the latest electronic gadgets. By choosing electronics that have earned the ENERGY STAR® certification, you'll get the latest features while helping your loved ones save energy and protect the environment. They are truly the best gifts!

Visit [www.energystar.gov/holiday](http://www.energystar.gov/holiday) for a complete list of great ENERGY STAR certified products. Learn more about what makes them great, plus special deals and rebates available from ENERGY STAR partners like NHEC.



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A Gift of Energy Savings for You and the Planet.

## NHEC Has Dollars for Scholars!

Mark your calendar for 2022: NHEC and the NHEC Foundation will again offer three different scholarships for Co-op members and family who are pursuing a secondary education. More information, applications and 2022 deadlines are available HERE: <https://www.nhec.com/scholarships/>

### NHEC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The NHEC Foundation offers six \$1,500 scholarships, one of which is reserved for a student entering a vocational/technical institution.

### KATHY ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

NHEC awards a \$2500 scholarship to one female adult learner over the age of 25, who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or master's program.

### LINeworker SCHOLARSHIP

NHEC offers one \$2,500 scholarship annually to members or children of members who are pursuing a career as a line worker.



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