

South River EMC Communicator

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

In late 2021, the Liberty Point Industrial Park will be open for lease in Cumberland County.

This development is an exciting addition to the Cumberland County community, displaying the readiness and capabilities of the area.

The Specs:

- Class A industrial development.
- Located at exit 41 off I-95 on Corporate Parkway along the Interstate.
- 174,960 square feet of building under construction.
- Over 1.1 million square feet
- of planned development.
- Space available from 40,000 and up.
- Customizable, build-to-suit.
- 142.15-acre site.
- \$4.85 per square foot triple net new lease.

“The project demonstrates how Cumberland County is on the rise and stepping up as a dynamic location for investors,” said Natalie Johnson, Director of Marketing at the Fayetteville Economic Development Corporation.

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The Liberty Point Industrial Park is ideally located in close proximity to multiple ports, an international airport, and Fort Bragg, which is the largest military installation by population in the world. In addition, the county has its own regional airport.

Johnson described the types of business that would prosper, "Advanced manufacturing or distribution operations would be great for Liberty Point because of its location on I-95, allowing for easy access to consumers. Defense contractors would also do well in this development due to Fort Bragg's proximity. The surrounding acreage, proposed building sizes, and multiple pads make it great for businesses looking to build corporate campuses."

As new businesses move into the space, hundreds of new



jobs will become available for Cumberland County residents.

South River EMC worked with Liberty Point One LLC, one of the developers of the project, to secure financing. The Cooperative made a \$1 million economic development loan to Liberty Point One to go toward grading and site work.

This will lay the groundwork for the construction of three of the large concrete pads upon which industrial buildings will be constructed.

The project is intended to generate economic development and spur new business ventures in Cumberland County, impacting surrounding areas.

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THE 2021 YOUTH TOURIST SITUATION

Normally we'd be doing an all-call for anyone interested in applying for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour 2021.

This trip typically sends three local rising juniors or seniors on a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. Activities include: participating in Youth Day, where students learn more about America's electric cooperatives; visiting Capitol Hill and meeting with our North Carolina Senators and Congressmen; visiting the sights

of Washington, D.C., including monuments; visiting the Smithsonian museums; taking a boat trip down the Potomac River; seeing a show at the Kennedy Center or a Washington National game and attending an All-States Dance.

However, since the Tour was canceled this year, we will be sending our three ambassadors from 2020 to the Youth Tour in 2021. The students representing our Cooperative are:



- **Carter Godwin** (above), now a junior at Midway High School. Godwin lives with his family in Dunn.

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THANKSGIVING ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! While it is a time of gratitude, community, and family, the holiday contributes to an annual increase in energy use due to a variety of reasons.

Some drivers of increased energy use include lower temperatures, as well as more frequent appliance and lighting use. Try these tips to help you save energy during this holiday season:

- Lower your home's thermostat a few degrees. Your oven will help heat your home.
- Keep the oven door closed while cooking. Opening the oven can lower the temperature 25 to 75 degrees.
- Use smaller appliances when possible, like your microwave or toaster. Smaller appliances can use half the energy of an oven.

Post-Meal Tips

- Don't wash dishes by hand. Dishwashers, especially Energy Star-certified ones, use considerably less water and energy.
- Let your leftovers cool before putting them in the refrigerator. Putting hot dishes in the refrigerator uses more energy to cool food.
- Turn off the lights when the room is not occupied.

Pre-Meal Prep

- Don't buy a turkey bigger than necessary for your group. Small turkeys take less time to cook, meaning less energy use.
- When slow-roasting a turkey for hours, preheating the oven is not necessary!
- Add side dishes in the oven with your turkey. Cooking food simultaneously saves energy! Be sure to adjust cooking time for higher or lower temperatures.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

South River EMC is preparing for the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members. At a meeting of the Cooperative board of directors, the nominating committee was appointed in accordance with the Cooperative bylaws.

This committee, made up of a representative from each of the directorate districts, will make recommendations for directors from districts 3, 5 and 7.

Anyone interested in running for a seat in any of the districts up for election in 2021 can contact any member of the committee by January 5.

Members can also be placed on the ballot by submitting an authorized petition form 40 business days prior to the annual meeting. The petition must include the full name of the member and the district they wish to represent.

The petition must also contain the printed names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least 100 South River EMC members.

Anyone interested in obtaining an authorized petition form should contact Barbara West-Lee at 910-230-2966 or online at [sremc.com/content/annual-meeting](https://www.sremc.com/content/annual-meeting).



District 1 - Glenda Taylor, 10081 Mcdougald Rd., Broadway; represents South River EMC service area west of Highway 401 in Harnett County.

District 2 - Raylon Wood, 71 Unity Church Rd., Four Oaks; represents South River EMC service area east of Highway 421 and north of Highway 13 in Sampson and Johnston counties.

District 3 - Joseph Anders, 2055 Carr Church Rd., Clinton, NC 28328; represents South River EMC service area east of Highway 242 and south of Highway 13 in Sampson County.

District 4 - Johnnie Baggett, 1108 Fayetteville Hwy., Dunn; represents South River EMC service area in Sampson County southwest of Highway 421 and west of Highway 242, east of Dunn Road and Carroll Store Road to Maxwell Rd., east of South River School Rd. and Bluman Rd. to the Harnett- Sampson-Cumberland county lines and north to Highway 421.

District 5 - Anthony "Tony" Warren, 2392 Andrews Chapel Church Rd., Roseboro; represents South River EMC service area south of Maxwell

Rd., west of Carroll Store Rd. and Dunn Rd., west of Highway 242 and Highway 411 to Highway 701, northeast of Old Fayetteville Rd. and Turnbull Rd. to the Sampson- Cumberland county line and north to Maxwell Rd.

District 6 - Carol Hudson, 3661 Murphy Rd., Fayetteville; represents South River EMC service area in Cumberland County north of Highway 24, east of the Cape Fear River, south of the Cumberland-Harnett county line and west of the Cumberland- Sampson county line.

District 7 - Warren Paul Jones, 5280 Loop Rd., Linden; represents South River EMC service area in Cumberland County north of Highway 24, west of the Cape Fear River, south of the Cumberland-Harnett county line, and all of Harnett County east of Highway 401.

District 8 - Walter Clark, 1124 Pony Dr., Hope Mills; represents South River EMC service area in Cumberland and Bladen counties, south of Highway 53.

At Large - Robert Earl Butler Jr., 3036 Odom Rd., Clinton; may nominate from any South River EMC district.

TOURIST continued

- **Anna-Cater Meyer** (left), a senior at Hobpton High School. She lives with her family in Faison.
- **Jeremiah Faircloth** (right), a senior at Mintz Christian Academy. Faircloth lives with his family in Roseboro.

As representatives of South River EMC, each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will take place June 20–26, 2021.



For information on this program visit sremc.com/content/electric-cooperative-youth-tour

LINE WORK WITH BOOTS TO BUCKETS

There is a common commitment shared by members of the military and cooperative employees.

It is for this reason that South River EMC offers the opportunity for a newly separated veteran to attend Nash Community College's Electric Line Academy, with the cost paid by South River EMC.

The Cooperative will sponsor the recipient, to include the cost of tuition, books, boots and safety glasses. The class runs January 11 through May 6, 2021, and upon completion, the participant will receive a third class lineman certificate.

Completion does not guarantee a job with South River EMC, but it places the graduate in a more desirable position to secure a position as an electric lineman.

The Electric Line Construction Technology curriculum prepares participants to work as electric linemen. Students will combine electrical theory with laboratory and practical applications in the course of study, with the expectation to master competencies such as those included in elements of electricity, overhead pole and electrical line construction, safety codes and applications, electric power system, transformer and meter installations, and exploration of underground electrical distribution.

Upon successful completion of the program, individuals will receive an associate of Applied

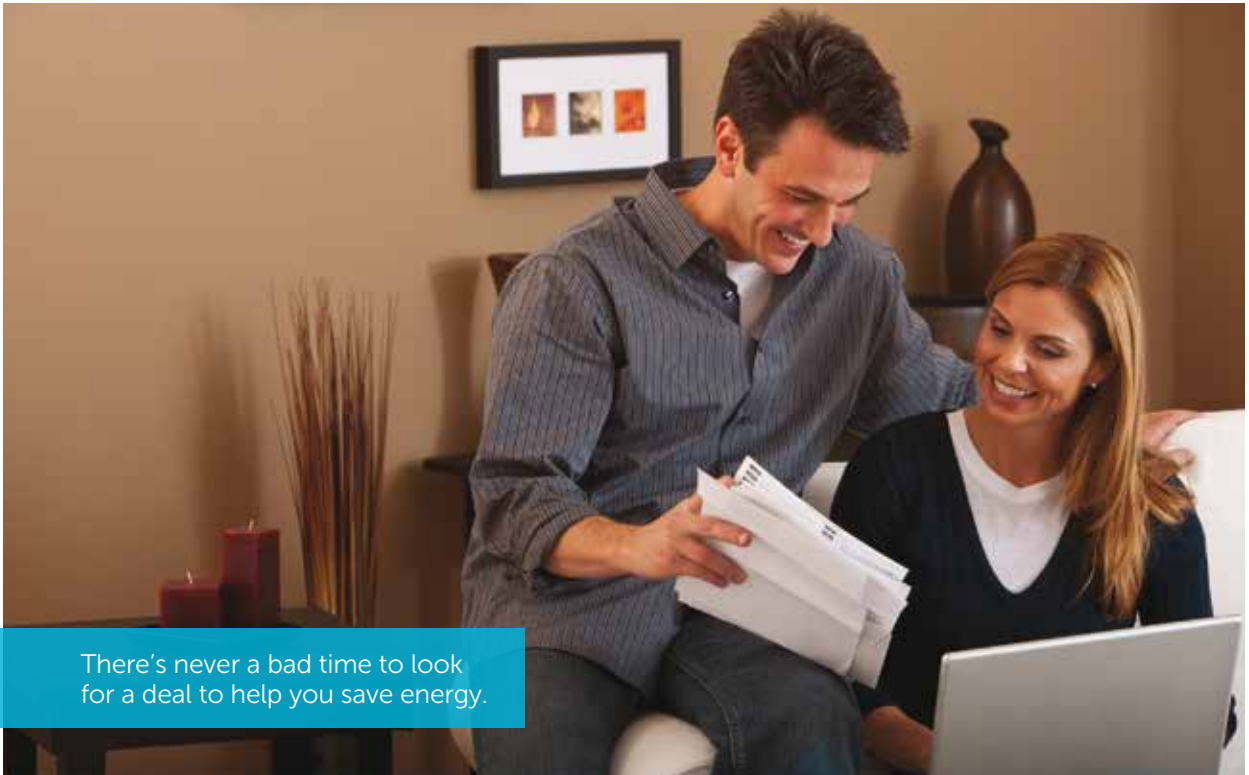
Science degree, as well as possessing the necessary skills for employment in the dynamic electrical utility field.

The nation's network of over 900 electric cooperatives are committed to hiring military veterans. If you are a veteran or will soon be separating from the military, visit servevets.coop to see what positions are currently available at cooperatives across the nation. Serve Our Co-ops; Serve Our Country is a program that empowers veterans and military spouses with opportunities for a successful, rewarding career beyond the armed forces.

For more information, contact Catherine O'Dell at 910-230-2982 or sremc@sremc.com.

Download an application at sremc.com/content/boots-buckets.





There's never a bad time to look for a deal to help you save energy.

It's Not Pool Weather, But Are There Pool Savings?

If you have a pool, you might not be considering it at this time, and for good reason. However, that doesn't mean you can't look for ways to save.

One thing you can do is make sure you have an efficient pool pump in the off season. When you purchase a pool with a pump, you tend to get a single-

speed pump, one speed for all activities, high energy and water use.

But as a pump ages, and even before, you should consider replacing it with a variable or two-speed pump. These types of pumps allow you more control to set appropriate water levels for activities, for

example, the level of water and speed for vacuuming.

What better time to look than when pool season is over, when you might find a deal. And not just that, you could receive a rebate from South River EMC.

For details, visit sremc.com or call 910.892.8071 x 2152.

The Two Ways To Heat Water

There are two ways to heat water, efficiently and inefficiently. This is due to the energy used by a water heater.

For example, a tankless water heater versus a storage water heater. In an electric home, a tankless water heater typically uses more energy when it heats the water, than the storage water heater, which periodically warms water.

However, a heat pump water heater is one you should definitely look at if considering savings. It is 2-3 times more efficient than a standard water heater, using heat from the surrounding space to warm water. Even greater savings can be found in a solar water heater, but don't jump to it just yet.

Solar water heating is only advantageous if you have a good

solar resource and you use a good amount of hot water. This recoups the cost of installation. But if you're interested in more efficient water heating, one of these two options are a good bet. Not only because of the efficiency, but because of the rebates offered by South River EMC.

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Appliance Replacement Musts

Appliance shopping, who can honestly say they love it? It's just all part of the process.

In order to purchase an appliance, you make a list, which typically includes your budget, the size you need, the features you're looking for, the manufacturer you prefer, and even

the color. But does efficiency also make your list?

It should, since appliance costs add to your electric bill's bottom line. It's not hard to do either, Energy Star make it easy with the Energy Star logo. Appliances bearing this logo have undergone rigorous testing and

have been found to be more efficient than competitors.

South River EMC rebates on Energy Star certified refrigerators, clothes washers, dryers, dehumidifiers. For details, visit sremc.com or call 910.892.8071 x 2152.

A New Home, A HERO Home

Are you looking for a new home? If so, you know that finding a home or building a home has to meet budget specifications. Then, you move into that home and settle into a new budget, which includes your electric bill.

Now, there are plenty of ways to cut costs, but start from an efficient base. Purchase a HERO home. The high-efficiency residential option, or HERO, home is

30 percent more efficient than a home built to code.

Of course, HERO homes do have requirements to make this efficiency a reality. Slightly better insulation, fenestration, air sealing, equipment, and lighting packages are required to meet the efficiency.

There are two ways to build a HERO certified home, the prescriptive path, with specifications, or the performance

path, which requires an energy analysis. Both have their positive aspects, you just have to find what would work best for you.

If you decide a HERO home might be what your family needs, it could get you energy savings, as well as a rebate from South River EMC.

For details on the HERO home code, visit energycodes.gov. For details on the rebate offered by South River EMC, visit sremc.com.



Building or buying, every choice you make can help you save.

Improving Comfort And Costs In One

Insulating and weatherizing your home can help improve your costs and your comfort. After all, over 50 percent of electric costs each month come from heating and cooling your home.

Not only that, but how often is someone in your home complaining it's too hot or cold? While everyone is different, by insulating your attic and floor space, you prevent heat transfer, or the loss of heated and cooled air from inside to outside, depending. When your heating system works, heat transfer would allow warm air outside to heat the cool air, in the summer, it would allow the hot summer air in to warm the cooled air in your home.

As for weatherizing, which also includes caulking, it prevents air infiltration, or the exchange of air inside to out and vice versa. Again, becoming costly because of the level of discomfort when it occurs. You tend to adjust the thermostat to make up for it, but you just keep losing that air you're paying for each month! By weather stripping moving pieces, like doors and windows, and caulking nonmoving pieces, like plumbing penetrations and around window sills, you could save and improve comfort.

South River EMC offers rebates on some of those home improvements that will improve comfort and help with savings. To learn more, visit sremc.com or call 910.892.8071 x 2222.

It Might Look Different, But Comfort Is Key

The holiday season may look a little different this year, but that does not change the fact that you want to be comfortable, and you don't want it to cost a lot.

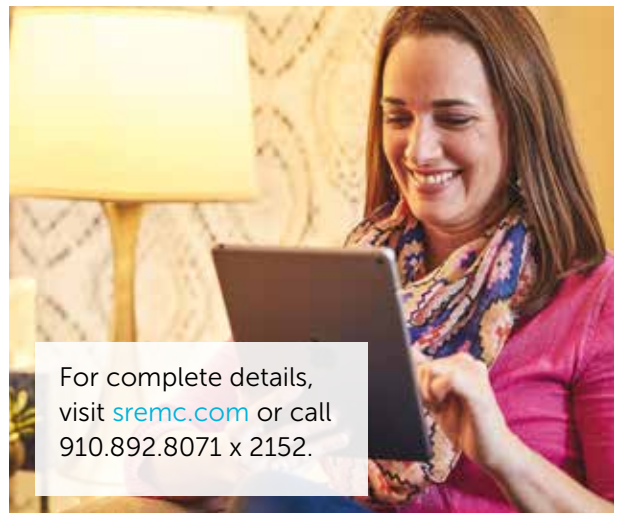
However, comfort is something you can end up paying dearly for if you don't do it the right way, and with the right equipment.

How old is your heating and cooling system? That's the first step. Older heating and cooling equipment costs more to run, typically because it is less efficient, and if it was efficient, time has taken its toll. Replacing it with a newer, higher efficiency system is the start of savings.

The seasonal energy efficiency ratio, or SEER, rating measures the effectiveness of the cooling capacity of a system. Now, what does cooling matter at this time? Maybe not a lot, but if it is an efficient cooler, it will keep you warm as well. Not to mention, we see plenty of those warm days

and a high efficiency system can combat them for less in most cases.

Start saving with a high efficiency replacement of 17 SEER or greater, and you could be eligible for a rebate from South River EMC.



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