



## Clark Electric Cooperative Offers Easy, Affordable Way to Invest in Solar Energy

**Tim Stewart, CEO/Manager**

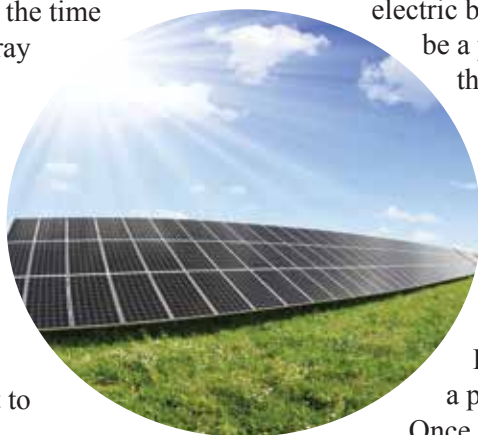
As I have reported in past articles, the Clark Electric Cooperative's board of directors has approved the build-out of a 53.3 kW solar garden to be constructed adjacent to the cooperative's new headquarters facility just west of Greenwood. I am pleased to report that construction is underway, and hopefully by the time this magazine reaches your door, the array will be operational and generating local renewable energy.

This community solar project provides members the opportunity to purchase local renewable energy through a cooperative program. This in turn allows members to take more control of their power choices. Through aggregation, we are able to offer a highly competitive solar product to our membership.

The community garden is designed for those members interested in an affordable option to purchase renewable solar energy. Members have the opportunity to purchase a subscription unit and receive credit equal to their share of the array's output on their electric bill.

By utilizing a solar garden approach, issues such as inadequate space for solar panels near your home, too many trees that would block the sun at your residence,

cost of a small PV array, installing panels on your rooftop, insurance, interconnection of the PV system to the grid, and unsightly panels at your residence all go away. In addition, all operations and maintenance issues would be handled by Clark Electric Cooperative. Any residential/seasonal member, regardless of whether you own or rent your home and where you live, who pays a monthly electric bill to Clark Electric Cooperative could be a potential candidate for participating in the community solar project.



### How do I Participate?

It's easy. Just give us a call and request a subscription agreement and a list of frequently asked questions. Sign and indicate how many participation units you would like to buy.

Return the signed agreement, along with a payment of \$940 per subscription unit.

Once the unit (s) are paid for, there are no fees assessed to you during the life of the agreement (25 years). You will start getting credits to offset your electric bill beginning with the month after the array is operational (target is August usage, September bill). We still have a limited number of subscription units left, but when they are gone, they're gone. You can also go to our website, [www.cecoop.com](http://www.cecoop.com), for information on the Solar Garden Project. ■

## Look Up for Power Lines and Stay Safe

Things we see every day can almost fade from view. But failure to notice high-voltage power lines can be a deadly oversight. Clark Electric Cooperative wants to raise awareness about the dangers of overhead power lines and the precautions to take around them.

Often when we undertake outdoor activities, we don't even think about power lines. Taking a few moments to become aware of your surroundings is a critical step to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe. We encourage everyone to follow these guidelines:

- Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles. Lower your long equipment when you are moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally whenever possible.
- Be careful when working on or around your roof, installing antennas and satellite dishes, doing roof repair work or cleaning gutters. Never go up on

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## Call or Click Before You Dig – it's FREE!

Summertime tends to get people excited to be outside landscaping, planting trees, doing home improvement projects, and more. So, if you're digging, it's important to stay safe and call before you do. Diggers Hotline

helps identify costly and dangerous underground utilities that could be buried beneath your yard's surface. Call or click three working days before digging and have your lines marked FREE so you can dig freely and safely. ■



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# Back to School Supplies Drive



**Donations will be delivered to local school districts for distribution to needy families**

### Drop-off location

**Clark Electric Cooperative**

1209 W Dall-Berg Rd., Greenwood, WI 54437

From Greenwood: West on G to 2nd left after the bridge – turn on River Road, then Dall-Berg Road.

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Clark Electric Cooperative is sponsoring a School Supplies Drive so our employees and members can donate back-to-school items to help families who are having difficulty providing the proper tools for their children to succeed in school.

### Needed supplies

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| #2 wooden yellow pencils                     | Colored pencils               |
| Ballpoint pens                               | Washable markers              |
| Plain pocket folders                         | Watercolor paints             |
| Spiral notebooks – wide ruled                | Highlighters                  |
| Notebook paper – wide ruled                  | Zipper binders                |
| 3-ring binders                               | Protractor                    |
| Box of 24 or 64 crayons (preferably Crayola) | Ruler (1/8 scale and metric)  |
| Pink erasers                                 | Scissors (preferably Fiskars) |
| Glue bottles                                 | Backpacks                     |
| Glue sticks                                  | Kleenex                       |
| Dry erase markers                            | Deodorant                     |

Monetary donations are also welcome. Supplies will be purchased with the funds and distributed along with the other supplies to the schools.

**Donation deadline is August 21!**

*Celebrate Cooperative Month with your local cooperatives*

**A FREE Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

**Activities for kids of all ages**



**MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY  
& Kick Off to Cooperative Month**

**Saturday, September 19**

7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Clark Electric headquarters,  
west of Greenwood on CTH G



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**“Take Back” Initiative  
7–11 a.m.**

Bring your unused, controlled, non-controlled, and over-the counter medications in their original containers to be dropped off—free, with no questions asked.

*Questions? Contact the Greenwood Police Department at 715-267-6215.*



**Food Drive for Local  
Food Pantries**

Help us demonstrate the 7th Cooperative Principle, Commitment to Community, by bringing a non-perishable, non-expired food item to be donated to your local food pantry.

**Electronic Recycling Drive  
7–11 a.m.**

*Fees may apply for some items.*



**Giant Inflatables  
Pumpkins  
Crafts for Kids**

**Greenwood Fire & EMS**  
will provide free blood pressure testing.



**Memorial Medical Center**  
will be here to provide community health information.

## Power Lines

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- the roof in bad weather. Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house.
- Never trim trees near power lines—leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines.
  - Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
  - If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call Diggers Hotline before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

People sometimes come in contact with power lines through vehicle crashes. In accidents that bring down power lines, our instincts tell us to flee danger. However, it's almost always best to stay in your vehicle and wait for help. If you must get out because of fire or other danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. Then hop with feet together—don't run or stride. Electricity spreads out through the ground in ripples. Voltage is highest in the ring closest to the vehicle and decreases with distance. Hop with feet together so one foot won't be in a higher voltage zone than the other, which could make you a conductor for electricity!

If you come upon an accident involving toppled power lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the accident scene. Wait for trained assistance to arrive.—

Source: *SafeElectricity.org*. ■

### HEATING SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!



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