

cooperative REVIEW

for members of Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative

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Drilling begins

Approximately two miles of the Southern Maryland Reliability Project is going under the Patuxent River between Solomons and Town Creek. Drilling began on September 6 at 8 a.m. At the end of the first day, drilling had progressed 1,200 feet from the rig.

Burying the cable beneath the riverbed using state-of-the-art technology means the river crossing will have little or no impact on the river.

Drilling

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The Southern Maryland Reliability Project under-river drilling began September 6, 2013.



Drilling *CONTINUED*

This will protect oyster beds and the underwater ecosystems.

The drilling started in Town Creek on the St. Mary's County side of the river. Crews are drilling down under the river bed and up to the Navy Recreation Center in Calvert County with a horizontal directional drill. It will be necessary to make several passes with the drill, increasing the diameter of the hole each time. Once that is complete, we will then pull five eight-inch fusible PVC (fPVC) conduits under the river (23,000 feet) from the Navy Recreation Center to Town Creek. We will then repeat this process to accommodate the two electric circuits that will go under the river. The distance is 4,500 feet. The new line will be located north of the bridge and at least 50 feet under the river bottom.

Crews are working 12-hour days, six days a week for approximately 14 weeks.

For more details about the Southern Maryland Reliability Project, please visit www.smeco.coop/reliability.





Engineering and Operations

We have completed construction of the new Engineering and Operations Center in Hughesville. Employees began moving in during February this year and the final group moved in September 3.

The 165,000 square-foot building houses the contact center, which features a training room, and the operations center, which features a storm room. The new facility



Operations



Truck Bay

Center fully occupied

supports approximately 240 total employees, including the construction crews from the now-closed White Plains office, along with apparatus crews, security personnel, engineering and operations personnel, and master stores. Indoor loading docks for line trucks make up a large portion of the building, along with an expanded warehouse for materials management.

Designed to meet the platinum standard of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design



Contact Center Rep

(LEED) Green Building Rating System, the building is modern, energy-efficient, employee-friendly, and hurricane-proof.



Front of building



Upgrade to energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® CFL or LED light bulbs for outdoor lighting to improve safety and security when ghoulish guests drop by this Halloween and save. SMECO is offering discounts on ENERGY STAR certified compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs at participating retailers. Discounts so quick, it's scary! Visit SMECO.coop/save or call 877-818-4094 to find participating retailers.



around **TOWN**

Visit www.smeco.coop/ourcommunity/aroundtown.aspx for more events.

Nov. 2

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sponsor: Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

13025 Good Samaritan Drive, Waldorf. Handmade crafts, cookie walk, bake sale table, White Elephant sale, and Secret Santa Shop. Crab soup, barbecue, and hot dogs will be sold.

301-843-1335; gspc.cc

Court St. Peter's

40th Holiday Craft Fair

Sponsor: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Peter 1618

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Peter's School, 3320 St. Peter's Drive, Waldorf. The kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch.

Bake table, fair trade items, gently-used jewelry, and a flea market.

301-919-9782

stpeterswaldorf.org

Craft and Apple Dumpling Fair

Sponsor: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church,

St. Charles, Waldorf.

Crafts, collectibles, and apple dumplings.

301-645-7304

Annual Chinese Auction

Sponsor: St. George's Episcopal Church

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

19167 Poplar Hill Lane, Valley Lee. Drawing begins at noon. Gift certificates, theme baskets, and seasonal goods. Silent auction and yard sale items. Lunch and baked goods will be available.

301-994-0585

stgeorgesvalleylee.org

American Indian Heritage Day

Sponsor: Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. Experience and discover the knowledge and traditions of America's first culture.

410-586-8501

jefpat.org

All Faith Church Annual Fall Dinner

Sponsor: All Faith Church
Noon to 5 p.m.
Mechanicsville Firehouse

Fried oysters, stuffed ham, fried chicken, sweet potatoes, sides, and drink; carry-out dinners available.

301-884-3773

allfaithchurch.com

Nov. 10

Veterans' Parade

Sponsor: Town of La Plata

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. La Plata Courthouse, Charles Street. Bring the kids, and come enjoy an old-fashioned, hometown parade.

301-934-8421

townoflaplata.org

Nov. 16

Annual Holiday Design Show

Sponsor: La Plata Garden Club

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, La Plata. Sarah von Pollaro will present "Demystifying Floral Design" at 1 p.m.

\$ Admission. Light refreshments. Call for advance tickets.

301-934-6026

laplatagardenclub.org

Nov. 23

Great Expectations Red Carpet Silent and Live Auction to Benefit Calvert Hospice

Sponsor: Calvert Hospice
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Calvert Elks Lodge cocktail hour and a silent auction, followed by a live auction by John Scott. Tickets are available for purchase at Scalped Salon and Spa or at the Calvert Hospice office or by phone.

\$ Admission.

410-535-0892, ext. 4002
calverthospice.org

Nov. 29-30

Hearth and Home in Early Maryland

Sponsor: Historic SMC
Historic St. Mary's City Churn butter, shuck beans, grind corn, and learn about the tasks required to cook a family feast over a 17th-century hearth. **\$ Admission.** Visitors contributing a non-perishable food item will get a \$1 discount off admission.
240-895-4990
stmaryscity.org

Energy Savings Challenge Winners Awarded

On September 7, the winners of the Energy Savings Challenge that ran from April to June joined representatives from Sears, SMECO, ICF International, and OPower at the Sears in Waldorf to receive their awards. The top challenge winner was Richard Dyson, who reduced his energy use by 54.11 percent over the same time last year. As the grand prize winner, he received a \$1,000 gift card from Sears for any ENERGY STAR® Kenmore appliances. Additional winners are listed below

The Hometown Spirit Energy Savings Challenge is coming soon. For details, visit www.smeco.coop/saveEnergy/energyReports.aspx after October 16.

At right, first-place winner Richard Dyson (center) showed a 54.11% reduction in energy use. He is pictured with Sears Manager Dave Weavill (left), and Terry Ressler, Corporate Communications Director for SMECO.



Back Row (left to right): James Butler (field rep), Diane Zrimsek, Richard Dyson, Cal Spreitzer, Dave Weavill (Sears). Front Row (left to right): Michelle Downs, Venus Ann Lanham, Leanne Hicks, Marian Trossbach, and Jay Robinson. Not pictured: Kathleen Morlan, Madelyn Mergner, and Greg Crewse.