

# The Electrifier

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**“Owned by those we serve”**

**Marshall, NC**

## **FRENCH BROAD EMC NOW OFFERING MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Over the past 6 years, we have installed over 3,000 systems across our service territory. These systems have provided an affordable and efficient way for our members to heat and cool their homes and businesses. In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

Recognizing this need, FBEMC has put together a program that will give our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system running for many years. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, FBEMC will clean and service your system once per year. We will also inspect the system and make any other repairs necessary. If you have more than one indoor unit, they only cost an additional \$7 per unit per month.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com).



The **Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program** is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The new program will help prevent evictions and utility disconnections in order to promote housing stability during the ongoing pandemic. HOPE is an initiative of the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The HOPE Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant program – Coronavirus and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Applications from low- and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19 are now being accepted. The HOPE Program provides rent and utility assistance to qualifying applicants. Renters can call 2-1-1 to get started. Find out more: [nc211.org/hope](http://nc211.org/hope).

# Manager's Report

## A Time To Be Thankful



Jeff Loven

As we quickly approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope you can enjoy this time with your family and friends. It may be difficult to make a list of things for which we are thankful this year with so much that has happened.

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed our lives and has made things more difficult. Businesses have struggled and some have closed, several people have lost their jobs, and families have had to deal with schools being shut down or on a limited schedule. All of us have had to make changes in our routines and everyday lives. We now have to wear masks out in public and avoid contact with others. It would be easy and, certainly understandable, to say that 2020 hasn't turned out to be what we expected.

However, I would like to challenge you to find something for which you are grateful this season. There are so many blessings around us and, as the old saying goes, "It could always be worse." Even with the problems we face in the United States today, we still live in the greatest country on earth. Let's be thankful for our soldiers at home and abroad,

our military and first responders, healthcare workers, and the police. These men and women have sacrificed so much this year to keep us safe and well. Where would we be without them? Let's also be grateful for our school teachers and administrators who are doing their best to make sure our kids get an education in these difficult times.

Here at French Broad Electric, I am thankful for our employees and their hard work and dedication to our membership. They ensure the power stays on and when it does go out, they work quickly and safely to restore your service. They work every day to bring high-speed internet to many of our communities that currently do not have any options. They are installing Minisplit heating systems at a record pace so that our customers have a viable and affordable solution for heating and cooling their homes. They maintain our trucks, metering equipment, computer networks, and always answer the phone with a friendly voice. I am also thankful that our Board of Directors was able to reduce our wholesale power cost this year and pass these savings on to our members.

We are also thankful for our members. Without our members, French Broad Electric would not exist. They have entrusted us with providing critical services to everyone throughout our service territory and have supported us for over 80 years. On behalf of all our employees, we wish you the best during the upcoming holiday season, and we are thankful for each of you, not only for the opportunity to meet all your electrical needs, but to also be an important part of your community.

### **Now Accepting** **New Payment** **Methods**

In addition to echeck and all major credit cards, we are now accepting payments on our website through the following providers:

\* **PayPal**

\* **Amazon Pay**

\* **Venmo**



# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

Propane Buck stove, remote thermostat, copper tubing, \$675. 689-4024.

GE 18cu ft refrigerator w/ ice maker, white, \$245. 850/408-7296.

Motorcycle gear: jackets, gloves, helmets, etc. 688-1785.

Dining table w/ 6 chairs, oak. 206-7489.

Full cedar BR set w/ mattress/box springs, \$800/both. 206-7489.

2009 Toyota Tacoma access cab, 311k mi, \$9,500. 206-9616.

2BR/2BA rustic cabin on 7.97 ac, well & spring. 766-7971.

Guitars, amp, banjo, flute. 720/883-7679.

4" leg ext for Powermatic 3520 lathe, \$150. 688-9889.

Whirlpool SS refrigerator side-by-side, 26cu ft, \$450 OBO. 919/387-9504.

Troybilt wood splitter, 27-ton, \$999. 683-7916 or 778-0389.

Various yard sale items. 683-3371.

Hens:4-GoldComets; 4-Isa Browns, feeder, coop, etc. \$300/all. 301/467-0495.

Harvard air hockey game, 7'x4'x3', \$200 OBO. 284-9647.

Red Fox 2-seater go-kart, 5HP Briggs, \$200. 508/776-5700.

2010 Subaru Forester, \$5,200. 779-1851 or 778-1077.

Twin storage bed w/ bookshelf headboard, dark brown. 649-0002.

(2) Delta kitchen faucets, model #240-DST, \$150ea. 712-0613.

Basketball goal, \$30. 779-0352.

(2)oil barrels: 1-280gal w/ stand, \$200; 1-275gal, \$150. 712-0613.

House & single-wide on 0.7ac, well & septic. 417-4437.

Australian cattle puppies, red, 6 wks. 682-2050.

1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager, 194k mi, \$1,200 OBO. 768-3258.

American Allspice, Snowball bushes, Azaleas, more. 545-8802.

Dwarf Burning Bushes, \$5-\$8. 545-8802.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

Shibaura 854A diesel engine, 2133cc, \$1,200. 649-3276.

Permachink Armour-Guard Borate, 25lbs, \$100. 649-3276.

20" Mongoose boy's bike, \$40. 688-1144.

Old-time hewn log house. 208-0295.

Decoy carver's basswood blocks, \$3ea; weights \$0.25ea. 688-1144.

Wormy chestnut lumber, 72sq ft, rough sawn, \$7/bd ft. 675-9250.

Drill press, no motor belt drive, some parts, \$300. 675-4812.

1986 Toyota van, 130k mi, \$800. 682-8038.

(2) bicycles: 1-single gear black cruiser, \$50; 1-women's 21spd, \$95. 258-8281.

Hardwood firewood logs, you load/haul, \$25/pickup. 258-8281.

Christmas decorations. 675-4271.

Winter coats & sweaters. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley desk. 675-4003.

Firewood, hardwood, will deliver. 206-9097.

Pink Big Wheel, adjustable, \$10. 656-9405.

10pc Tupperware set & strainer, \$26. 656-9405.

Electric hospital bed, \$700. 774-4114.

Christmas yard blowups, \$10ea; Indoor snow globe, \$10. 284-5411.

VCR tapes/movies, asst. 649-3839 or 206-1750.

**WANTED**

Junk cars. 689-5125.  
 Old buildings to tear down, will clean up. 208-0295.  
 Side-by-Side refrigerator/freezer. 689-3572.  
 Candy roaster seeds. 768-3259.  
 Correctional Officers. [www.oshr.nc.gov](http://www.oshr.nc.gov) or 919/480-0064.  
 Small 4-door vehicle. text only 504-2160.  
 Someone to till a lawn. 770/910-3345.  
 Puppy, Lab or Lab mix. 317/748-6511.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.  
 Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.  
 LIVE drive-thru Christmas Pageant, Gabriels Creek Church, Dec 5-6, 6-8pm. 682-6755.  
 Will Do: elder care, exp. 208-1463.  
 Will Do: mowing, bushhogging, clearing. 777-4092 or 777-4094.  
 Will Do: water, septic systems. 777-4092 or 777-4094.  
 Will Do: respite care-giving. 649-9676.  
 FREE: 3-gal black fence paint. 768-2497.  
 Will Do: housecleaning. 450-8073.  
 Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.  
 FREE: 14x70 Oakwood mobile home, front/back porch, you move. 645-4462.  
 For Rent: 2-story BR apt, no smoking/no pets. 776-2393.  
 For Rent: office/retail space, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.



**In observance of the Thanksgiving holidays, FBEMC offices will be closed Thursday Nov 26th & Friday Nov 27th**



We would like to remind you that the return envelopes, which are included with your monthly billing statement, have a barcode on the bottom and these envelopes will come directly to French Broad EMC.  
 Please do not use these envelopes to mail anything to anyone other than French Broad EMC.

**Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule November/December**

**Burnsville District (cutting)**

- \*Dale Road      \*Rockhouse Crk
- \*Crabtree      \*Little Switzerland
- \*Mitchell Branch   \*Green Mtn Drive
- \*Mica Spring Heights
- \*Buker Ridge

**Marshall District (cutting)**

- \*Upper end of Big Laurel
- \*Grapevine/Petersburg

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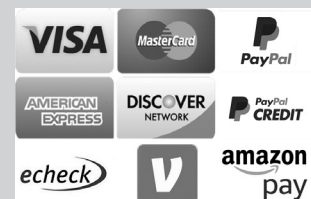
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**To Report A Power Outage After Hours**

Marshall District  
 (Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)  
 (828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

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**1-844-294-5697**



**NOTE:** The deadline for submitting ads to The Electrifier is the **15th** of each month.