



Arbor Day

LCEC employees joined Cape Coral Mayor Joe Covello for a TREEmendous celebration at Rotary Community Garden on Arbor Day.

**LIVE UNITED**  
LIVE UNITED! CONTRIBUTE UNITED!  
ENCOURAGE UNITED! CARE UNITED!

## FISHING FOR THOSE IN NEED

**2019 LCEC**  
UNITED WAY CATCH & RELEASE TOURNAMENT

**GRAND SLAM - 32 RECORDED**  
1ST PLACE - Matlacha Fishing Charters - 100.5\*

**SNOOK - 57 RECORDED**  
1ST PLACE - Majkowski Construction - 37.5\*

**REDFISH - 50 RECORDED**  
1ST PLACE - None of Your Business - 31\*

**TROUT - 49 RECORDED**  
1ST PLACE - Barely Legal - 25\*

**CALCUTTA - Island Inn**

THANK YOU ALL!  
85 boats  
251 fishermen

Thanks to everyone who has helped the LCEC tournament raise over \$550,000 in its 23 years!  
\$53,000 was raised this year.

Look for updates on Facebook and [www.lcec.net](http://www.lcec.net)

Til next year.  
[fish@lcec.net](mailto:fish@lcec.net)

### CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNERS

If you receive an LCEC customer survey, return it for a chance to win \$100. Last month's winners were Paul Swickard of North Fort Myers and Joseph Periard of Cape Coral.

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# LCEC NEWS



**LCEC**  
PEOPLE. POWER. POSSIBILITIES.

JUNE 2019

## Low rates, and more than \$12 million in equity

The typical LCEC residential customer bill is among the lowest of all 55 electric utilities in the state. By keeping operating costs low, improving processes, and investing in technology, LCEC has not raised electric rates in 11 years. At the same time, reliability, customer service, and safety performance is continuously improved.

LCEC has also been able to retire more than \$279 million in equity to members over the years. This year alone, LCEC retired more than \$8 million to memberships that have been closed since 2011, and \$3.3 million to active and inactive members.

## HARNESSING POWER FROM THE SUN

A little more than 730 LCEC customers have installed solar power systems at their home or business. The benefit of these systems is that panels convert solar energy into electric energy. Although users rely on the electric grid during evening and less-sunny periods, they may reduce their electric bill. And the good news is that all LCEC customers are using solar power in one way or another since LCEC delivers power from FPL, the largest generator of solar energy in Florida.

There are safety considerations that should be examined when installing solar power systems. Prior to purchasing the

system, contact a licensed, qualified electrician to ensure your electrical system can support the technology. Before net metering or putting power back on the grid, LCEC must be notified and an application process must be completed. This keeps electric workers and neighbors safe and ensures proper credit for shared power.

Once installed, solar power systems may present unique challenges for first responders and firefighters, so it is important to notify local officials about the type of panels that have been installed. This will help to protect firefighters and minimize damage to the building if a fire occurs.

**If not in use, turn off the juice!**

**Conserve and we all save!**



[www.facebook.com/LCECSWFL](http://www.facebook.com/LCECSWFL)

## How does LCEC prepare for storm season?

Long before storm season, LCEC develops a response plan and options to mitigate damage and recover from destruction as quickly as possible. Experience from past storms and lessons learned ensure rapid recovery.

Investment in systems and programs yearlong is aimed at reducing vulnerabilities. LCEC continually hardens the electric system through proactive inspections, identification of potential issues, and repair or replacement before the storms roll in. Routine vegetation management helps to keep lines clear of trees and brush that could cause power outages.

No crisis can be managed without skill, knowledge, resources, and patience. Every employee and LCEC vendor is on deck when the threat of a storm rears its ugly head. A plan for additional resources, food and lodging, fuel, materials inventory and equipment, communications, fleet maintenance, and many other details are all proactively considered so boots can be on the ground as quickly as possible to restore critical infrastructure and help the community get back to normal.



## Develop your family storm plan now!

SPECIAL NEEDS



Hopefully Mother Nature won't send hurricanes our way this year. If you have special needs, register for a shelter in your area in case you need it. Staying with family or friends is always the first option, but if a **Special Needs Shelter is your best option, register early!**

✓ LEE COUNTY  
[www.LeeEOC.com](http://www.LeeEOC.com)

✓ COLLIER COUNTY  
[www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net)

✓ CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
[www.charlottecountyfl.com](http://www.charlottecountyfl.com)

✓ SANIBEL/CAPTIVA  
[www.mysanibel.com](http://www.mysanibel.com)

✓ HENDRY COUNTY  
Contact Emergency Management

## Outage Map



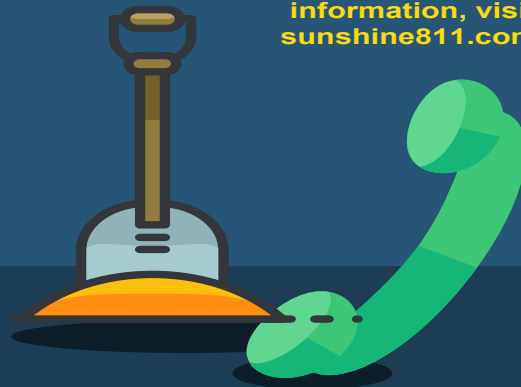
LCEC works diligently to keep the lights on for our customers, but power outages may occur. Power outages can occur for various reasons including fallen trees, storms, or vehicle accidents. In the event of a widespread outage, our automated outage system tracks customer calls, and field crews are dispatched to the impacted area. Restoration begins with repairs that will restore service to the largest number of customers in the least amount of time. In the event of an outage, visit [lcec.net](http://lcec.net) to view the outage map. This map is intended to keep customers informed about locations and number of customers impacted. To learn more about LCEC's restoration process, visit [lcec.net](http://lcec.net).

## Don't be a lawbreaker

Did you know that homeowners are required by law to call 811 or report online to [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com) two FULL days before digging in any easement, right-of-way, or permitted-use area? The information reported is used to compare the desired digging site to the location of any underground utilities in the area. The area will either be declared clear or will be appropriately marked for any underground lines. Not only does unsafe digging pose a risk to underground lines, it is extremely dangerous causing injuries and deaths around the world annually.

For more information, visit [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com).

CALL  
before  
YOU DIG  
811



## The 2019 LCEC Annual Meeting was held on April 18.

Board President Russell Priddy and CEO Dennie Hamilton presented highlights of 2018 and discussed strategy for the future. In accordance with LCEC bylaws, the meeting also included election ballot mailing information and results. New board members, District 2, Seat 3 - Michael Powell, and Trustee At Large - Tarik Ayasun, were welcomed and introduced at the annual meeting.

Mr. Hamilton's comments concluded with the following:

*"The heart and soul of LCEC can be found in the people that make this organization what it is. The people of LCEC set this organization apart. Their dedication, their engagement, and their enthusiasm is unmatched. I am so proud of and blessed to work with them. From the employees on the front lines whether in the contact center or the field, to the supporting staff, supervisors, managers and leaders wherever they sit in the organization, to the Board of Trustees who provide direction, governance and support. We will continue our relentless focus on reliable electricity, quality customer service and the lowest reasonably achievable rates."*

To learn more about LCEC's work in 2018, contact [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net) for a 2018 LCEC Annual Report or view it at [www.lcec.net/about-lcec](http://www.lcec.net/about-lcec).

