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New Transmission Project Will Improve Reliability

Delmarva Power plans to build a new, high-voltage transmission line between Millsboro, Del., and Bishopville, Md. to enhance electric service reliability in southern Delaware and on the Maryland Eastern Shore.

“Engineering studies indicate that the new line will help avoid extended power outages for many customers in Sussex and Worcester counties should there be a major problem with the current transmission network that links Salisbury and Ocean City in Maryland and Bethany Beach in Delaware,” said John Allen, Vice President, Delmarva Power Region.

The 138,000-volt line will be built on about 12 miles of an existing right-of-way. Construction is scheduled to begin in Delaware in November and in Maryland in February 2012. Completion is targeted for May 2012.

Community meetings are planned for the near future to provide more project details. The meeting schedule will be published once finalized.

Save Money, Save Energy, Save the Environment

Now is a good time to get ready for the warmer months ahead by enrolling in our Energy Wise Rewards program.

Energy Wise Rewards™ empowers you to take more control over your energy usage, save money

on your energy costs and take a big step towards a more sustainable lifestyle.



Here's how the program works – during the “peak demand” times of summer, Energy Wise Rewards works to reduce electricity usage by “cycling” central air conditioners throughout the region, averting power outages, and reducing the need for costly, new electrical infrastructure.

Enrolling is easy. Visit delmarva.com/saveenergy, and click on Energy Wise Rewards to choose your participation level and energy-saving device. You'll receive a one-time installation credit, monthly reward bill credit, and your choice of energy-saving devices at no additional cost. You also can call 1-866-353-5799 to sign up.

Before You Dig, Know What's Underground



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

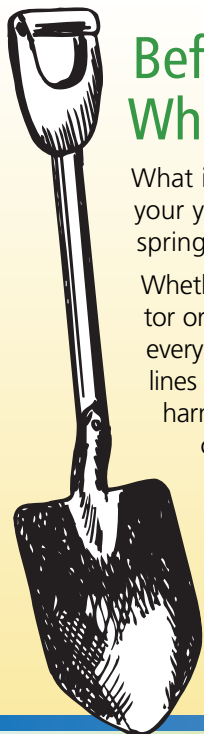
What is the first step before you begin your yard improvement projects this spring? Call 811 first!

Whether you are a professional excavator or an avid do-it-yourselfer, please call 811 before every dig, every time. Even simple digging projects can damage utility lines and can disrupt vital services to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers, and potentially result in expensive fines and costly repairs.

One easy phone call to 811 quickly and easily begins the process of getting underground utility lines marked.

April is National Safe Digging Month. The national 811 campaign is a project of The Common Ground Alliance.

Call 811 BEFORE You Dig!



POWER OUT?

*In New Castle County, DE; Cecil and Harford Counties, MD: 1-800-898-8042
In Kent & Sussex Counties, DE; and the Eastern Shore of MD: 1-800-898-8045
For Natural Gas Emergencies in New Castle County, DE, ONLY: 302-454-0317*

Watch Out for Power Lines

Whether flying a kite, cleaning out the gutters or trimming trees, remember to watch out for overhead power lines.

- Never touch a power line with any part of your body or any object.
- When carrying long or tall items, such as ladders, scaffolding, tree saws and pool cleaning equipment, hold them parallel to the ground to avoid contact with all overhead wires. Before you raise them into the air, make sure they're clear of all overhead wires.
- For your protection, the law requires that a minimum of 10 feet must be maintained when working below or adjacent to power lines.

If you see a wire down, keep yourself and others away and contact Delmarva Power immediately at **1-800-898-8042** or **1-800-898-8045**.



Considering "Green" Power? Please Check with Us First

Some environmentally conscience customers may be considering renewable resources such as solar or wind to generate their own electricity.

Delmarva Power supports the installation of "authorized" renewable generation systems that allows customers to sell unused power back to the power grid. Even the new smart meters Delmarva Power plans to install can be programmed to support "green" power.

If you're considering a renewable generation system, please submit an application to Delmarva Power for approval before making any investment. This requirement ensures that your renewable system is safe and compatible with the electrical system.

Our Green Power Connection™ team is standing by to review your application and determine acceptance prior to installation and operation. Delmarva Power does not sell or install renewable generation systems.

For more information, contact the Green Power Connection Team at:

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THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION

Maryland (Area code 410)

May 5-8: Springfest; Inlet Parking Lot, Ocean City; 800-626-2326, www.oceancitymd.gov/Recreation_and_Parks/specialevents.html.

May 7: Berlin Blues & Jazz Bash; Main St., Berlin; 410-641-4775, www.BerlinChamber.org.

May 11: AARP Health Fair; Roland Powell Convention Center, Ocean City; 410-524-1177, docmelvin@verizon.net.

May 13-14: Festivals of Music; 4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City; 800-323-0974, www.festivalsofmusic.com.

May 14: Annual Dogwood Festival; Galena; donaldo2@verizon.net.

May 14: Women's Civic League of North East 4th Annual Secret Garden Tour; North East; 443-553-7058, 410-287-5848 or 410-287-3775, blblackwell@comcast.net

May 14: The Chesapeake Bay Wellness Race & Family Walk; Hyatt Regency of the Chesapeake Bay, 100 Heron Blvd., Cambridge; 410-221-2357, www.eshconline.org.

May 14 & 15: Medieval Days; 461 Quaker Bottom Rd., Harvre de Grace; 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762, steppingstonemuseum@msn.com, www.steppingstonemuseum.org.

May 18: International Museum Day Observance; Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill; 410-632-0515, www.purnellmuseum.com.

May 21: 4th Annual Garden Affair; Centreville Library and Historic Wright's Chance, Centreville; 410-758-0166, rmelvin1@umd.edu, <http://queenannes.umd.edu>

May 21: Spring Car Cruise; Main St., Berlin; 410-641-4775, www.berlinchamber.org.

FOR MORE THINGS TO DO IN THE REGION, click on "About Us" and then "In the Community" at delmarva.com.

To include a future event either in LINES or online, fax to: 302-283-6095, or e-mail: lines@delmarva.com.