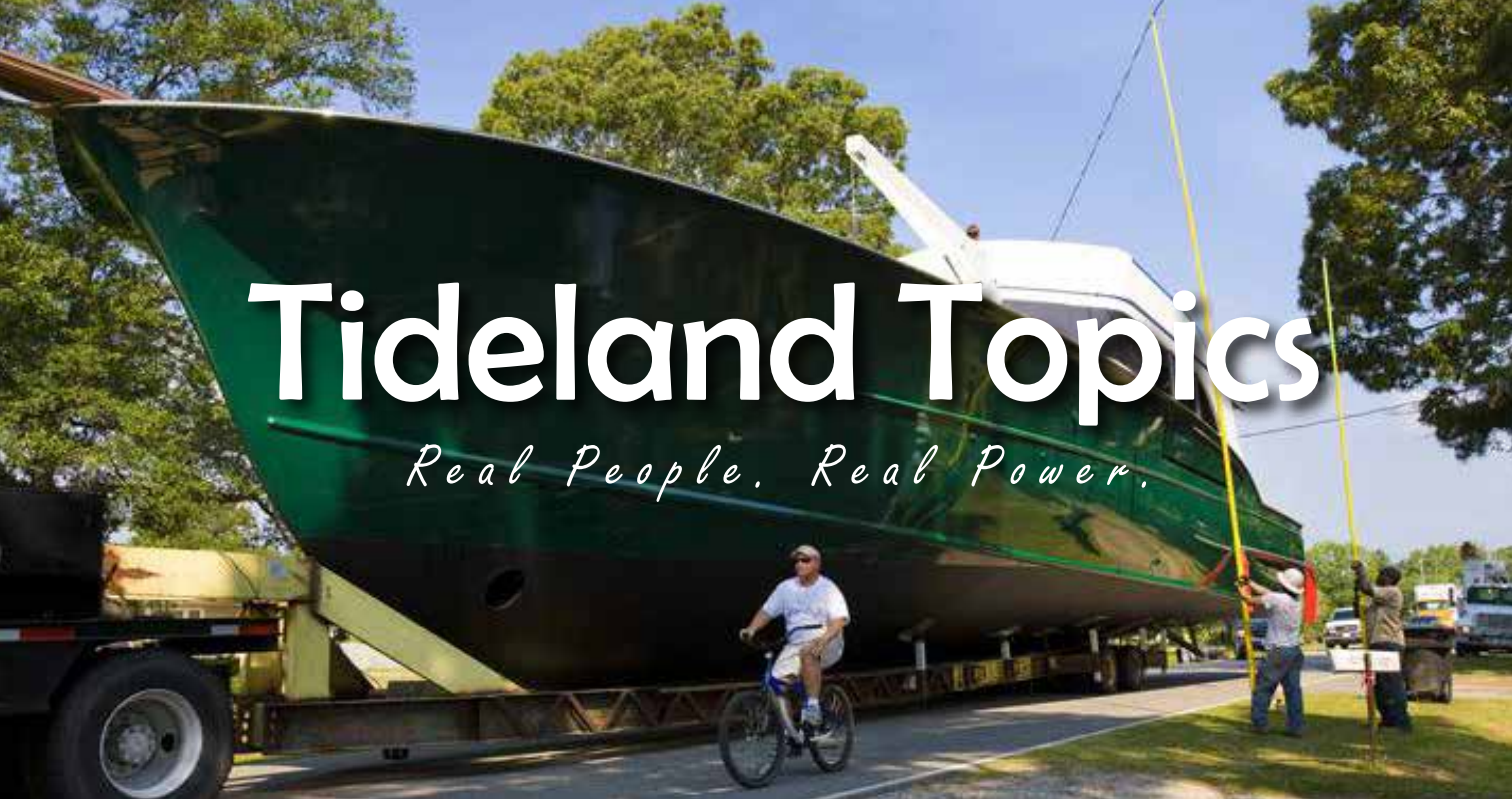


Tideland Topics

Real People. Real Power.



Who you gonna call?

Dial the digits. 8-1-1. That's the only safe way to approach any potential digging or excavation project.

While we officially recognize August 11 as National 811 Day, safety matters 365 days a year.

Learn more about free underground utility locating services on page B.



Watch or warning?

'Tis the season where we check the weather more often and keep a watchful eye on the tropics. Remember: when a flood or storm watch is issued, that means ingredients are there for possible development and storm preparedness should be underway. A warning means the event is occurring and it is time to activate your plan.



KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. STAY INFORMED.

ReadyNC



5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



Know What's Below Know The Color Codes

White Proposed Excavation	Yellow Natural Gas	Pink Survey Markings	Red Electric	Orange Cable, Internet, Phone	Blue Water	Green Sewer	Purple Reclaimed Water

Message to members

First responders an important part of Team Tideland

by **PAUL SPRUILL**
GENERAL MANAGER &
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On June 28 at 4:51 am, nearly 1,750 Tideland members on the Sidney, Gaylords Bay and Pamlico Beach circuits lost power when a vehicle left the road, breaking a three-phase pole. As is most often



the case, Tideland crews were not first to arrive on site. Instead it was members of the Pantego VFD. They assisted the victim, observed proper safety measures, and controlled traffic to allow our crews to set up a repair work zone. That day, Tideland crews were able to “float” the three-phase wires, restoring power while pole replacement got underway. Power was off approximately 90 minutes

and most importantly everyone went home safe that day.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our first responders. Most are volunteers for whom public safety is not a profession but rather a personal commitment. Their presence at the scene of an accident often alleviates co-op crews of multiple tasks so we can fully focus our efforts on power restoration.

It is not lost on our crews that while they are getting paid to respond and restore power, those who arrive first are sacrificing time away from their own families, jobs and leisurely pursuits. These first responders also spend countless volunteer hours training and putting sweat equity into the maintenance of community-owned facilities and equipment.

Recently we were able to return the favor in some small measure by erecting a fire hose training ball course at the Tri Community VFD in New Bern. It’s just one way we can say “thank you” to those who put so much on the line for us.



Remembering Meredith Burbage

Tideland mourns the recent passing of retiree Meredith Burbage. During her tenure with the co-op, she served as a finance clerk in the Pantego corporate office. Following retirement in 1997, she remained very active with friends, family and church. Meredith was 88 years old. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her son Jay and his family.

Rights-of-way maintenance schedule

Tideland has hired contractors to trim trees in our rights-of-way. During the month of August, Lucas Tree Experts will be trimming along the Dowry Creek circuit, the Highway 45 corridor and in the Ponzer area. Gunnison Tree crews will be trimming the Sidney circuit, the Hyde County circuit along Highway 264 and along Beech Ridge Road in Pantego and Belhaven.

Our Lee Electric construction crews will be working in the following areas this month:

- Allen Road at Lake Phelps
- Saints Delight Church Road in Craven County
- Orchard Creek in Merritt

Our contractors with River City are continuing ductile pole installations along Broad Creek Road and Highway 32 in Washington. Use extra caution in that work zone please.

Osmose continues pole inspection work for the cooperative. During August they will be in the Engelhard service area.



An Osmose contractor bores into a pole to inspect for internal signs of decay.

Anchors aweigh

**Iconic Manns Harbor boat builder
Paul and Robin Mann set course to retire**



A successful boat builder knows the value of being a good listener. It starts with listening to the client as you embark on a years-long journey to design and handcraft their one-of-a-kind sportfishing yacht. Those listening skills are put to the test daily during construction and even moreso during critical junctures like the carefully choreographed hull flip. There's the brief parade route through Manns Harbor while Tideland EMC crews lift energized power lines on the way to splash the vessel.



Then you listen some more on that inaugural run as another Mann made Carolina flare slices through the Pamlico Sound making for a smooth and quieter day on the water.

Thirty-three years and more than 40 builds later, the hardest thing to listen to was the call of retirement. In fact, it required its own test run. In the spring of 2020, Paul and Robin Mann temporarily closed their Manns Harbor boat building facili-

ty to focus on health matters. Fourteen months later they announced the closure would become permanent.

While this particular chapter has closed for Paul and his wife, Robin, seeds they've sown continue to bear fruit. The couple worked with The College of the Albemarle to develop career readiness initiatives to hone the skill sets needed by boat builders in Dare and surrounding counties. Through their

work with local non-profits, scholarship funds were created for students connected to the commercial fishing and marine industries. Robin served on the Oregon Inlet and Waterways Commission and was a founding member of the Coastal Carolina Purple Martin Society which educates the public about the summer migratory roost at the old Manns Harbor bridge.



Pole tag

Did you know that six different power companies provide service in Beaufort County? Two electric co-ops, two municipal power companies and two investor-owned utilities. So figuring out who a utility pole belongs to can get confusing in some locations. In some cases, a pole may actually belong to a cable provider.


Above is a photo of a Tideland EMC pole tag. One can be found on each of the more than 43,000 poles Tideland owns and maintains. While a physical address often will suffice when requesting service for your home or business, the pole tag is a good reference to use to report a street light that needs repair or bulb replacement. The pole tag can also be useful to request emergency service or report infrastructure damage when you aren't sure of the location address.

One note of caution: maintain a safe distance from any pole that is leaning or has downed power lines. Safety is always our top priority.

THE NORTH CAROLINA MOVE OVER LAW

MOVE OVER

Slow Down
Move Over
when you see stopped
electric utility vehicles



North Carolina's Move Over law, G.S. 20-157 (f), protects law enforcement officers as well as emergency and utility workers stopped alongside our highways.

Motorists must pull into a lane that is not the lane nearest the parked or standing authorized emergency vehicle or public service vehicle and continue traveling in that lane until safely clear of the authorized emergency vehicle. This applies when the roadway has at least two lanes for traffic proceeding in the direction of the approaching vehicle and if the approaching vehicle may change lanes safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

If the roadway has only one lane for traffic proceeding in the direction of the approaching vehicle, then you must slow the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for

traffic conditions and be prepared to stop until completely past the authorized emergency vehicle or public service vehicle. "Public service vehicle" means a vehicle that:

- is being used to assist motorists or law enforcement officers with wrecked or disabled vehicles,
- is being used to install, maintain, or restore utility service, including electric, cable, telephone, communications, and gas, is being used in the collection of refuse, solid waste, or recycling, or
- is a highway maintenance vehicle owned and operated by or contracted by the State or a local government. The vehicle must be operating an amber-colored flashing light. A violation of the move over law will result in a mandatory fine of \$250.00 plus court costs.



GENERATE SAFETY

Before use, learn about the potential **dangers** associated with portable generators, such as their production of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless **poisonous gas** that is often called the “**silent killer**” because it is virtually undetectable without the use of technology like CO alarms. Follow these tips to generate **power AND safety** when using a generator.

BY THE NUMBERS

AFRICAN AMERICANS accounted for **23%** of fatalities, which is nearly **DOUBLE** their proportion of the U.S. population.

Storms account for many of the fatalities associated with generator use, with **ICE/SNOW** storms are accounting for **46%**. **HURRICANES** accounted for **29%**.

67% of the fatalities occurred when a generator was placed in the living area or **BASEMENT** of the home.

26% of fatalities occurred when a generator was used inside an attached **GARAGE** or shed.

BETWEEN
1992
AND
2012

NEARLY 80%
OF THE
931 CO DEATHS
WERE ASSOCIATED WITH
GENERATORS.




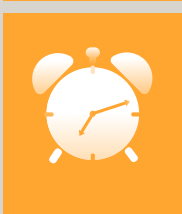





Generator-Related CO Deaths:

50% During Cold Months
(November-February)

20% Other Months

During “Transition Months”
(March/April, September/October) **30%**

TIPS FOR THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND USE OF GENERATORS

	<p>NEVER operate a generator INSIDE your home or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces, including GARAGES.</p>		<p>Make sure your generator is properly grounded and used with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI).</p>		<p>Install battery-operated CO ALARMS or plug-in CO alarms with a battery backup inside the home.</p>
	<p>A generator is a TEMPORARY power source and should NEVER be used as a permanent solution.</p>		<p>Use only extension cords that have a THREE-PRONGED plug and are rated for the intended load.</p>		<p>Do NOT OVERLOAD the generator.</p>
	<p>NEVER connect generators directly to household wiring without first installing a TRANSFER SWITCH. This prevents backfeeding which could electrocute utility workers making repairs.</p>		<p>Your home generator should be installed by a QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN and bear the mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, Intertek or CSA.</p>		<p>The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends generators be positioned at least 20 FEET from doors, windows and vents to prevent CO from entering the home.</p>

ESFi

For more information about portable generators and carbon monoxide safety visit www.esfi.org

*Data from “Incidents, Deaths, and In-Depth Investigations Associated with Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide from Engine-Driven Generators and Other Engine-Driven Tools, 1999–2012”; U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, August 2013.



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Eagleland EMC

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When a dazed and confused eagle appeared in their Dowry Creek yard, Tideland members Bill and Laura Bardill along with neighbor Kelly Chandler-Brown kept a watchful eye on the obviously injured bird. Small birds buzzed around the eagle's head and his feathers were noticeably damaged. He made several failed attempts to take flight, instead plunging into the Pungo River and climbing the rocks back to shore.

The eagle struggled from yard to yard until reaching a pier at Commodore Point. By that time, wildlife officers and a raptor rehabilitator were en route to see if the eagle required medical assistance.

A little over three hours into the ordeal, the eagle finally mustered enough strength and coordination to take flight, disappearing in foliage that lined the nearby marsh.

It was later noted that lightning had struck a tree earlier that day, one eagles are known to frequent at Dowry Creek. That likely resulted in the bird's injuries.

Our thanks to the Bardills for sharing their photos and reminding us why Tideland territory is such a special place to live.



anchors *Aweigh*

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Paul also knows his way around a grill and has routinely fed participants during the annual Dare County Boat Builders Foundation fishing tournament. In 2020, the foundation the Manns help found awarded nearly \$90,000 in scholarships to Dare County students. A countless number of workers, tradespeople, suppliers and local citizens have benefitted from their association with the Manns.

In a press release that officially dotted the i's and crossed the t's on their retirement, the Manns referenced legendary locals like Sunny Briggs, Buddy Canaday and Omie Tillet. Each helped shape Paul's boat-building style, work ethic and the way he treats others. Paul did indeed follow in their footsteps, becoming a legend in his own right, building a fleet of dreams that will cruise on for decades to come.

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DON'T
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in enclosed spaces

(even garages and basements)