



# Line Items

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## HIGHWAY 67 LINE RELOCATION PROJECT COMPLETE



*The poles on the left were set and are being prepared so the poles on the right can be removed in order to make more room for the widened roadway.*



*Maneuvering through the fresh dirt in the construction zone proved to be challenging with our heavy equipment.*



*A digger derrick is being used to remove a pole from the construction zone while Excelsior EMC Groundman Jonathan Hansen looks on.*

Excelsior EMC has completed the extensive line relocation project necessary to widen Highway 67 in Bulloch County. This was a challenging and complex project, but your Excelsior EMC linemen and staking engineers completed the project ahead of schedule.

The widening of Highway 67 is taking place on a 13 mile stretch of highway from I-16 to the Statesboro Bypass. This conversion from a two-lane road to a four-lane road should improve driving conditions by reducing the amount of traffic congestion and hopefully reducing the number of accidents on this busy roadway.

Below are some details associated with Excelsior EMC's portion of the project:

- In order to widen this large stretch of highway, Excelsior EMC had to relocate over 6 miles of power lines, 4.8 of which were 3-phase lines.
- It took approximately a year of planning between our staking engineers and management team to get this project underway.
- There were 113 poles that had to be either relocated, removed, or re-framed. All of which are very time consuming processes.
- In addition to the overhead work that had to be done, underground primary lines and underground services also had to be moved.
- Our crews had to work around heavy traffic inside the construction zone, even witnessing multiple car accidents.
- Swampy areas also proved to be an obstacle but our crews managed to set poles in these areas with the help of a mini-excavator.
- Eleven crew members of Lee Electric and eight crew members of Bowen Tree Surgeons also assisted on this project.
- Excelsior EMC was given the Notice to Proceed on November 26, 2018 and we completed our portion of the project on August 21, 2019.

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## Between the Lines

by  
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## HAVING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

It happens so easily. We become focused on the urgent and forget about the important. We pay attention to the details and fail to see the big picture. We become frustrated when things don't go our way, and we forget to remember how blessed we truly are.

Scientists tell us that a grateful attitude has numerous benefits. Improved physical health, better sleep, increased empathy and improved self-esteem. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, the world around us, and to our Creator.

November is a time when we are reminded to give thanks. As our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, I have listed three things for which I am thankful.

Two years in a row without a lost-time accident – Safety doesn't happen by itself. It requires constant thought, effort and attention. It is the most important thing we do. I am grateful for the safety that we have enjoyed over the last two years.

Highway 67 job completed safely and on time - This job has been on the drawing board for years. It had strict deadlines and a schedule that did not allow for delays. The stress of meeting those deadlines was further complicated by the rainy weather during the winter months of 2019. This job was even more challenging due to the tremendous amount of traffic on the road each day. I am thankful that we were able to complete the project safely and on time.

The dedication of Excelsior EMC employees - I have seen our employees work many times with very little rest from the previous day's work. I have seen our employees work in hot, humid conditions. I have seen them work in snow and ice and in swamps and other areas that are difficult to access. Our employees leave their families and the comfort of their homes in the middle of the night to get your lights on. And it's not just the people in the field. It takes our entire team to answer the calls, dispatch the crews, supply the materials, and to make sure it happens effectively and efficiently. The restoration of power happens because of the dedication and commitment of the people who take their job personally. I am thankful for the hard work and dedication of our employees.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take time to relax and enjoy your holiday season with gratitude for our blessings.

*In observance of Thanksgiving,  
Excelsior EMC offices will be closed:*

**Thursday, November 28, 2019  
and Friday, November 29, 2019**

Emergency personnel will be available  
by calling our 24 hour dispatch center  
at (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123.



Every Member Counts

# FALL TO-DO: OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Outdoor lighting isn't just for the summer months. When the days grow shorter, our homes sit in the darkness longer, making exterior illumination even more important.

Exterior lighting enhances safety and security around the home. Plus, it adds beauty and curb appeal, making a nice sight to come home to each evening. Now is the time to add outdoor lighting to your fall to-do list. To put your home in the best light, consider illuminating these areas:

- **FRONT ENTRY** - Provide a warm welcome after dark. You'll want to light the front steps, as well as door locks and house numbers.
- **SIDE AND REAR ENTRYWAYS** - Illuminating side and rear entries to the house (also exterior walls with easy access windows) can discourage prowlers and thieves.
- **STEPS AND WALKWAYS** - These areas are frequently neglected, but are also important to avoid accidents in dark locations.
- **DRIVEWAY** - Highlighting your driveway with light can improve safety and security. It also adds to your home's curbside appeal.
- **GARAGE** - Ample lighting over the garage will enhance both safety and security, particularly when other lights are not on.
- **YARD** - Discourage intruders and vandals with an Excelsior EMC LED outdoor light.

Please give us a call at 912-685-2115 or 912-764-2123 for more information about outdoor lighting options available from Excelsior EMC.



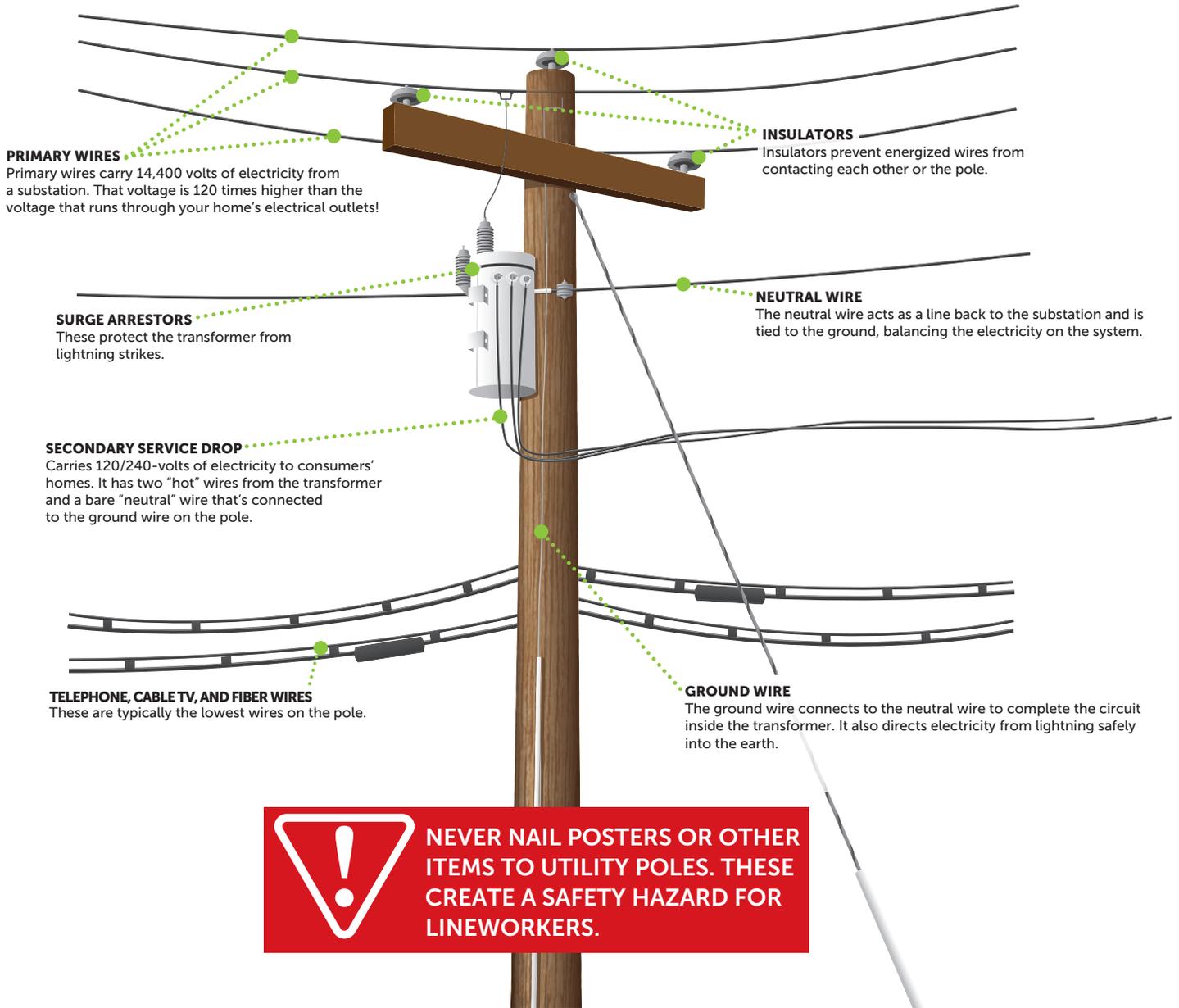
## APPLIANCE SATURATION SURVEYS TO BE EMAILED



Excelsior EMC will be conducting a residential consumer survey this fall. The purpose of this study is to collect information that we need to plan for the future. A sample of our consumers will be randomly selected to participate. Your input in the survey is very important to us, so please consider completing the questionnaire if you receive one of these emails. We know your time is valuable, and we appreciate your effort to participate in this study.

# WHAT'S ON THAT POLE?

This illustration shows the basic equipment found on electric utility poles. The equipment varies according to the location and the service they provide



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