



# You can STILL reap the benefits of COMMUNITY SOLAR

**H**ave you ever walked out of your house on a sunny day and thought, “I wish I could harness the sun’s energy to power my home”? Okay, maybe you haven’t. But I’m sure you have noticed solar panels on top of homes in your community, and maybe you have even seen Oakdale Electric Cooperative’s SunnyOak Community Solar Garden as you’re driving northbound down State Road 80 towards Necedah. And if you haven’t, a road trip is definitely in order! Have you considered solar as a part of your home’s energy mix—but have been dissuaded by high costs or maintenance requirements? We here at

Oakdale Electric Cooperative are happy to tell you that solar energy is more accessible than you might think!

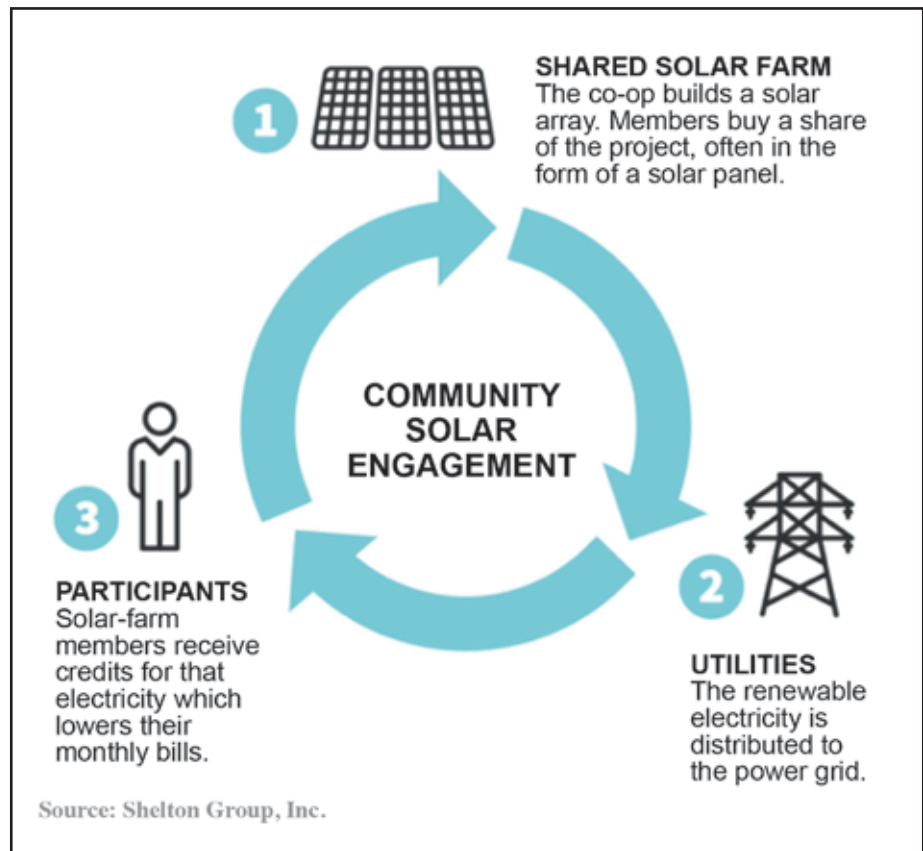
Community solar programs harness natural energy from the sun and often cost less than installing a solar system at your home or business. If you are a homeowner, participating in community solar keeps you from having to worry about zoning restrictions or appealing to your homeowners’ association. If you don’t own your home, not to worry, because renters can participate, too! Any co-op member with a residential account may apply to subscribe to the solar garden.



The community solar model is easy to understand. Oakdale Electric Cooperative partnered with SoCore Energy and built a community solar array. Then, qualified OEC members purchased a share of the energy produced, in the form of one or more solar subscription units. (A subscription unit is the equivalent of one solar panel of electricity producing capacity). The energy is distributed to the power grid and solar-garden members received credits that lower their electric bills.

Participating in a community solar program also eliminates maintenance costs and concerns that can be a hassle for those who own and maintain their own residential solar system. With community solar, solar-garden members don't have the worries of installation, maintenance, and insurance fees, making participation easy.

To learn more about the SunnyOak Community Solar Garden and other renewable programs we offer, contact Oakdale Electric Cooperative at 1-800-241-2468 or [info@oakdalerec.com](mailto:info@oakdalerec.com).



## SUNNY FACTS

**Location:** State Road 80 in Necedah, just south of the Whistling Wings Substation

**Generation Start Date:** May 31, 2017

**Subscriptions Purchased:** 230

**Subscriptions Still Available:** 560

**Total Solar Energy Produced:** 343 MWh – equivalent to powering 41 homes annually.

*The average Wisconsin residential home energy consumption is 703 kWh/month.*



## CAN YOU HELP US FIND THESE PEOPLE?

The following are former members who have capital credit checks that were not cashed. If you know the current address of someone listed here, or of a relative or benefactor who may have rightful claim to the capital credits if the former member is deceased, please contact us at 608-372-4131 or info@oakdalerec.com. Any unclaimed checks will revert to the Wisconsin Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. a charitable tax-exempt trust established by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association for educational purposes.

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**Saturday, October 13**  
**7:30–11:00 a.m.**

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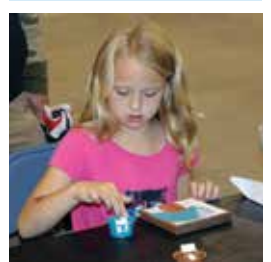
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- Breakfast by Tomah Lions Club
- Co-op Educational Tables
- Flu Shots
- Gift Bags
- Oakdale Credit Union
- Operation Round Up®
- Photo Booth
- Popcorn
- Prizes
- Touchstone Energy®

### FOR KIDS:

- Bounce House
- Caricature Artist
- Corn Pool
- Craft Time Studio
- Face Painting
- Giant Games
- Pedal Pulling

*And more!*



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