

## New Faster Electric Vehicle Charging Station Opens

We are excited to announce a new fast charging station for electric vehicles (EVs) at 214 Chestnut Street NW. This is our second EV charging station in Hartselle, adding to the 7 kW Level 2 Charger on Hickory Street SW, installed in 2021. The Chestnut Street station has two 125 kW fast chargers, making it easier and quicker for EV owners to charge their cars.

The new fast chargers were made possible through a partnership with TVA, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), the City of Hartselle, and Seven States Power Corporation. This project is part of the Fast Charge Network, which aims to provide EV charging along major roads in TVA's seven-state service area.

"We moved quickly to participate in the Fast Charge Network because we want to make it easy for people traveling on I-65, Highway 36, and Highway 31 to have access to this network," explained Hartselle Utilities General Manager Bob Sittason. "The DC fast



The new fast charging station at 214 Chestnut Street NW helps both local electric vehicle drivers and those traveling through our region. Located within walking distance of restaurants and downtown shopping, the new station provides convenience and supports local businesses.

chargers are conveniently located downtown where people can eat or shop while they are charging their electric vehicle."

The initial goal of the Fast Charge Network was to offer a public EV charging station every 50 miles along major interstate highways. The Chestnut Street station is part of Tier 2 of the initiative, which plans for charging stations within 25 miles of the Tier 1 areas. The next tier will focus on adding more charging stations in

rural areas of the Tennessee Valley.

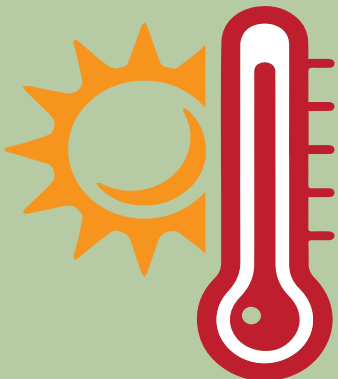
This new charging station aligns with TVA's goal to have over 200,000 electric vehicles on the road in the Tennessee Valley by 2028. This project will help create high-quality jobs, reduce carbon emissions, and reinvest money into the local economy. Over the past ten years, \$17.2 billion in EV and battery manufacturing has created over 14,000 EV-related jobs in our region.

"The DC fast chargers not only support EV drivers but also bring visitors to our community, helping local businesses," said Sittason. "The funding from TVA and ADECA provided 100% of the project

cost; we could not have been able to do this without their funding. The City of Hartselle provided the site, and we appreciate Mayor Randy Garrison for working with us on this project. I would also like to thank our electric linemen who did a commendable job installing the two chargers."

For information about the Fast Charge Network and to find EV charging stations on your travel route, visit [energyright.com/ev](https://energyright.com/ev).

## Stay Cool and Save Money This Summer!



Both the Farmers Almanac and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predict that this summer will be hotter than normal in the Southeast. Hotter temperatures generally lead to higher utility bills, but there are ways you can cut your energy costs, says Customer Service Manager Jeremy Dorrance. He points out that smaller actions can stack up to save money.

**Here are eight easy tips to help you save money this summer:**

- 1) Use Fans:** Ceiling fans and portable fans can help cool down a room without using a lot of energy.
- 2) Close Curtains and Blinds:** Keep the sun out by closing curtains and blinds during the hottest part of the day.

- 3) Set Your Thermostat Higher:** Set your thermostat to at least 75°F when you're home and higher when you're away. Every degree you raise your thermostat can lower your energy usage by as much as 3%.
- 4) Cook Outside:** Use your grill or microwave instead of the oven to keep your kitchen cooler.
- 5) Seal Leaks:** Check for and seal any leaks around doors and windows to keep the cool air inside.
- 6) Use Energy-Efficient Bulbs:** Switch to LED bulbs, which produce less heat and use less energy.
- 7) Maintain Your AC:** Make sure your air conditioner is running efficiently by changing filters and having it serviced.
- 8) Use a Programmable Thermostat:** Set it to automatically adjust the temperature when you're not home.
- 9) Unplug Chargers and Devices:** Devices, lamps, chargers and other chargeable items use electricity even when not in use.

# New Faces and Promotions at HU



Devin Johnson



Bradley Jones

We are delighted to introduce several new team members who have joined HU recently, bringing their expertise and enthusiasm to our growing departments.

**Devin Johnson** became part of our Electric Department in August 2023, strengthening our lineman team with his skills and dedication.

In September 2023, **Bradley Jones**, **Braxton Peck**, and **Jeremy Ricks** joined our underground utility crews, contributing their experience in construction of water, wastewater and natural gas and further enhancing our service capabilities.

**Ty Chancellor** assumed the role of Water & Wastewater Engineering Supervisor in January 2024, bringing a wealth of experience and leadership to this critical position.

Since February 2024, **Susan Jones** has served as our new customer service representative, ensuring our customers receive the exceptional service they deserve.

March 2024 welcomed **Thomas Satterfield** as our newest meter reader, further bolstering our efforts to provide accurate utility readings and excellent customer care.

Recognizing internal talent, **Kody Turner**, a dedicated member of our meter reading department since October 2018, was promoted in April 2024 to Field Assistant in the Engineering Services Department. In this role, Kody supports natural gas operations and underground utility locating, demonstrating his commitment to HU's continued success.

We warmly welcome all our new team members and congratulate Kody on his well-deserved promotion!



Braxton Peck



Jeremy Ricks



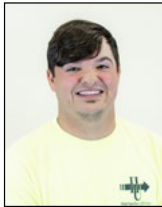
Ty Chancellor



Susan Jones



Thomas Satterfield



Kody Turner

## Rate Changes Effective July 1

Rates for water, sewer and natural gas services will be adjusted effective July 1, 2024.

The water Customer Charge will increase by \$1.00 and \$.0486 per 1,000 gallons of water. The average residential monthly water bill will increase \$1.20.

The sewer Customer Charge will increase by \$2.00 and \$.1118 per 1,000 gallons. The average residential monthly sewer bill will increase \$2.40.

Natural gas Customer Charge will increase \$1.00 and volumetric charges \$.0192 per CCF. For those residential customers who heat their homes with natural gas, the average monthly natural gas bill will increase \$2.27 during the heating season. Hartselle Utilities also adds a Cost of Gas Adjustment (COGA) each month which is calculated based on the commodity price of natural gas for that particular month.

## Hartselle Recycling Calendar

July '24							August '24						
Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
30	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September '24							October '24						
Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Sun	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

Zone 1-A Zone 1-B	Zone 2-A Zone 2-B	Zone 3-A Zone 3-B	Zone 4-A Zone 4-B
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For the full Recycling Pickup Calendar and Zone Map, visit [hartselle.org](http://hartselle.org) or call (256) 773-2643

## Manage Your Account Online



CUSTOMER PORTAL



MOBILE APP

Scan the above codes with your smartphone to access Hartselle Utilities' Customer Portal or to install our Mobile App.



**New Office Hours**  
Hartselle Utilities is open  
Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm

## A message from the Hartselle Fire Department



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling:

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors well away from the home, deck railings, and eaves or overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the surface and in trays below.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Have a non-emergency question or a question about your bill? Email us at [inquiries@hartselleutilities.org](mailto:inquiries@hartselleutilities.org).

We try to respond to billing and general questions within 24 hours; service issues that need investigation may take up to 48 hours. **To report a gas leak, sewer backup or power outage, call our office.** Our phones are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During business hours (M-F, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm), call (256) 773-3340. After hours, call (256) 773-2533 or (256) 773-2588.



256-773-2533 or 256-773-2588  
or 911



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