

### News From the Field

#### Get Recognized, Report Your Accomplishments

Now is the one time of year when Residential Network members stand up and are counted—by reporting their annual upgrades and the associated benefits—and get recognized. If your organization doesn't directly facilitate energy efficiency upgrades, we invite you to share how you supported the growth of the residential energy efficiency market in fiscal year 2016. Let us know what you have accomplished between October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, by submitting a [Reporting and Recognition Template](#).



Thanks and congratulations to Residential Network member [Home Energy Analytics](#) for submitting the first Reporting and Recognition Template of 2017. The organization reported the following accomplishments in fiscal year 2016: 82 energy upgrades, as well as energy savings of 1.456 kilowatts in demand and 62.225 megawatt hours and 13,533 points of carbon dioxide emissions avoided.

The deadline for reporting upgrades and benefits is Friday, May 19, 2017. If you have questions, please contact [Better Buildings Residential Network Support](#).

#### Meet Efficiency Leaders at the Better Buildings Summit

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hosting the [2017 Better Buildings Summit](#) in Washington, DC, May 15–17. Better Buildings' partners and stakeholders will exchange best practices and highlight demonstrated market solutions at the Summit. The agenda includes [residential sector-specific workshops](#) and several cross-cutting sessions focused on residential home energy performance.



May 2017

#### In This Issue

- [Get Recognized, Report Your Accomplishments](#)
- [Meet Efficiency Leaders at the Better Buildings Summit](#)
- [New Technologies Enhance Home Energy Scoring Tool](#)
- [Holland, MI, Energy Efficiency Program Saves \\$12.7 Million](#)
- [Residential Network Blooms with New Members](#)
- [Get the Latest Resources and Reports](#)
- [Residential Program Solution Center Spotlight](#)

[JOIN »](#)

[DOE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES »](#)

#### Peer Exchange Calls—Register Below

All are invited to take part in these topical calls that serve as a forum to ask questions and engage peers. Register below:

##### June 8

**Expanding Your Reach: Creating Sustainable Energy Communities**

1:00–2:30 PM ET

[Register now](#)

##### June 15

**Home Improvement Catalyst: HVAC Installations That Deliver**

Numerous residential-oriented sessions will take place, including "The Midas Touch: Turning Unexpected Resources into Gold" Tuesday, May 16, at 11:15 a.m., with Jonathan Cohen, who leads the Better Buildings Residential Network, as well as Residential Network members Tim Miller of Enhabit and Tony Raeker of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado.

See the [full agenda](#) to learn more.

## New Technologies Enhance Home Energy Scoring Tool

DOE released the latest version of the [Home Energy Score](#) Tool—the software that calculates the score and generates Home Energy Score reports—with new options to input an expanded array of home energy features. Upgrades such as solar photovoltaics, evaporative coolers, and mini-splits can now be reflected in the calculation of the Home Energy Score. For more information, [watch a webinar](#) that describes changes to the tool.



## Holland, MI, Energy Efficiency Program Saves \$12.7 Million

The Residential Network member [City of Holland, Michigan](#), recently shared the accomplishments it achieved through the Board of Public Works' [Energy Optimization program](#) since 2009. Results showed that customers exceeded the Board of Public Works' goal of saving 10.8 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, and also saved \$12.7 million.



The city is participating in the [Georgetown University Energy Prize](#), which has resulted in heightened awareness of energy conservation and led to an increase in resident participation in the Energy Optimization program. The Board of Public Works also recently updated its Home Energy Monitoring kits that can be checked out at libraries with infrared thermometers.

[Learn more](#) about Holland's achievements and energy-saving goals.

## Meet the Members

1:00–2:30 PM ET  
[Register now](#)

### June 22

**Car Talk: Electric Vehicles and Residential Energy Efficiency**

1:00–2:30 PM ET  
[Register now](#)

### June 29

**Community-Based Social Marketing: Using Social Science and Data to Change Behavior**

1:00–2:30 PM ET  
[Register now](#)

## Find the Latest Peer Exchange Call Summaries

Review new call summaries:

- March 23, 2017  
[Effecting Behavior Change: Energy Report Data Usage](#)

## Residential Program Solution Center Spotlight



**Q:** How can we offer customers different ways to reach their energy upgrade goals?

**A:** Visit the [Better Buildings Residential Program Solution Center](#) to find the answer.

## Related Events

[2017 American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers Annual Conference](#)

June 24–28, 2017  
Long Beach, California

## Residential Network Blooms with New Members

The Better Buildings Residential Network is pleased to welcome its newest members:



- [Energy Resource Center](#) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)
- [Philadelphia Gas Works](#)
- [SaveCal](#) (Sun Valley, California)

Learn more from these programs and other members. Sign up to become a Residential Network member by completing a [membership form](#).

## Resource Corner

### Get the Latest Resources and Reports

- [“Connecting the Dots: Real Estate and Home Performance”](#) (*Home Energy* blog, April 2017)
- [“Consumer Confidence To Drive More Home-Improvement Spending in 2017”](#) (*Construction Dive*, April 2017)
- [Intelligent Efficiency Technology and Market Assessment](#) (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, April 2017)
- [“Women in Building Performance”](#) (*Home Energy* blog, April 2017)

If your organization has recently published a report or distributed a press release, we want to hear from you. Send your announcement to the [Better Buildings Residential Network](#), so we can be aware of it for future issues of the *Network View* or share it on social media.

## Share the View

Forward this email to colleagues or encourage them to sign up to receive each issue by selecting “Better Buildings Residential Network” when updating their [DOE email subscription preferences](#).

[2017 American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Industry](#)

August 15–18, 2017  
Denver, Colorado

[Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change Conference](#)

October 15–18, 2017  
Sacramento, California

*Have an event you want featured? Email the details to [Better Buildings Residential Network Support](#).*

## Social Media Spotlight



In April, Residential Network member [green|spaces](#) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, [hosted](#) a series of festivals to bring attention to how some neighborhoods use electricity. The main feature of the festivals was artist Jen Lewin's "The Pool," a space with more than 100 circles comprising LED lights that attendees could jump on to trigger light patterns and swirls. The interactive exhibit was designed to educate residents of neighborhoods that [green|spaces](#) supports to save money on their energy bills.

You are receiving this email from DOE's Better Buildings Residential Network. To change your email settings or unsubscribe, [click here](#).

**U.S. Department of Energy**  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585  
[betterbuildings.energy.gov/bbrn](http://betterbuildings.energy.gov/bbrn)