# WattsLine

A publication for and about the employees of Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc.

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### TALENT RESULTS INTEGRITY



#### Back to the Core (Values, that is!)

While Tri-City may be over 60 years old, the Company has operated in eight decades through the years (count from the 1950's to the 2020's), which is a rarity for any business. The reason for our success: Our core values that were set by our founder Buddy Eidel in 1958. Of course, back then, Buddy didn't call them core values, he just called them the right way to do business! **Talent, Results**, and **Integrity** have kept Tri-City going through these many years and they are all based on you, our employees who put their heart and passion into their job. You are the **Talent**.

**Results** are the end product of your hard work. Clients have learned that they can count on us to provide the highest standard of craftsmanship while delivering substantial cost savings to clients via our superior engineering expertise, VDC/BIM and CAD capabilities and project review. During our entire history, Tri-City has always completed the projects it started. Our clients know they can count on us to deliver the **Results** we promise.

Which leads us directly to **Integrity:** how we conduct business with our clients, vendors, suppliers, employees, and the communities in which we live. In the Tri-City family culture, we aim for the Golden Rule, to treat others as we wish to be treated, with respect, honesty and transparency of purpose.

So, what is if that Tri-City employees do that make them successful?

They show up to work, on time, prepared for the tasks at hand with a cooperative attitude. They take responsibility not only for the work they perform but for their own safety and the safety of those around them. They treat their peers, their supervisors, our clients and the public at large with respect. They take advantage of all the training opportunities provided to them. They are open to new ideas and new technologies. *(continued on next page)* 

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They listen and think about what they can do to improve processes and procedures. These employees go on to great success at Tri-City. Now with the fact we have become an Employee Owned Company (ESOP), their efforts and dedication underscore their ownership and commitment to ensure we retain the culture and core values that have led us to success for so many, many years.

These core values shape our decision-making every day, and we encourage you to embrace them. Our mission is, "To Do More Than Is Expected for Client, Community, and Employee." You can help further strengthen our reputation for quality and dependability. You can see why we list **Talent** as our first core value. It all comes back to **YOU**!

Talent - The "right" people are our greatest asset. The future of our organization lies in the hands and capabilities of our employees.
Results- We hold ourselves to the highest standards in the industry.
As a result of this we deliver what we promise while exceeding expectations.
Integrity- Trust & respect is earned. We are honest, respectful,

and transparent in our interactions with our employees, clients, and vendors.

#### **Suggestion Box**

#### Your ideas could be worth \$250!

Do you have an idea that could improve customer service, streamline work processes, and/or save the company money? If so, it could be worth \$250!

The purpose of the Suggestion Box is to encourage employee participation, be innovative, and perform work based on best practices from "those who do the job".

#### <u>Criteria:</u>

Can we use the idea.. make it work? Is there any cost-saving benefit? Does the idea benefit our customers? Does the idea benefit our employees?

Please submit your ideas to Jane Hodges (jane.hodges@tcelectric.com) to be eligible for a \$250 award.

#### Winners for this edition:

Jennifer Landerway, Altamonte Multi-Family/Residential Administration Assistant: Create an informational listing of projects to help direct calls to the appropriate division/department.

**Bettina Hildebrand**, Altamonte Commercial Estimating Administrative Assistant: To photograph new office employees and use it in a welcoming email to the office staff.

Angelina Mollins, Altamonte Commercial Administrative Assistant: To set up training for field personnel who want to use a tablet for ECSM purposes (complete with a sample training presentation)

**Steve Elder**, Tampa Commercial Superintendent: To use GE 2-20 outlet boxes for temporary. They are less expensive than the bell boxes we currently use and are virtually indestructible.

# Read to

There are two employee numbers hidden in this issue of the WattsLine- can you find yours? If you do, you win a \$100 Home Depot gift certificate. Contact Jane Hodges at the Altamonte office if you find your employee number.

Good Luck!

#### Praise for YOUR Work

#### Billy,

I wanted to personally thank you for all that you have done to help make this summer's project at Sickles a success. I have been incredibly impressed by your level of professionalism, dedication, organization, leadership and efficiency as I have watched you continually deliver on the many very challenging commitments that you have made throughout the project. We have a high level of expectation for Tri-City based on our successful partnerships in the past and I'm afraid you've raised the bar even higher.

We were very fortunate to put together a team of several high performing contractors this summer who were all able to provide the necessary resources and come through on their commitments. Thanks to your planning and execution, I believe Tri-City helped set that tone and acted as an example to the rest of the team. Because of that, we were the second school in the district to obtain our CO and word on the street is that Sickles is the shining star of all of the referendum projects this summer. Sickles was also the biggest project this summer so that says a lot.

It has been refreshing to work with someone as dedicated, professional and client focused as you have been on this project and I hope that I get to work with you again. Thank you very much for all of your efforts this summer!

#### Luke Johnson | Senior Project Manager Williams Company Tampa

#### Duane, Mike, Orlando -

Thank you for your partnership on NBA Experience. It looks and functions great and it wouldn't have happened with out the hard work and ingenuity of your team on everything from dealing with scope changes to creative fixture mounting methods. Please pass my thanks on to the other members of the TCE team as appropriate. Well done, thank you and hope to see you on future projects!

Asher Disney

#### Hi Ron,

Just wanted to let you know that you have a really good employee with Emmy! She's super easy to work with, friendly, and quick to respond when I have questions on billings. In this industry, it's hard to come by quality people.

Thank you, **Debbie Rodriguez** Office Manager & Executive Assistant **F&J Developers, LLC.** 

#### Thank you TCE employees for your donations to DPR Construction's Backpack Drive!



#### Congratulations Bruce Haefner to your son Chandler on his Eagle Scout Award!

Pretty cool! My son received this letter from our president, congratulating him for earning his Eagle Scout award!! Chandler is ecstatic!





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## Kudos

Dear Thi City Electrical Contractors, Shark you so much for all you do for Inspir of Central FL. My son low going thus has benefited from all your contributions. Dhave enclosed a stroke of my sin. CJ, at the Christman Party Thank you acquin Sincuely. Kathleen William +





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ch for your support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night event that Ele ted with Tampa Electric Company.

n will slightly exceed \$50,000 towards LLS's goal of finding a cu ial assistance and comfort to families facing the devastation of a

lies and your friends will be blessed with the b

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December 23, 2019

Tri-City Electrical Contractors c/o Jane Hodges 430 West Dr. Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Dear Ms. Hodges,

want to personally thank you and Tri-City Electrical Contractors for your support of inspire of Central Florida. As a parent (my son works in the woodshop) and board nember of Inspire I am so appreciative of your interest and dedication to Inspire.

Without your company's involvement Inspire would probably have had to close. This would have been a disaster to me as a parent, Mark and the other parents. My son, Mark, has worked at Inspire for over 25 years. He loves his work and looks forward to attending Inspire every day.

Thanks so much for all that you do.

Sincerely, John

John F. Bush,

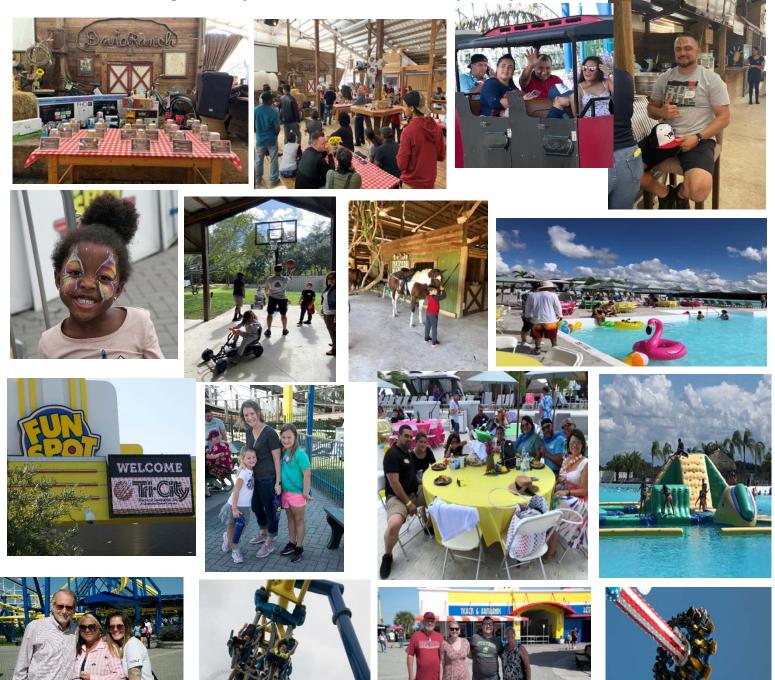


mr. Olmstead, Many thanks to you and the Tri-City team for the cantinued and generous support to help children and families at Nemours. we wish you a jayous holiday season and all the best in the new year. with gratitude, LaurenNelson Nemans-Fund fa Children's Health

Send your team Kudos to Social. Media atcelectric.com for the next issue of the WattsLine!

# |That's a wrap on the 2019 Company Picnics! |

A big thanks to all our Tri-City employees and families across the state of Florida that came together this fall at our Divisional Family Picnics! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. throughout the year and look forward to many more years to come.



### Social Scene



Brad Lewis, Doyle Black, Paul Mansingh, George Kania, Cristian Cardenas, and Derek Rosa attended the ACT-Drive Shack event representing Tri-City.



#### Central Florida 2019 Excellence in Construction Awards

- Jaleo Restaurant Disney Springs. Congratulations to Estimators Dennis Jones and Jeff Neidich, Project Manager Vanessa Medina, and Superintendent Gary Hamer.
- Ready Creek Improvement District Parking Garage A3- Congratulations to Estimator Dennis Jones, Project Manager Orlando Suarez, and Superintendent Grant Bergeron.
- AdventHealth Winter Park Hospital. Congratulations to Estimators Andy Burger, Lambert Malone, Glenn Donehoo & Tim Adams, Director of Health Care Construction Matt Hardy, Field Operations Manager R.T. Tavarez, Project Manager David Sweat, General Superintendents Ted Stanton and Wade Martin, and Superintendents Jario Rosario, Bill Billups and Mark Cullymore
- International Parkway Freestanding Emergency Department. Congratulations to Estimators Troy Chroniger, Andy Burger, Lambert Malone, Gregory Evens, Director of Health Care Construction Matt Hardy, Field Operations Manager R.T. Tavarez, Project Manager Stephen Egloff and Superintendent Felix Navarro.
- Tuscan Gardens of Palm Coast, a multi-family project. The project team consisted of Vice President Rance Borderick, Estimator Jeff Loerzel, Project Manager Jeremy Williamson and Superintendent Eloy Ramirez.











2019 ABC Central Florida Chili Cookoff

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Best Booth

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Best Chili

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# Crazy Holiday Wear at the Altamonte Office

Employees shared the holiday spirit on Friday, December 13 by wearing their most festive (and interesting!) holiday apparel. Great fun was had by all!

# The Whole Crew 430



















# |Prefab|



Prefab employee Ross Cherichel preparing pipe for Fish Memorial.

Have you calculated the project cost savings for using Prefab on your job?

Prefab employee Stacey White working on temporary for Sarasota Memorial Hospital-Venice.



Prefab employee Cruz Ramirez bending pipe for Fish Memorial.



# The 7 Primary Benefits for Pre-Fab:

- Eco-Friendly
- Financial Savings
- Flexibility
- 🧶 Safety
- Consistent Quality
- Reduced Site Disruption
- Shorter Construction Time

# |ESOP|

Our Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP) is an important part of what makes Tri-City unique. It is important to know that for us, being employee-owned means that we care a lot about fostering a positive team environment and hearing your ideas for how to make Tri-City even better. Because all of our employees are owners, we are responsible for working together and improving the company.

What does it mean to be part of an ESOP? In 2017, Tri-City made the decision to put the owners of the company in the hands of the people growing the company – the employees! To be part of an ESOP company means that your individual contributions at Tri-City directly impact your future financial success. Your diligence in your work, your professional and friendly attitude and client relationships, the good care of our jobsites and your tools, and finally your safety practices have all contributed to the making Tri-City and all owners like YOU more successful!



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# Hard Hat Challenge

Submit your answers for this "Hard Hat Challenge" to <u>Social.Media@tcelectric.com</u> for a chance to win some Tri-City Merchandise! Answers are due by February 14th at 12:00 pm.

What is the longest time period Tri-City has gone with out a recordable safety incident?

We will pick one winner for the closest number of months and one winner for the closest number of man hours worked by TCE employees.

Good Luck!

# |Newly Awarded Projects|

Project	Туре	General Contractor	City
Sarasota Memorial Hospital	Healthcare	Gilbane	Venice
Block G	Office	Coastal	Tampa
Retail 1- Hard Rock Tampa	Retail	RMB	Tampa
Axogen T.I.	Office	DPR Construction	Tampa
AdventHealth Ginsburg East			
Expansion	Healthcare	Brasfield & Gorrie	Orlando
Lakeview Terrace	Commercial	Hoar Construction	Orlando
Universal Project 791	Commercial	PCL	Orlando
AdventHealth EOB			
Expansion	Healthcare	Brasfield & Gorrie	Orlando
AdventHealth Orlando 8th &			
9th Floor	Healthcare	Brasfield & Gorrie	Orlando
Lake Nona HQO Garage	Garage	Hoar Construction	Lake Nona
Orlando Health F Deck	-		
Garage	Garage	Finfrock	Orlando
AdventHealth Altamonte			
HVAC Upgrade	Healthcare	Brasfield & Gorrie	Altamonte Springs
AdventHealth Winter Park ED	Healthcare	Brasfield & Gorrie	Winter Park
Enabling ICU			
RBC Dorm	Commercial	Jack Jennings & Sons	Orlando

# |Recently Completed Projects|

Project	Туре	General Contractor	City
23 West			
Apartments	Apartment	Viking	Gainesville
Bainbridge at Winter Park	Apartment	Bainbridge Construction	Winter Park
ECCO on			
Orange	Apartment	Roger B Kennedy	Orlando
Vista Oaks	Apartment	Epoch Residential	Orlando
Orlando City Soccer Training Facility	Renovation	JK2	Orlando
Oasis at			
Crosstown	Apartment	Picerne Development	Orlando
Hard Rock Live	Commercial	Suffolk/Yates JV	Hollywood
Food Court- Hardrock	Renovation	Suffolk/Yates JV	Tampa
Porte Cochere- Hard Rock	Commercial	Suffolk/Yates JV	Tampa
Wine Bar- Hard Rock	Retail	RMB	Tampa
Cigar Bar- Hard Rock Hard Rock Low Rise/ Pool	Retail	RMB	Tampa
Deck	Commercial	Suffolk/Yates JV	Tampa
Disney 88-2	Commercial	PCL	Orlando
Project D	Commercial	Whiting-Turner	Orlando

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# |Human Resources|

#### 2020 Benefit Changes & Important Reminders

Pharmacy will no longer be under UHC and has moved to OptumRx. New medical cards were sent out and the pharmacy information will be included on your new card. When going to the pharmacy, remember to give them your new card.

Our Flexible Spending/Dependent Care carrier has changed from EBC to Navia Benefits. As long as you have an e-mail address you will be getting a new debit card and you must enroll online.

Friendly reminder that our Dental and Vision carrier is MetLife and they do not issue cards. When making an appointment for either of these benefits, you will give the doctor office your ID Number (Employee SSN) & let them know the carrier is MetLife.

## |Wellness Corner|

Real Appeal – we have a remarkable program that offers a life-changing approach to lasting weight loss. It's called Real Appeal, and because of its potential to transform so many lives, we have decided to offer it FREE for eligible employees and spouses with our UnitedHealthcare insurance and a body mass index (BMI) of 23 or higher.

Tri-City Wellness Room has officially opened! Fully equipped with dumbbells and various exercise machines and yoga sessions throughout the week. For other locations gym membership options will be rolling out shortly.

#### Eat a Rainbow

- Green All shades of green colored produce indicate antioxidant potential and may help promote healthy vision and reduce cancer
- Orange & Bright Yellow Promote healthy vision and immunity. Also reduce the risk of some cancers
- Purple & Blue Strong anti-aging benefits, aide with memory, urinary tract health, and reduce cancer risks.
- Red Help to maintain a healthy heart, vision, immunity, and may reduce cancer risks.
- Neutrals, whites, browns, & pale yellows May promote heart health and reduce cancer risks.

# real appeal

ENEFITS



#### 4 Weeks to More Energy

Week 1: Food – the juice that runs you.

Make sure you're getting
 premium fuel

Week 2: Sleep – your renewable energy source

• When you don't snooze, you lose!

Week 3: Exercise – the pep in your step

• A brisk walk can be a great go-to energy booster.

Week 4: Energy drains - your vitality drags

• This week, make some positive changes to help keep your zip from getting zapped.

### | Employee Spotlight |



#### |Jessica Coronado| Project Manager

What was your first job? When I was 12, during summer vacation, I started off at my father's family business under his mentorship and supervision. My first tasks were to assist the Accountant and the Executive Assistant, and I realized I liked to work with numbers and people. Something that I learned from my father is that "to be a great leader you must learn the ins and outs of the business."

How long have you been with Tri-City? I have been here for approximately three years, but it honestly feels like a lifetime due to the family ambience, and the level of comfort and drive that it gives me to want to be here. This is where I see myself 10 years from now.

What do you like best about Tri-City? The fact that there is room for growth, the great atmosphere and the incredible team we have.



#### |John Fabrizio| Superintendent

What was your first job? My first job was as a freshman in high school through a work study program in Connecticut. I started in a pre-fab department for an electrical contractor. That lead to me being able to enroll in an apprenticeship program and earn my journeymen's license. This set a foundation for my career.

How long have you been with Tri-City? Almost 4.5 years.

What do you like best about Tri-City? What I like best about TCE is that this company really values their employees. It is a supportive and positive environment that truly encourages their employees daily to achieve common goals and success.

### Office Update

The Tampa Office has moved! The new address is below.

5802 Breckenridge Parkway Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33610 813.622.7180



# |Safety|

Eye on Safety Recognition Program

Thank you to Willie Heredia and Eric Gift for helping with a non-work-related medical emergency in the time of need on project 88-2 and saved a life.

The Eye on Safety Program recognizes employees who go above and beyond for Safety!

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Congratulations to the following employees for being the 10 Safest Drivers in the company!

Johnathan Lopez Ted Kinsey	440 100
John Gasper	170
Isais Jurado	500
Bill Billups	100
Anival Castillo	300
Ron Mossor	300
Paul Christian	300
Matt Hastings	100

# This is Why I Work Safe



"I work safely so that I can always be there for my daughter Jasmine and she knows she can depend on me. And for a happy and healthy retirement!"

-Justin "Jay" Roberson Warehouse Manager Altamonte Headquarters

# Why do you work safe?

Send your photo and quote to Social.Media@tcelectric.com

### |Coming Soon..|



Mike Germana, Buddy Eidel, Rance Borderick, Jack Olmstead pictured at the Central Florida Service Awards.

All service award Pictures will be in a special Recognition & Awards issue of the WattsLine in the Spring.

# From Plans to Completion ....

Follow our journey from plans to completion of TCE projects in the next issue of the Wattsline and on Facebook! Submit your project photos to Social.Media@tcelectric.com for a chance to win TCE Merchandise in our next issue of the WattsLine!

Don't forget to send in your future electrician and wedding announcements!

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#### |New Hires|

Luis Barrueto – Superintendent Department 300

Brian Cheek – Superintendent Department 160

Jennifer Fletcher – HR Specialist Department 730

Sherry Vaughn- Payroll Admin Department 710

Edward Garcia-Journeyman/Superintendent Department 160

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Steven Elder-Superintendent Department 400

Andrew Bennett- Assistant Project Manager Department 446

### Have a project milestone coming up? Send in your photos to Social.Media@tcelectric.com



Even Safety Lights Up for the Holidays!

### |Future Electricians|

Congratulations on your family's new addition! Dennis and Krista Montesano Baby's name - Aurora Mary Anne Montesano December 12, 2019 at 1:03 pm 7lbs, 2 oz. 19 inches



Congratulations Superintendent James Langjan on your new granddaughter! Gracee Jean Horn Born Tuesday, 7/9/2019 @ 2:45pm Weight was 7lbs. 4 oz.



Altamonte Assistant Project Manager Cristian Cardenas new son: Cristian welcomed his son into the world November 2, 2019 at 10:10 PM. Aiden Xavier Cardenas born 7 lbs. 3 oz 20" long. Aiden and wife Cortney are doing well.





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# To Do More Than Expected

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Tri-City has received the Top Performer award from ABC, awarded to contractors that excel in safety, quality, diversity and project excellence.

#### News to Share?

Do you have a special announcement to share with the company – wedding, engagement, birth of a child? Send the happy news to <u>social.media@tcelectric.com</u> for the next edition of the WattsLine.

