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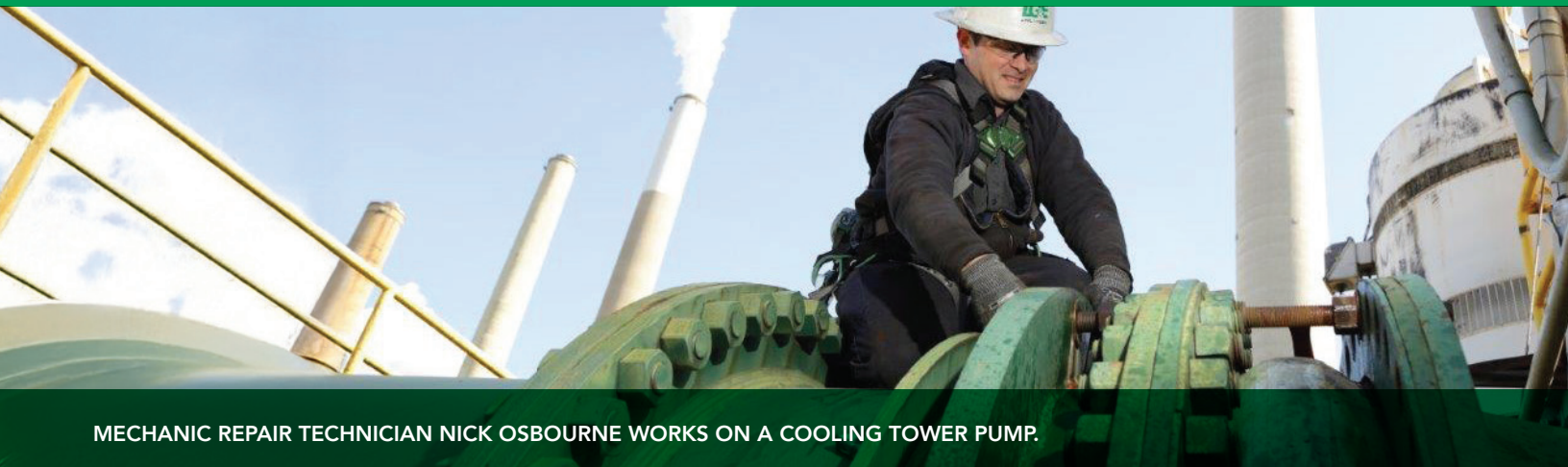
Please enjoy this edition of our Mill Creek *Neighbor to Neighbor* newsletter, LG&E's way of keeping you informed of our activities and updated on major projects in your community.

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# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



MECHANIC REPAIR TECHNICIAN NICK OSBOURNE WORKS ON A COOLING TOWER PUMP.

## KEEPING YOU IN THE MILL CREEK ENERGY LOOP

### DEAR MILL CREEK NEIGHBOR,

It's spring, and the challenging winter is behind us, but not forgotten. Snow, ice and sleet began in early January and lasted most of the month, only to be followed by torrential rains and more Arctic temperatures in February. Mill Creek employees overcame the elements to manage weather-related issues, including coal frozen in rail cars, to maintain reliable generation. As a result, our three generating units operated with minimal issues. I am very proud of our talented team and their dedication to maintaining service to customers amid these very difficult conditions.

In other news, Unit 4 recently underwent planned maintenance to ensure it is in top working order for summer's energy demand. Work is progressing on the construction of

Mill Creek Unit 5. A number of partners on that project, along with LG&E and KU employees, recently volunteered for a "Raise the Roof" project to provide affordable housing to local residents. Also, the peregrine falcons have returned, and we're hoping to welcome chicks to the nest soon.

Please read more about these topics and our featured employee, Joe Rogers, in this issue of *Neighbor to Neighbor*.

Sincerely,

Alex Betz  
General Manager,  
Mill Creek Generating Station

## THE POWER OF CONVERSATION

If you have any questions or would like to recommend a future topic, please email us at [neighbor2neighbor@lge-ku.com](mailto:neighbor2neighbor@lge-ku.com), or complete this feedback form and mail it back to us at the address below.

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## WE'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU :

### UNIT 4 MAINTENANCE WILL ENHANCE RELIABLE OPERATION



Operator Danny Roberts works on a temporary power supply panel during the Unit 4 outage.

This spring, we completed a seven-week planned outage on generating Unit 4. We routinely perform unit outages to overhaul equipment and conduct preventive maintenance work. The very complex project requires collaboration between the plant's operations, maintenance and engineering personnel who

plan and prioritize work scopes with a focus on safety and quality. Many specialized contractors were also on site to assist our team. The maintenance work will enhance the unit's safe, reliable operation.

### MC5 CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Site work continues on Mill Creek Unit 5 (MC5) – our new natural-gas combined-cycle generating unit. As work progresses, the level of activity, number of contractors on site and traffic will increase. We will continue to take measures to mitigate any inconveniences for you, including continuously spraying water on the construction site and roads to control dust. We have modified the Gate 3 Dixie Highway entrance, security gates and lighting to improve the flow of traffic and safety.

In addition, we recently received approval for an acceleration/deceleration lane along Dixie Highway to support merging vehicles and reduce the risk of collisions. During this construction, the southbound lane of Dixie Highway will be reduced to one lane.

Mill Creek 5 is scheduled to go into commercial operation in 2027. In the meantime, if you have questions, reach out to us at [neighbor2neighbor@lge-ku.com](mailto:neighbor2neighbor@lge-ku.com). You can also learn more about MC5 and the work progress at [lge-ku.com/mc5](https://lge-ku.com/mc5).

### VOLUNTEERS 'RAISE THE ROOF' ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING



LG&E and KU employees and four of its partners supporting Mill Creek Unit 5 construction volunteered for a three-day Habitat for Humanity project in March. The "Raise the Roof" project is building 40 homes in the Santa Fe Crossing neighborhood in Pleasure Ridge Park to provide affordable housing to families in Southwest Jefferson County. LG&E and KU have been longtime partners of Habitat Louisville since 2004, contributing more than \$692,000 to date through the LG&E and KU Foundation.

### PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

Community involvement is important to us at Mill Creek. We recently demonstrated that through support of:

- The annual Southwest Community Ministries Giving Back Gala.
- The Derby Brunch at Riverside: Farnsley-Moreman Landing.
- The American Red Cross blood drive at Mill Creek, where the workforce donated life-saving blood.

### FALCONS ARE IN THE AIR!

Diana, our resident peregrine falcon, has returned to the nesting box in the retired Unit 2 stack, and we are hoping to see chicks later in the season. Watch the falcons live from any computer or mobile device with internet access at [lge-ku.com/falcon](https://lge-ku.com/falcon).

## EMPLOYEE PROFILE

### MEET JOE ROGERS



**What are your job title and primary responsibilities?**

I am a laboratory technician. I collect and analyze samples that are vital to the lifeblood of the plant. The samples I monitor must be maintained within specific parameters through proper chemistry. The various chemicals I feed into these

systems ensure and prolong the life and health of equipment for power generation.

#### How long have you worked at the plant/for LG&E and KU?

I have been at Mill Creek for 23½ years. During that time, I have performed many duties from coal sampling and fineness tests to monitoring and maintaining the ultra-pure water necessary for boiler chemistry.

#### What do you like best about what you do?

I like working with people who are dedicated and committed to doing their jobs and get satisfaction from doing that collectively.

#### Is there something interesting about your job that people do not know?

Most people would visualize a lab tech as a person in a lab coat holding a beaker. There is a lot of labor that goes into being a lab tech at a power plant, from pouring a five-gallon container to pushing or pulling a 300-gallon chemical tote. The job might be described better as a heavy-industrial laboratory technician.

#### Do you have any interests/hobbies outside work?

I have a small orchard of pecan and walnut trees that I grafted along with various other trees and shrubs. In between rows of trees, native grasses and forbs provide habitat for bobwhite quail and many other forms of wildlife.

#### What was the last book you read?

*The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben.

#### What's your favorite food?

My wife's cooking.

#### What's the first thing on your bucket list?

I don't have a bucket list. I take every day as it comes and try to make the best of it.

#### When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was little, I wanted to be an archeologist and then later a forester.

#### What would you do if you won the lottery?

Pay off all my debts and retire.

#### Name someone living or dead with whom you'd like to spend the day.

Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese monk known as the "father of mindfulness."