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You've got mail: In March, 37,000 households in the Bruce area will receive the Winter 2021 edition of our printed newsletter, called *Neighbours*, for the Western Waste Management Facility (WWMF). It's another way to keep people informed about what Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is doing in this area. You can also find it [posted online](#) at the opg.com website, under "Our Communities" – Southwestern Ontario. This edition of *Neighbours* offers stories about OPG's climate-change plan, COVID-19 response, disposal solutions, innovation and recycling, and photos of OPG in the local community.

Pumpkin to talk about: Congratulations to the entire Pumpkinfest team in Port Elgin, for their [Achievement Award](#) from Festival and Events Ontario. The award recognizes their 2020 virtual event, held amid the COVID-19 challenge. OPG was pleased to participate, transforming its traditional OPG Environment Tent into "Pumpkin Pack Wednesdays" – a drive-through pick-up offering bags of interactive fun for families to enjoy in the safety of their own homes. OPG looks forward to supporting the festival again in the fall of 2021.

Around Ontario and beyond:

- **Financial result:** OPG, which is owned by the province of Ontario, [reported net income](#) of \$1,361 million in 2020, up \$235 million over 2019. "OPG provides an essential service, producing more than half of the power used by Ontarians every day. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have taken strong action to protect the health and safety of our workers and communities, while ensuring continued reliability of our generating facilities," said Ken Hartwick, OPG President and CEO. Among OPG's achievements in 2020 were the release of OPG's [Climate Change Plan](#), and progress toward development of a Small Modular Reactor at the Darlington nuclear site, pending regulatory approval.
- **April activity:** OPG is offering online science and cultural programming for kids age 6 to 12, from March 25 through April 29. Called *Virtual Power Kids*, the program supports the rescheduled "March" Break, now occurring in April. Registration is limited – visit www.opg.com/events/virtual-power-kids. For those who cannot attend the live sessions, recordings of each session will also be available post-event, free to all.
- **Respect for culture:** In an online series of [stories about our people](#), OPG visits with John Paul Kohoko, an electrician at Stewartville Generating Station on the Madawaska River in eastern Ontario. A member of council for his First Nation, the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, and a deputy conservation officer for his community, he tried his hands a number of jobs including firefighter, before acquiring his trade skills and joining OPG. He's also a member of OPG's Indigenous Circle, staying connected to his culture and traditions while on the job.
- **Preparing for freshet:** OPG employees are [conducting snow surveys](#) in Northern Ontario, measuring snow depth and density – to get ready for spring freshet, the influx of water into the province's river systems from spring rains and melted snow. The data helps OPG's water managers estimate the spring runoff potential and assist with freshet planning at OPG's hydro stations and dams.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please reach out by email or phone.

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