



Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

February 2010

College Scholarships for Local High School Seniors

We're offering three \$4,000 Utility Industry Scholarships and three \$1,000 Community Service Scholarships to seniors from St. Helens, Scappoose and Rainier School Districts.

Additional information and application forms are available from the counseling offices at local high schools, at the PUD office in Deer Island, and online at www.crpud.net. Applications are due March 12, 2010.



Photo by Tamra Parker

Enter the 2010 PUD Calendar Photo Contest

Each year we produce a calendar for our customers that features scenic photographs taken in Columbia County. To enter this year's contest, send us up to ten of your best photos by September 15th.

Entry forms and contest details are available at our office and on our website: www.crpud.net/community.

Nominate Someone Fabulous to the 2010 My Fair Lady Court

Do you know a fabulous senior woman who volunteers in our community? Nominate her for the 2010 My Fair Lady Court!

The My Fair Lady Pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. The pageant is currently seeking nominees for this year's court.

Nominees must be at least 55 years old but do not need to be a member of RSVP or their local senior center. Nominations are due March 31.

To nominate someone for the court, contact Nancy Harwood at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), (503) 397-5655 or rsvp@opusnet.com, for an application.



24 Hour Outage & Emergency Hot Line: (503) 397-1844 • Email: info@crpud.org
Website: www.crpud.net • Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

Simplify life with **Always Current** Automatic Bill Payment

- Receive your statement by email
- Your payment is automatically deducted from your account
- View your payment history and electricity usage online, anytime



Ductless Heat Pumps - Heat & Cool Your Home for Less

Quiet, easy to use and energy efficient, ductless heat pumps heat rooms evenly in the winter and provide air conditioning in the summer.

Ductless systems provide winter heating at a fraction of the cost of some other types of electric resistance heat, and they are safer and quieter than baseboards or wall heaters.

A ductless system consists of an outside unit and one or more inside "heads" that serve zones in your home. Their simple installation and energy savings make them an excellent option for replacing existing baseboard, ceiling cable, or wall heater systems.



The indoor head of a ductless system sits high on a wall. The outdoor unit is more compact than a typical whole house air conditioner.

\$1,500 Rebate for Qualified Systems

We offer a \$1,500 rebate for ductless systems that are installed in qualified homes that have an existing electric heat system. For complete eligibility requirements, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org or visit www.crpud.net. Federal and state tax credits are also available for qualifying systems. To learn more about ductless heat pump systems, visit www.goingductless.com.

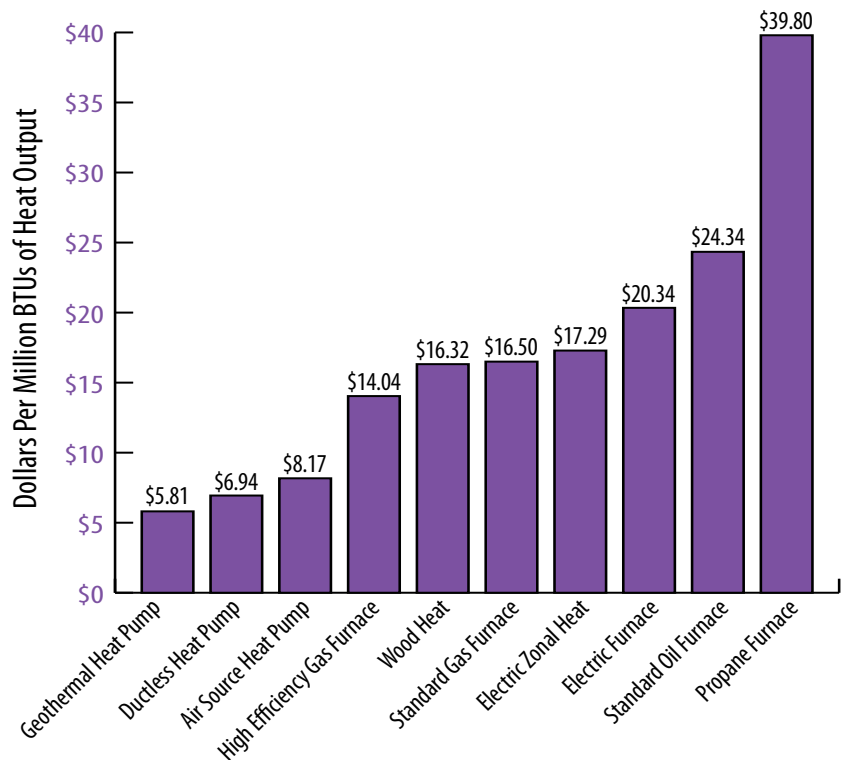
Operating Costs for Home Heating Systems

Here's an important thing to know when choosing a home heating system: Different types of home heating systems vary greatly in their operating costs.

This graph shows operating costs for several common systems, based on an output of one million British Thermal Units (BTUs) of heat.

Geothermal, ductless and air-source heat pumps cost much less to operate than other heating systems. Heat pumps also offer summer cooling, making them a great choice for year-round comfort.

We offer rebates for qualifying heat pump installations, and state and federal tax credits are available too. To learn more, or for help deciding which type of heating system would work best for you, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.



Sign up for **Always Current** - Automatic payment with email billing

Complete this form and return with payment or submit to: Columbia River PUD, PO Box 1193, St. Helens, OR 97051.

****Please include a voided blank check with this form.****

Name: _____

Bank Name: _____

Address: _____

Name on Account: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Bank Routing #: _____

PUD Customer Number: _____

Bank Account #: _____

Phone: _____

Type of Account: Checking Savings

Email: _____

Choose a Password: _____

Add Budget Pay option? (Equal monthly payments, amount calculated each March) Yes No

Signed: _____

Date: _____

