



Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

September 2010

Celebrating Safe, Reliable & Affordable Electric Service

Columbia River PUD is one of more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities in the United States. During Public Power Week October 4-8, please join us as we celebrate the benefits of community ownership:



Affordable Rates - When we began providing electric service in 1984, our residential rates were 5% less than PGE's. Today they are 37% lower. In 2010, that savings will keep \$8.5 million in our customers' pockets, helping our local economy.

Reliable Power - We work every day to maintain the distribution system that delivers power to your home. If your power does go out, our linemen will restore it quickly and do the job well.

Quality Products & Services - From convenient payment options to efficiency & renewable energy programs, we have the programs & services you want.

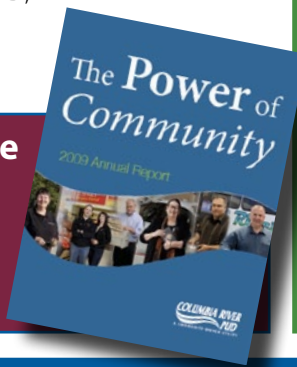
Community Commitment - We sponsor local events, volunteer for local charities & participate in local service clubs. We're committed to making Columbia County a great place to live.

On behalf of everyone at Columbia River PUD, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

General Manager Kevin P. Owens, P.E.

2009 Annual Report Available

Our 2009 Annual Report, *The Power Of Community*, is available for download at www.crpud.net. Or, to request a printed copy, call (503) 397-1844.



Public Power Week Events

Free Spaghetti Dinner

When: Tuesday, October 5, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fairgrounds Pavilion

Seating is limited and tickets are required.

Please pick up a ticket at the PUD office in Deer Island. Limit 6 per customer.

Coloring Contest for Kids

For children in grades K-5. Entries due September 25. Download an entry form from our website: www.crpud.net/community/

Open House at the PUD Office

When: Oct. 4-8, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Stop by and say hello! We'll have prize drawings and goodies for everyone.

Marathon® Water Heater Give Away

Stop by the office or visit www.crpud.net for an entry form. Drawing will be held October 5.



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

Give Light, Offer Warmth with the Neighbor's GLOW Fund

The long days of summer have come to an end, and chilly winter days are just around the corner. For some families, higher winter electric bills are a burden that can create a major financial crisis. There is help for these families through the Neighbor's GLOW Fund.

Your tax-deductible gift to GLOW helps where help is needed most - every dollar goes to customers needing assistance to avoid disconnection of their electric service. You can make a one-time contribution, or donate a little each month as part of your electric bill. To make a donation, just fill out the form on the back of this coupon and return it with your payment.



Save Energy Now - With Help from our Energy Experts



Energy Expert Cathy Cartmill tests a home's duct system. Leaky ductwork can cause air quality problems, uncomfortable drafts and higher heating & cooling bills.

Using less electricity reduces your energy bills and lessens your impact on the environment. We all know we should be doing it. The question is, how?

We can help!

Our Energy Experts are here to help you find ways to reduce your electric use. Their free in-home and online home energy evaluations for electrically heated homes will help you determine which efficiency upgrades would benefit you most. They also offer rebate and quality assurance programs for a variety of efficiency improvements, including home weatherization, ENERGY STAR appliances, and high-efficiency heat pumps.

To find out more, visit www.crpud.net or call (503) 366-5470.

Energy Efficiency Programs & Services for Homeowners

Contact our Energy Experts to Learn More: (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org

Free In-Home and Online Energy Evaluations • ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebates

Duct Sealing Rebates • Ductless Heat Pump Rebates • Thermostat Rebates

Air Source and Geothermal Heat Pump Rebates

Home Weatherization Rebates • Marathon® Water Heater Rebates

ENERGY STAR® Manufactured Home and New Site-Built Home Rebates

Wauna Federal Credit Union now offering *Energy Smart* Loans

Improving the comfort and value of your home just got easier: Wauna Federal Credit Union has a new program for PUD homeowners who want to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

The **Energy Smart** Loan Program will help you save money when making weatherization improvements or purchasing ENERGY STAR qualified appliances.

To learn more or to apply for an **Energy Smart** loan, contact Wauna Federal Credit Union at 800-773-3236 or visit www.waunafcu.org.



Wauna Federal Credit Union

Own the Difference

Shop Local, and Shop Around!

We've all heard the saying - it pays to shop around.

When you are planning a home improvement project, we encourage you to get at least two quotes from different contractors. And be sure to check with our local contractors - there are many local businesses who can provide products and services for you.

If you are planning energy efficiency improvements such as replacing windows, upgrading your heating system or adding insulation, contact our Energy Experts first. They can tell you about rebates and tax credits that your project may qualify for, and give you lists of local companies to contact for quotes.

To speak with an Energy Expert, call (503) 366-5470 or email experts@crpud.org, or stop by our office during business hours of 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday.

GLOW Donation Form

Please add \$1 \$3 \$5 \$_____ to my bill each month.

My one-time donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

Please add my one-time donation of \$_____ to my next bill.

Name: _____ PUD Customer #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Donations to the Neighbor's GLOW Fund are tax-deductible.

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