

December 2016 Newsletter

Update on CRPUD Subdivision 1 Election and Board Seat

On November 8, an election was held for the purpose of choosing the Director to represent CRPUD customers in Subdivision 1, in the Scappoose area, beginning in January of 2017. The candidates on the ballot were Debbie Reed and Nancy Ward. Ms. Ward won the election with 62 percent of the votes.

Prior to the election, Columbia County issued a news release indicating that despite her name appearing on ballots, Ms. Ward may not be eligible to be a Director even if she won the election.

At the November 15, 2016, Board meeting, General Counsel advised the Board that Ms. Ward is not legally qualified for the Subdivision 1 position under the laws that govern the CRPUD, and that she will not be able to lawfully be seated as a Director as a result of this election.

When there is a vacancy on the CRPUD Board, Oregon law directs the remaining Board members to appoint someone to fill the position. We will provide updates on this process at www.crpud.net/boundary.

If you have questions about this issue, please contact Community & Public Relations Supervisor Libby Calnon at (503) 366-3264 or lca@crpud.org.

Happy Holidays from your PUD

The Columbia River PUD Board of Directors and staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Our office will be closed on December 26th and January 2nd to observe Christmas and New Year's. If your power goes out, please call our 24-hour outage & emergency line, **(503) 397-1844**.



Jake Carter, Rob Mathers Win Election

In the November 8 election, current Board President Jake Carter was reelected as the representative for Subdivision 4 customers in the St. Helens area. Rob Mathers was elected to replace Richard Simpson as the representative for Subdivision 3 customers in West St. Helens, Yankton, and south Deer Island. Director-elect Mathers will take office in January.

Quilt Nets Nearly \$1,000 for GLOW

Our GLOW Quilt Raffle raised \$944 for the Give Light, Offer Warmth (GLOW) Program. These funds will help provide emergency bill pay assistance to low-income PUD customers who are behind in their payments and in danger of having their power shut off.

Tristan Wood of Warren was the lucky quilt winner.

Thank you to the Columbia River Piecemakers Quilt Guild for donating the quilt.



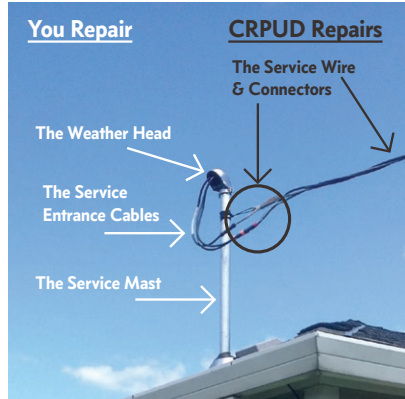
Repairing Overhead Service Damage

Delivering electricity to your home or business is a partnership between you and the PUD.

We maintain and repair the service wires that connect your building to the electricity distribution system and the connectors that link our service wires to your service entrance cables.

You are responsible for maintaining the service entrance cables, the weather head, the service mast, the wires inside these devices, and the wires inside the building.

If you have questions about this, please contact our Engineering Department at **(503) 397-0760** or engineering@crpud.org.



Extra PUD Calendars Available at our Office

Please stop by if you would like one.

Loans Available for Efficiency Upgrades

Looking for good gift ideas for the holidays? How about new appliances or an upgraded heating system? Would you like to lower your energy bill by increasing your home's energy efficiency?



If these projects have been on your to-do list but not in your budget, consider applying for an energy efficiency loan. Loans are available locally to upgrade your heating & cooling system, purchase energy-efficient appliances or weatherize your house. Call our Energy Experts at **(503) 366-5470** or visit www.crpud.net/loans to learn more.

Assistance Available for Veterans

A new program offers low-income veterans assistance with their utility bills. Planting Roots Housing Program launched in November to aid veterans in Columbia County.



The program is offered by Medicine Wheel Recovery Services in St. Helens. It is grant-funded. To learn more about the program, visit www.medicinewheelrecovery.com or call Veterans Housing Specialists Eli or Terri at **(503) 396-5322**.

New Heat Pump Rebates Effective January 1st



Energy-efficient heat pumps keep your home more comfortable and your bills low year-round.

Contact our Energy Experts to learn more about our rebate and quality assurance programs. You can reach them at experts@crpud.org or **(503) 366-5470**.

Rebate Amounts

- High-efficiency heat pump replacing an electric furnace: Up to \$1,250*
- High-efficiency heat pump: Up to \$750
- Standard efficiency heat pump: Up to \$550
- Duct sealing for homes with forced air electric heat: \$250

* Includes \$250 if duct sealing is required
High-efficiency pumps must have an HSPF of 9.0 & SEER of 14.0 or higher.
Standard pumps must have an HSPF less than 9.0 & a SEER less than 14.0.

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