

February 2017 Newsletter

Apply for Our Utility Engineering Internship

Our Utility Engineering Internship Program offers engineering students a chance to learn about utility careers through direct work experience. This year, we plan to hire one summer intern in our engineering department.

The internship program is open to high school seniors or college students majoring in engineering who live in our service area.

Visit www.crpud.net/internship for an application packet. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2017.

My Fair Lady Nominations Open

If you know a fabulous senior woman who volunteers in our community, please nominate her for the 2017 My Fair Lady Court. The My Fair Lady pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair and honors senior women for outstanding community service.



*2016 Queen
Claudia Oblack*

Nomination forms are available at www.crpud.net/myfairlady.

Welcome New Board Members, Rob Mathers and Debbie Reed

The PUD Board of Directors has two new members:

Rob Mathers and Debbie Reed. Mathers was elected to represent customers in Subdivision 3 (Yankton, Deer Island, and St. Helens), and Reed was appointed to represent customers in Subdivision 1 (Scappoose).



Mathers serves on the board of the Working Waterfront Coalition in Portland and is a member of the Portland Freight Committee. Mathers and his wife Annie live in the Yankton area. Mathers is wholly supportive of CRPUD's mission and efforts to provide its customers with quality, reliable, and resilient services at the lowest practical cost.

Reed is a retired paralegal, and she and her husband Mark have lived in Scappoose since 1981. They are active with local charities, particularly the Merchants' Toy N Joy and Scappoose Share and Care programs. Reed's focus as a board member is to continue providing safe, reliable electricity; to find ways to streamline operations to keep rates low; to support programs and services that customers want; and to maintain a safe, positive working environment for PUD employees.

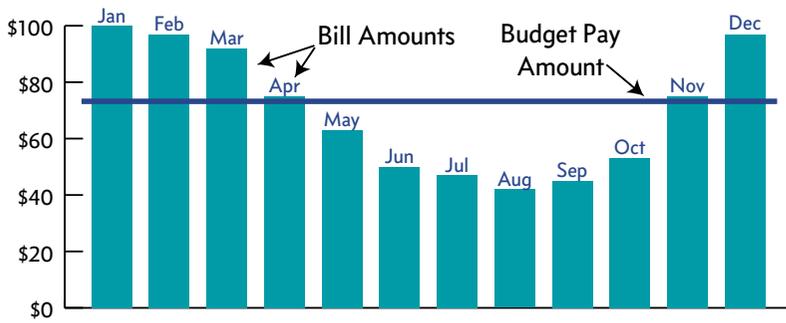
Help Us Honor Community Heroes

We want to find the motivators, the volunteers, and the heroes of Columbia County - all of the individuals who go above and beyond to make our community a better place.

Beginning immediately, the PUD will recognize a different Community Hero each month. Every month will have its own specific criteria, but the overarching theme of the program is the same: To recognize and thank those who give their time and talents to make our community a wonderful place to live.

PUD customers are invited to submit nominations for any month, all year long, at www.crpud.net/hero. For more information, email hero@crpud.org.





Sign Up for Our Budget Pay Plan

Would you like to take the guesswork out of your PUD payment? Sign up for Budget Pay and you'll pay the same amount, year-round.

To switch to Budget Pay, you need a \$0 balance on your account and at least 12 months of account history. New Budget Pay plans are set up in March only, so if you'd like to switch, give Customer Accounts a call at **(503) 397-0590** or email info@crpud.org today.

To learn more, visit www.crpud.net/budgetpay.



Asplundh will trim trees for PUD

Asplundh returns as our tree trimming service starting this year. For the past three years, Wright Tree Service has contracted for us. Now, instead of Wright's white and green trucks, you will see orange and black Asplundh trucks in our territory working to trim and remove tree branches and shrubs that are growing too close to the power line rights-of-way.



Photo by Tracey Barker

Enter Our 2018 Calendar Photo Contest

You are invited to enter the 2018 PUD Calendar Photo Contest, so send us that breath-taking snow photo you snapped last month. The calendar features scenic photographs that are taken in Columbia County, and anyone may enter the contest. Entry forms and contest details are available online at www.crpud.net/calendar.

Start 2017 with a Ductless Heat Pump

A new ductless heat pump can help improve year-round comfort in your home and reduce energy costs. Gene in Scappoose installed one recently and has been happy with the results.

"I'm happy with the machine. It does circulate (heated/cooled air) through the house pretty dang good," he said.

Call our Energy Experts at **(503) 366-5470** to see if a ductless heat pump is right for you.

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