

Public Power Week's 30th Anniversary

Celebrate Public Power Week with Klickitat PUD

Klickitat PUD celebrates Public Power Week, October 2 through 8, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned electric utilities.

Together they are referred to as the public power system, and collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 48 million Americans.

“Public Power Week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity Klickitat PUD provides throughout the county,” says Ray Mosbrucker, president of the Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners. “Public power puts the people of Klickitat County first, and Public Power Week gives us the chance to emphasize the advantages of locally grown, locally owned power that supports strong communities.”

Public Power Week, which was first celebrated in 1986, is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C.

“We are proud to have served Klickitat County for 78 years and to be a public power county,” Ray says. “Our focus goes beyond serving customers. We serve the communities we live in. For us, the hard work is rewarding since our customers are our neighbors and friends.”

Klickitat PUD invites community members to participate in a variety of Public Power Week events. Activities include open houses at KPUD offices,

winter weatherization and rebate workshops, and Operation Warm Heart information. Sign-up prizes are available all week. There will be activities for kids ranging from the interactive power safety and energy-saving show and games to becoming Junior Power Posse members. They can take the power pledge to help stop energy waste in the home. Open houses are Tuesday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the White Salmon office, and Friday, October 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Goldendale office.

Today, Klickitat PUD has 85 employees and owns the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Power Plant, a 13 percent share of the White Creek Wind I Farm output, and 50 percent of the McNary Hydroelectric Fishway Project in conjunction with Northern Wasco PUD.

Approximately 10,744 residential, 1,939 commercial and two large industrial customers make up our customer base. Our service territory includes 1,341 miles of overhead distribution, 312 miles of underground distribution line, 203 miles of transmission line, and ownership of 23 substations. Also included in our business portfolio are 10 water and six wastewater systems throughout the county, owned and/or operated by Klickitat PUD.

We look forward to your visit at one of our office locations during Public Power Week. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2016

10/1—Oktoberfest for Scholars, downtown Community Garden site, Trout Lake

10/1-2—Concours de Maryhill, Maryhill Loops Road, Goldendale, www.goldendalemotorsports.org/Concours-de-Maryhill.php

10/1—Oktoberfest for Scholars, Trout Lake, (509) 395-2630

10/1—Annual Cavalcade of Marching Bands Competition, Edgar Brown Memorial Stadium

10/2—Simcoe Boys at the American Legion, music and dance, 1-4 p.m., open to the public, Goldendale

10/2-8—**Klickitat PUD celebrates Public Power Week**

10/6-9—Fall Home Show, Expo Center, Portland

10/7-9—Simcoe Quilt Retreat, Goldendale Grange Hall

10/10—Columbus Day; Klickitat PUD closed

10/11—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

10/13—In Concert: Maroon 5 with Adam Levine, 7:30 p.m., Moda Center, Portland

10/14-16—Hood River Valley Harvest Fest

10/14-16—Apple Valley Fall Harvest Celebration, country barbecue and live music, Apple Valley Store, Hood River

10/15—Tri-Cities Tap Takeover at 6 p.m., TRAC Center, Pasco

10/15—Vegas Style Glitz & Glamour, 5-11 p.m., Ft. Dalles Readiness Center

10/15-16—Collectors West Gun and Knife Show, Expo Center, Portland

10/15-16—Autumn Days at the Court House Lawn, Goldendale

10/15-16—Gorge Fruit & Craft Show, Hood River County Fairgrounds, Hood River

10/20-23—Disney on Ice: Worlds of Enchantment, Moda Center, Portland

10/22-23—Apple Valley Heirloom Apple Butter Festival, barbecue and live music, Apple Valley Store, Hood River

10/25—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

10/28-30—America's largest antique and collectible show, Expo Center, Portland

10/28-30—Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival, Ft. Dalles Readiness Center

10/29-30—24-Hour Starvation Ridge Team Race, Goldendale, www.overthebarsgang.com

11/4-6—Portland SkiFever and Snowboard Show, Expo Center, Portland

11/4-5—Lyle Community Christmas Bazaar, call (509) 365-2011 for information.