



Okanogan County Electric Co-op Newsletter

2018 Annual Meeting

May 2018

Office Info:

Summer Office Hours:
Mon - Thrs.
7 am - 5:30 pm

Our customer service call center is available 24/7/365 to handle most electric & propane concerns.

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The 79th Annual Meeting on April 16th was attended by about 65 members and guests. The meeting included updates on finances and operations and a recap of the final phase of the PUD's Pateros-Twisp transmission line which will provide redundant power to the Winthrop/Mazama area. The PUD expects to complete this final step in 2018. Propane Company manager, Tracy McCabe highlighted a productive 2017 and encouraged members to rely on our propane company for all of their propane needs. A smart thermostat presentation by board member, Ray Peterson was well received by the audience. Members in attendance received a Power Cube Extended USB compact extension cord. American Legion Auxiliary Post #120 helped wrap up the evening with a delicious treat of pie and ice cream.



Pictured above: OCEC Board President Curtis Edwards stands alongside the rest of the board while he addresses members at the OCEC Annual Meeting.



Pictured right: American Legion Auxiliary Post #120 member Gail Surette serves pie and ice cream to OCEC member Coco Blakeslee. Al Blakeslee looks on in the background.

Annual Meeting Election Results

Alan Watson and Chuck Armstrong were both up for re-election and ran unopposed. The term is three years. The voting tally was completed on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018.

2018 Election Results:

Alan Watson 377
Chuck Armstrong 372
Write in votes 15



Before You Dig the Methow, Call Washington 811



What is Washington 811?

A FREE service paid for by buried utility operators. To Find Out What is Buried Before You:

- Install a fence • Build a deck • Plant trees • Build a shed • Dig a well or septic tank
- Install Sprinkler Systems • Install private utilities to a shop, barn, garage, greenhouse, etc

How do I start?

Two business days before you start digging:

CALL 811 to speak to a live person that will take down your project details; it takes about 10 minutes. OR - BYPASS the call center and complete the process online via Itic; an Option that Allows You to Enter Your Call Before You Dig request Online from any device that gives you access to the internet.

What Happens Next?

The Utility Companies will send a worker to locate their buried lines (for FREE) that might be near your proposed digging area. They will only mark the lines they own. They will not mark any private lines, such as: lines going to fire pits, BBQ's, fountains, spas, yard lights, out buildings, etc.

Each utility company will mark their lines (for FREE) using paint, chalk, flags or whisksers using a standard color code shown below:

What will this cost me? - Nothing! The entire process is paid for by the Utility Companies to help PREVENT DAMAGE to their buried lines.

Do I need a permit to call 811 to get buried lines located and marked? – NO!

How long will the process take? - Except in cases of extreme acts of nature, workers will be out within 2 business days (not including weekends or holidays) after you call 811 or complete the process online.

Colors of Marking Paint:

- White: Proposed Excavation
- Pink: Temp Survey Markings
- Red: Electric Power Lines
- Yellow: Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials
- Orange: Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
- Blue: Potable Water
- Purple: Reclaimed Water & Irrigation
- Green: Sewer and Drain Lines

Save the date! Wednesday June 20th

Open House - 93 W. Chewuch, Winthrop

Come Meet your Board Members and Staff
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Refreshments
- Raffle items
- Arc Demo

See you there!

