

# March 2021

## Newsletter



### 82nd Annual Meeting

#### Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc. Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Members of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative will be held Monday, April 19, 2021.

#### Where:

##### Virtually on Zoom

**Meeting ID:** 825 440 8828    **Passcode:** ocec82

*A link to the meeting will also be available on our homepage [www.ocec.coop](http://www.ocec.coop)*

##### or Call in

1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 825 440 8828

Passcode: 142672

#### When:

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting will open to attendees at 6:30pm

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

#### Office Info:

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**Winthrop, WA 98862**  
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**OCEC will be switching  
to summer hours,  
Mon-Thurs 7AM-5:30PM  
on March 1st.**

This year's Annual Meeting program will include the following panel of speakers:

- **Dr. Susan Prichard** – Forest ecologist with a specialty in wildfire ecology with the University of Washington. Her main interests are the effects of fire and other disturbances on forest dynamics, climatic change on forest ecosystems, and fuel treatment options to mitigate wild fire effects. Prichard lives near Winthrop.
- **Michael Liu** – Retired Forest Service District Ranger in the Methow and currently with Conservation Northwest.
- **Samuel Israel** – Contract forester and currently with Methow Valley Citizens Council.
- **David Gottula** - OCEC General Manager

The program theme is "The Power of Fire Preparedness, OCEC's Wildfire Mitigation Efforts". Dr. Prichard and Michael Liu will start the conversation at a high level on fire issues in the Methow Valley and Samuel Israel and David will go into more detail regarding OCEC's current Firewise fire mitigation program.

## Go Paperless!

Tired of being buried in a mountain of paperwork? Do you check your email more often than your mailbox these days?

The electronic statement options offered by Okanogan County Electric and Okanogan County Energy might be just right for you.

Call our office during business hours to set up your electronic statements.

Reduce your clutter in 2021!

And while you're at it simplify life even more and sign up for Auto Pay!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 14!**  
Set your clocks forward by one hour.



## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below.  
Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

### 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



### 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



### 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



### 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



### 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.

