



Owner's Manual

PUD Awards Economic Development Grants

The Northern Wasco County PUD board of directors recently awarded \$30,000 in grants to fund four local economic development projects. The recipients are all not-for-profit entities.

The Dufur Historical Society Living History Museum received \$2,948 to build a wheelchair ramp to the museum and to replace the building's locks and door handles to make it more accessible.

The Mid-Columbia Economic Development District was granted \$8,127 to renovate their office and meeting space at 515 East 2nd Street.

The Dalles Softball Association received a \$7,000 grant to build a concession stand at Sorosis Park.

The Dalles Swim Team was awarded \$11,925 to purchase a touchpad timing/starting system for use during swim meets at the Ted Walker swimming pool.

"We are so pleased that the PUD is able to help non-profit entities in our community with projects that will bring jobs and visitors to our community," a board spokesman said. "It is these types of investments that enhance the quality of life and human spirit of our citizens and that also enhance economic development and growth. We are proud to be part of that. "It is the trickle down effect when visitors eat at local restaurants, buy gas and shop at local merchants that helps our community thrive."

NWCPUD received 10 grant applications. Unfortunately, while grant requests totaled \$89,453, only \$30,000 was budgeted for the program.

To be eligible for consideration, grant requests must be for development or improvement of infrastructure within the PUD service area and have some degree of permanence. Private, for-profit ventures and projects that have received PUD Economic Development Grant funding twice in a five year period are not eligible. Grants are awarded by the NWCPUD board of directors.



Go Green With Pure Power

Since NWCPUD's Pure Power program began in April, our customers have purchased 184 blocks or 36,800 kilowatt/hours of renewable "green" energy.

By supporting the use of renewable energy sources, your friends and neighbors are helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Voluntary purchases of Pure Power also help to accelerate the development and use of new, domestic renewable energy facilities.

Our customers, Griffith Motors, Wasco County, City of The Dalles and Foster, Peachey and Young have committed to being corporate sponsors of the Pure Power program by both purchasing blocks of renewable energy and by helping

spread the word about its benefits.

NWCPUD purchases one megawatt of wind power called Environmentally Preferred Power (EPP) from the Bonneville Power Administration. EPP is generated from 100 percent wind power that does not pollute the environment or affect fish or wildlife.

When you purchase one or more blocks of Pure Power, we cannot guarantee electrons generated by a wind farm will be delivered to your home or business. We can assure you that your contribution pays for more expensive renewable power to be put on the Northwest power grid, offsetting the need to generate more non-renewable energy.

After signing up for Pure Power, you will see an additional line item on your bill listing the monthly charge.

How much renewable power you sign up for is up to you. Each 200 kilowatt/hour block of Pure Power costs \$5.00 in addition to the regular electric charges.

When you sign up for Pure Power, you will also receive free thank-you gifts including a "green" piggy bank and an energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL).

Isn't it time you signed up for Pure Power? Stop by our office or call 296-2226 today.

Keep Meters and Electric Equipment Free and Clear

It is July and the gardening chores are mounting. If adding new flowers or shrubs are on your to-do-list, please avoid planting them around electric meters. Any existing greenery should be pruned or removed from the area.

Our meter readers and line crews need easy access to equipment to perform maintenance and repairs. Shrubs, trees and flower beds can block access and plants may be damaged as our employees do their work.

If your neighborhood is served by underground lines and you have a transformer cabinet on your property, this equipment must also be kept free and clear.

It is dangerous to plant or work close to transformer cabinets as they contain high-voltage lines. Please teach children and adults to stay away from the cabinets at all times.

Summer toys such as water balloons and water toys like squirt guns or Super Soakers should never be used around electrical equipment.

If you see someone playing or climbing around electrical equipment, tell them to move away.

To ensure the safety of our employees, and access to electric meters, NWCPUD also asks customers to refrain from tying dogs or other pets near the meters.

Make This an E-Z Summer

Thanks to our free E-Z Pay plan, you can take that long trip this summer or just enjoy time around the house, knowing your electricity bill has been paid—automatically.

If you have a checking account at any bank, savings and loan or credit union, simply fill out an application,

and your bill can be paid electronically from your account.

You will still receive a PUD bill each month showing your electrical usage and the amount that was automatically deducted from your checking account. Customers must have a PUD account paid in full to qualify.

Pay it E-Z this summer. Contact our office for an application.

Utility Poles Make Dangerous Bulletin Boards

With yard sale season upon us, please look for creative ways to publicize your event rather than hanging flyers on utility poles.

NWCPUD line personnel climb and work around these poles day and night, and during all kinds of weather. Sharp or protruding objects such as nails, tacks, or wire can make the pole difficult to climb and can seriously injure an employee should a climbing hook be deflected and cause him to fall.

Sharp objects can also damage safety equipment such as rubber gloves, leaving line personnel vulnerable to electrocution.

We, at NWCPUD, want to keep our personnel safe while they are providing quality service to our customers. If you see someone using a utility pole as a bulletin board, please report it to us immediately by calling 296-2226.

Community Calendar

JULY

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Music in the Park
Free concert with traditional Irish music by the Hanz Araki Band, 6 p.m. at The Dalles City Park.

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Jammin' July Streetfest
Music, food and vendors, Downtown The Dalles.
For details, call 298-2829.

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Fort Dalles Days PRCA Rodeo at the Milt Tumilson Arena.
For the details, call 296-2231.

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Fort Dalles Days Parade, Beginning at 10:00 a.m., from Cascade Square.

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Music in the Park
Free concert with acoustic blues and ragtime artists, Del Ray and Steve James, 6 p.m. at The Dalles City Park.

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Fourth Sunday at The Fort, violin and guitar music from the 1800's by The Dunningtons, 4 p.m. at the Ft. Dalles Museum.
Call 296-4547 for details.

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Northern Wasco County PUD Board Meeting, 6 p.m., 2345 River Road, The Dalles.

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