

## Solar Powered

*PUD building remodel includes solar water heating and power generation*

The dust and dirt have settled and NWCPUD employees are enjoying their remodeled offices and facilities at 2345 River Road.

The project, which was completed in September, included the installation of two rooftop solar energy systems on the garage that houses district vehicles and service trucks.

One system heats the water used in the PUD buildings; the other generates electricity that is used at the facility.

PUD warehouseman Earl Ayers oversaw the entire remodel project including added office, training and records retention space, a new crew room, an expanded board/community meeting room and a remodeled front entry.

In addition to the rooftop solar panels, energy-efficient lighting and recycled materials were used where applicable. ■



Solar panels on the roof of the PUD garage generate electricity that is used at the facility.



**Warehouseman Earl Ayers oversaw the remodel of the PUD offices and facilities, including the installation of this solar heating system that provides hot water to the buildings.**

## Falling Behind? Let Us Help

Don't sweat your electricity bill. Customers who have difficulty making their monthly payments should contact the PUD office at 296-2226 to make payment arrangements.

Communicating with the PUD is always better than ignoring the bill.

Customers who fail to make a payment without notifying our office risk having their service disconnected. Those who notify the office prior to receiving the disconnect notice can preserve their credit history with the PUD.

NWCPUD has a military assistance fund available to help local military families pay their electric bills.

Part of the Neighbor to Neighbor program, the fund was created with donations from customers, employees, individuals and civic organizations in our community.

To qualify, a family must be a current NWCPUD customer and be dependent upon a primary wage earner

serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq or Afghanistan.

NWCPUD offers a low income discount to customers that qualify on residential (domestic) service billed during the months of November through April.

This discount is offered to customers who are low income, 60 years and older, or who are disabled.

NWCPUD offers two levels of assistance: a 10 percent discount and a 35 percent discount.

The discount is based on income and follows the Federal LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) income and eligibility guidelines. The guidelines are adjusted annually.

The fund is administered by the local Mid-Columbia Community Action Program (MCCAP).

If you believe you may qualify for a discount, please call the MCCAP office in The Dalles at 298-5131. ■

# NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PUD

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### October 13

##### **Birthday Bash.**

Celebrating history, community and literature as Oregon turns 150 and Klindts Booksellers turns 140. Free food, music, kids' games, and nine Northwest authors, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Klindts Booksellers and Annex.

For details, call 296-3355.

#### October 24

##### **Dodgeball Tournament.**

Fundraiser for Northern Wasco Parks and Recreation's Excellent Adventure program, at The Dalles Wahtonka High School gym (west campus). Entry fee \$100 for coed team of eight or more.

For information, contact or to register a team, call 296-9533.

#### October 27

##### **Northern Wasco County PUD Board Meeting.**

6 p.m., 2345 River Rd., The Dalles.

#### October 30

##### **Boo Ball**

Wonderworks Children's Museum 21 and over Halloween costume party with DJ and dancing, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., 206 Madison St. Tickets on sale at Klindts Booksellers and Wonderworks Playstation.

For information, go to [www.wonderworkschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.wonderworkschildrensmuseum.org).

#### October 31

##### **Downtown Treat or Treat.**

Kids come in costume to trick-or-treat, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Downtown The Dalles.