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**9 a.m.**

Monday 12/15/08

Monday 01/05/09

Monday 01/19/09

Monday 02/02/09

Tuesday 02/17/09

## As Winter Approaches– Be Prepared

As we write this newsletter on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, winter is on the way, really. It may be sunny today, but we all need to be prepared for what Mother Nature may send us in the next few weeks. Your PUD is preparing as we do every year at this time; stocking up on fuses, splices, and the material we use to repair damaged powerlines. Our tire chains are ready, and the crew is rested and ready for the long nights that come with winter storms.

We encourage you to also prepare. Although we try to keep the lights on, Mother Nature can be a strong opponent. We have seen her load ice and snow on the powerlines to the point that things break; wires, poles, and crossarms. And, with wind, the lights can and will go out.

You should have your flashlights and batteries, some dry and canned food, a mechanical can opener, First Aid Kit, some bottled water, an old-fashioned 'plug into the wall' telephone, and any medical supplies you may need in an outage. AND, if you have a medical condition that requires electricity to manage, you should either have back-up power or a way to relocate in severe weather.

Preparing now can make the winter power outages much more tolerable.

Manager, Bob Wittenberg

## OPERATION WARM HEART Warm Hearts = Warm Homes

Operation Warm Heart is a program that helps families keep their lights on in the cold winter months. Last year, you, the community donated \$6,676.85 which served 34 different families.

Contributions to the Warm Heart Program are tax deductible and are very much appreciated by those who receive the gift.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each person who donated to Operation Warm Heart.



**Applications For Special Electric  
Rebate For  
Low Income Senior Citizens Or  
Low Income Handicapped Citizens  
For 2008-2009 Available Now**

This application is for a special electric bill rebate for qualifying low-income senior citizens or low income handicapped citizens. Persons who qualify in both categories may receive only one rebate, and only one rebate is allowed per account or household.

**SENIORS:** To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older on January 1, 2008. You must be the head of household. The account must be in your name or your spouse's name. Income is considered from all sources. Proof of income is required.

**HANDICAPPED:** To be eligible, you must be the head of household. The account must be in your name, or your spouse's name. Income is considered from all sources. You must be classified as handicapped by a copy of your Social Security Administration Notice of Award for Disability, or a current handicapped parking license or tag. Proof of income is required.

You will receive a rebate according to the Scale on the Rebate Application with a maximum of \$200.00 per account.

The income guidelines are as follows:

One Person can make up to \$16,000 per year.

Two Persons can make up to \$21,000 per year.

Applications are available at the PUD Office or Skamania County Senior Services would be happy to fill out the Senior Rebate for those over 62 years old. Call 427-3990 if you need assistance.



**From Your PUD Staff**

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