

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### June

**2**—White Salmon Springfest Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m. to noon, Rheingarten Park, White Salmon

**4**—Jersey Boys, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Retter & Co. Theatre at the Toyota Center, Kennewick

**5-9**—Rose Festival Fleet Week, Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland

**7**—Gorge STEM Fair, 5 to 7 p.m., downtown Hood River

**7-9**—Alder Creek Pioneer Picnic & Rodeo, Friday, 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., Cleveland Park, Cleveland

**7-9**—Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous, Friday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacajawea State Park, Pasco

**7-9**—Craft Beer & Wine Fest, Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m., Esther Short Park, Vancouver

**8**—Second Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River

**11**—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

**14-16**—Delta Park Powwow, Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m.; Sunday, noon, East Delta Park, Portland

**15**—Trout Lake Endurance Ride, 5:30 a.m., near Mount Adams Horse Camp, Trout Lake

**15**—Gorge Hops & Hogs Fest, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Lewis & Clark Festival Park, The Dalles

**15-16**—Ketchum Kalf Rodeo, 12:30 p.m., Glenwood Rodeo Grounds

**15-16**—County Free Weekend, Maryhill Museum of Art

**20-22**—Cool Desert Nights, Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight, Uptown Shopping Center, Richland

**21-22**—Gorge Blues & Brews Festival, Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m., Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson

**21-22**—Cider Summit PDX, Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday noon to 5 p.m., Fields Neighborhood Park, Portland

**22**—Mid-Columbia Relay For Life Fund Run, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Wahtonka Field, The Dalles

**22**—Three Rivers Contra Dance, 6 to 9 p.m., Memorial Park, Pasco

**23**—Mariachi & More Festival, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Columbia Park, Kennewick

**25**—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

**27-30**—Wings of Freedom Tour, Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pasco Aviation Museum, Pasco

**28-30**—Portland International Beerfest, Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m., Pearl North Park Blocks, Portland

## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

*Keeping cool and comfortable in summer and watching your electricity use does not have to be difficult*

Follow the tips below to get the least cost and greatest comfort this summer.

- Make sure your central air-conditioning system or window unit is properly sized for the space it is meant to cool. Improperly sized units use more energy than needed.
- Remember, window air-conditioning units generally are not designed to cool more than one room.
- Clean or replace window unit or central air-conditioning system filters monthly. Dirty filters cause air conditioners to work harder and use more energy.
- If you have a central air-conditioning system, do not close off unused rooms or air registers. The system will be less efficient, and will cost more to operate.
- Make sure outside air-conditioning units or heat pumps are not blocked by shrubbery, leaves or other objects.
- Set the thermostat on the highest comfortable setting. Raising the temperature just 2 degrees can reduce cooling costs as much as 5%. It is recommended to set your thermostat between 72 and 77 F.

### Heat Transfer and Airflow

- Check weatherstripping around doors and caulking around windows. Properly sealed doors and windows help prevent warm outside air from entering the home.
- Close blinds, shades or drapes during the hottest part of the day to block the sun's heat.
- Make sure the attic is properly ventilated to eliminate excess summer heat.

### Household Tips

- Place heat-producing appliances such as lamps and televisions away from the air-conditioning thermostat to prevent inaccurate temperature readings.
- For homes without air conditioning, use fans to draw cooler air inside during the night and to circulate air throughout your home during the day. Use only when the home is occupied. Fan blades should rotate counter-clockwise in summer months.
- Save jobs that produce moisture—such as mopping and washing dishes or clothes—for early morning or nighttime hours. The humidity from these activities can make homes uncomfortable. On hot days, cook outdoors, use a microwave or prepare cold meals to avoid excess heat in the kitchen.
- Try not to use a dehumidifier when your air conditioning is on. Dehumidifiers increase the cooling load and forces the air conditioning to work harder.
- If planting permanent shade trees, place them to the east and west sides of the home. South-facing walls benefit from the sun the most in the winter through passive solar energy. Therefore, planting trees to the south could decrease that warming effect. ■

*To learn more about home cooling and energy-saving rebates, contact Anita, Klickitat PUD's energy services specialist, at 509-773-7622.*

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BUT THE POWER ABOVE CAN STRIKE YOU DOWN.**



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to work safely



**BE ALERT FOR POWER LINES WHEN WORKING OUTSIDE.  
IDENTIFY POTENTIAL HAZARDS BEFORE STARTING ANY TASK.**