

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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National Electrical Safety Month

Farmers Market every Saturday, May 6 through October, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ekone Park, Goldendale

9—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

9—Klickitat PUD customer meeting, RimRock Community, 6:30 p.m., 53 Adams Loop Road, Goldendale

7-13—Klickitat PUD celebrates "Drinking Water Week" with the American Water Works Association

10—Klickitat PUD open house in celebration of National Electrical Safety Month and Safe Drinking Water Week, Goldendale and White Salmon, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11—Klickitat PUD customer meeting, Bickleton Grange Hall, 7 p.m., Bickleton

12-13—Classy Chassy Show and Shine, 4 to 6 p.m., Downtown Kennewick

12-13—NW Quilter's 43rd annual Quilt Show, Expo Center, Portland

13—Spring Gun Show & Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Masonic Hall, 210 South Columbus Ave., Goldendale

5/16—Klickitat PUD annual business update at Bingen City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Bingen

20—Western-style barbecue, 4 p.m., Maryhill Museum. Reservations at (509) 773-3733 ext. 20, Goldendale

20—Mt. Adams Equestrian Endurance Ride, Mt. Adams Horse Camp, Trout Lake, (509) 395-2065

20—MC Magic's Summer Kick-Off Concert, 6 p.m., Sun Dome, Yakima

20—Wasco County Children's Fair, The Dalles City Park, Union and 5th St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

20—Sportsman's GrassCar Lawnmower Racing, noon to 2 p.m., Wamic, www.sportsmansgrasscarracing.com

20-21—Wes Knodel's Rose City Gun & Knife Show, Expo Center, Portland

23—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale

24—Energy-Efficiency Campaign: Ductless Heat Pump Workshop, 6 to 7 p.m., Mount Adams Elk's Lodge, 124 NE Church Ave., White Salmon. Registration at www.nwseed.org or call (509) 596-1181.

26—Tim McGraw and Faith Hill's Soul2Soul Tour, RoseQuarter, Portland

27—Tango lesson and dance, 6 to 9 p.m., Maryhill Museum, call to register, Goldendale

27—Sportsman's GrassCar Lawnmower Racing, 12-2pm, Wamic, www.sportsmansgrasscarracing.com/

29—KPUD offices closed for Memorial Day.

Call 811 Before You Dig

Spring is finally here! With the snow melting and the ground ready for planting, eager homeowners are gearing up to start their outdoor digging projects.

Before you grab that shovel, remember to call 811, the national call-before-you-dig number.

Striking an underground utility line while digging can harm you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

You must call 811 before every digging project, from simple landscaping projects such as planting trees or shrubs, to building a deck or installing a rural mailbox. One simple phone call ensures buried utility lines get marked.

Every 6 minutes, an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Do not become part of the statistic.

You also can go to the website, www.callbeforeyoudig.org, and enter your locate requests online.

Here is how it works:

- One call to 811 notifies all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.
- Call at least 48 hours prior to digging.
- When you call 811, a representative will ask for the location and a description of your project.
- Klickitat PUD will send an employee to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.
- Once lines have been properly marked, roll up your sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.

KPUD representatives for marking electrical lines are Dan Charters, Ed Lexa and Tim Garrigus. They respond to requests from the notification center and mark the underground power lines, cables or conduits, and lighting cables with red spray paint.

Did you know KPUD provides water and wastewater services to many

communities throughout the county?

Water and/or sewer lines are maintained by the PUD in Glenwood, Klickitat, Lyle, Dallesport, Roosevelt, Bickleton, Wishram and the areas of Ponderosa Park and Rimrock in Goldendale.

If you dig in one of these communities, a member of the PUD water-waste-water crew will respond and mark the appropriate water and sewer lines.

These crew members are Rod Kiser, Tim McMurrin, Brandon Walter, Noah Halm and Greg Watson.

Water is marked in blue, and sewer and drain lines are marked in green.

Take special care and dig by hand within 2 feet of the spray-painted marks. Accidental contact with any of these lines can result in serious injury.

"When you call, be prepared to answer a few questions," says Staking Engineer Aaron Estey. "You may even find it helpful to identify your proposed dig site on a map so you can recite the city, county and any obvious landmarks."

Aaron says callers should determine the distance and direction from the nearest cross street. If there is not a specific street address, the township, range, section and quarter-section of the work site is necessary. He says you also are required to mark the boundary of the excavation area with a white marking product.

Each year, KPUD receives more than 1,300 location requests. This service is dedicated to protecting citizens and construction personnel who work around utilities, as well as safeguarding the underground infrastructure of your community.

Calling before you begin excavation prevents damage to underground facilities, service interruptions and bodily injury.

Work safely this season. Know what's below. Call before you dig. ■

Always Call Before You Dig.



**One easy call gets your utility lines marked
and helps protect you from injury and expense.**

Safe Digging Is No Accident: Always Call 811 Before You Dig

Visit call811.com for more information.



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