

OUCC Presidents News Letter, November 2016

Greetings to all the OUCC's,

As our year draws closer to the end of 2016 and for the most part, our construction slows down through the winter months, let's reflect on all the great accomplishments your councils have succeeded in for our damage prevention and public awareness for 811.

The 811 trailer was completed and used for a number of events throughout our state. This was a great effort by Bryan Baxter from Northwest Natural and supported by the board to purchase and build the trailer to his design. Our OUCC website now has the trailer include on the calendar schedule. If your council would like to use the trailer for any event in 2017, look on the web for availability, and then contact Bryan, Kitty, or myself to have your date locked in. We will have more to share at our December meeting south of Roseburg at the Seven Feathers Resort.

We have heard from a number of councils on the success of their contractor gatherings. Keep sending your pictures and updates to Kitty. If you haven't noticed yet, we are posting those on our Facebook page for anyone connected to the <u>www.facebook.com/digsafelyoregon</u> to view.

At our December Presidents meeting we will be discussing and implementing a new format on the financial assistance provided to each council. You won't want to miss this one and I encourage your council to send at least one representative to help in deciding our new process and policy. Kitty will be sending out more information soon for reservation and confirmation of attending.

You should be receiving information from the PUC on the investigations conducted by them for RAA's in our state and the responses sent to the parties involved. If you have any questions on these, or would like more information on the training and follow ups for an RAA, we are planning to set time to discuss this process and try to answer any questions you might have.

Lastly, thank you to all your members and especially the representatives from each council that take time out of your jobs to help promote our damage prevention, public awareness, and help to explain to the public on the importance of calling 811 before they dig.

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