



## **OUCC President's News Letter November • 2017**

Hello all and welcome to the official start of the Holiday season. As I am sure you are all wrapping up the end of your year, I wanted to throw out a few reminders as well as to share a few things from this end.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to see Kitty's email regarding the thank you gift from the OUCC. We all know how much work can fall on the leadership of the local councils and this is our small way of recognizing that. The deadline to place this order is next week, so please identify up to 5 people on your council's officer team to receive this recognition. Send your order to Bryan Baxter at [btb@nwnatural.com](mailto:btb@nwnatural.com)

I'd like to take a moment to talk about attendance at the state meetings. We had to cancel our August meeting, as there were only 2 people that RSVP'd and our meeting in October in Hermiston was poorly attended. As you all know, this is a great time to share what we are doing around the state as well as network with other folks that share this passion. I would love to hear some of your ideas as to how we might make these meetings more successful. We discussed and agreed at our quarterly meeting in Hermiston, that the OUCC will start their meetings at 10:00 am in 2018. With that in mind, we will be holding a meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 in Salem at the NW Natural facility located at 123 Broadway NE, Salem, OR 97303. At this meeting we will hold our Officer elections as well as discuss some ideas to help increase attendance at both the state and local meetings. We will also have two guest speakers, Erica Hunter with Puget Sound Energy, who will come and share with us 'Personal Contact – A Great Damage Prevention Tool' and Kevin Bissell with One Call concepts will present the Oregon 811 app. It should be a great meeting and I will be looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make it.

Logistics for OUCC Meeting– December 12, 2017:

- Meeting starts at 10am. Lunch provided

- Meeting Location: NWN – Salem Facility

3123 Broadway NE, Salem • OR • 97303

Please be so kind and RSVP Kitty Davis [kitty@digsafelyoregon.com](mailto:kitty@digsafelyoregon.com) as soon as possible.

- Hotel Accommodations: Red Lion Hotel

3301 Market St. NE • Salem, OR 97301

Call 503—370-7888 to make your reservations. Our group name is under Oregon Utilities Coordinating Council and our group rate is \$93 a night.

Cut off date for hotel reservations are 12/01/2017.

- Guest Speakers: Erica Hunter with Puget Sound Energy will present ‘Personal Contact – A Great Damage Prevention Tool’. And Kevin Bissell with One Call Concepts will present the Oregon 811 app.

Other agenda items to discuss:

-Dawn and I have developed a general agenda for each council to start with as a way to make sure we are collecting and covering similar information at all of our meetings. Please bring your suggestions and or input.

-Hold elections, both at the local and state levels.

-Don't forget to register for the upcoming Oregon Utility Safety Summit at: <http://oregonutilitysafetysummit.com>



Until next time...”Dig Safely”.

*Scott Gallegos*

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