

The Info Bulletin

MAY 2019

Member Profile: Elizabeth McClure



Elizabeth McClure, a self-proclaimed “can do girl,” has lived her life accepting new challenges and adapting to the environment around her.

At age four, Elizabeth and her parents moved from Eugene to Honolulu, Hawaii to be near family. Her most vivid recollection of living in Hawaii was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. “That morning during breakfast with my family, my father made a comment about how the army was flying a lot of maneuvers. The sky was alive with low flying planes revving their engines to get over the ridge behind our house. When the bombs began to drop two blocks from our home we ran to our front porch where we watched in shock and despair as Pearl Harbor was bombed.”

As chaos unfolded, martial law was enforced. Elizabeth

and her family housed young service men who were waiting to receive their assignments to fight in the South Pacific. Elizabeth recalls, “I was given a gas mask that I was required to have in my possession at all times. Businesses closed by 4 p.m. and the streets were off limits to civilians after 9 p.m. Curfew was strictly enforced and severe penalties were issued to those not in compliance.”

The family returned to Oregon after the war where Elizabeth later graduated from Roosevelt High School in Portland. After getting a college degree in teaching, Elizabeth held positions with United Airlines, KATU news, Legal Services, and Sprague High School. Elizabeth thrived on new opportunities and was determined to overcome any obstacles that came her way.

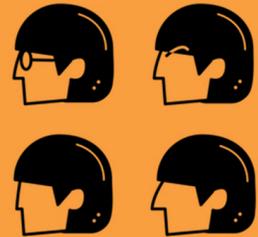
In 1968 she met the love of her life Marshall McClure, “Mac” for short. Both shared a love of travel and enjoyed trips to Canada, Europe, Mexico, and traveled throughout the U.S. in their RV. Since Mac’s passing, Elizabeth’s love of art and travel keep her busy. She recently visited Guatemala and Cuba where she enjoyed music, food, visiting with the locals, and taking photographs. Her artwork is on display in the Grand Hotel and in art galleries on the Oregon Coast. 

Save the Dates!

Electric Vehicle (EV) 101



Want more information on EVs? On June 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EV experts from FORTH will be at Salem Electric to answer questions and provide the opportunity to test-drive an EV.



Concert in the Park

Join us for a fun, family-friendly evening on Friday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheatre (1900 Chemawa Road N). The evening will include strawberry shortcake and music from Abbey Road LIVE (a Beatles tribute band).

Mark your calendar—you won’t want to miss it! 

For more information visit us at SalemElectric.com



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Tips for Saving Energy in the Laundry Room

The average American family washes 300 loads of laundry annually. Most laundry expense comes from heating water for washing and heating air for drying, but you can save money by making some simple changes.

When Washing

- Use cold water. Hot water is only necessary for whites or heavily soiled garments.
- Only run full loads. Machines use similar amounts of water whether it's a full load or one item.
- Buy an Energy Star-rated washer. Energy Star washers use about half the water and electricity of standard washers, and front-load machines use two-thirds less water than top-load models, saving both water and heating costs.
- Spin loads thoroughly. The faster you spin



your clothes, the less drying time needed.

When Drying

- Clean the lint filter after every load. Clogged filters reduce airflow and increase drying time.
- Check that your dryer exhaust vent damper opens and closes freely.
- Dry full loads and try not to mix fast and slow drying clothes.
- If your dryer is equipped with a moisture-sensing feature, use it to avoid over-drying clothes.
- In good weather, dry clothes outside. Sunshine is free. ☐

Habitat Improvement Program Builds Habitat at Eola Ridge Park



The Salem Electric Habitat Improvement Program (HIP) provided native seeds and plants for the pollinator garden at Eola Ridge Park. Due to recently documented declines in insects, this is especially important because we depend on insects to pollinate our food, fiber, and flower crops. The Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council partners with the City of Salem to increase pollinator habitats in city parks. As a result, park visitors should notice an increase in hummingbirds, butterflies, dragonflies, honeybees, and other pollinators. ☐

As our use of smart devices increases, so do the opportunities for scams. Scammers are so smooth most individuals don't realize they are a victim until it is too late. Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in electric utility-related scams.

Be on the alert for:

• **Scam Calls:** Thieves posing as Salem Electric representatives threaten to disconnect electric service unless they receive an immediate payment using a green dot pre-paid debit card or money transfer. Scammers often use caller ID spoofing software to misrepresent the source of a phone call. Salem Electric does not operate



like this. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately and contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Department at 877-877-9392.

- **Scam Emails:** Be cautious when clicking on links or images in emails. Clicking on a link from a scammer may provide the thief access to your device. Before clicking, check the sender's email address, if it doesn't match any address the company provides, it's likely bogus.
- **Social Media Scams:** Be selective about the information you put on social media, especially taking quizzes frequently found on Facebook. Many quiz questions provide thieves information that allows them access to your account.

Looking for a quick, convenient way to pay your bill?



**Call Salem Electric's payment line:
503-362-3602**

- 24/7 payments made from anywhere, anytime!
- Hear your account balance, check the status of your last payment, or make a payment over the phone.
- Payments are processed through our Automated Voice Response System, ensuring the security of your personal information.

If you prefer to speak with a Member Services Representative call 503-362-3601 during regular business hours.

Please Don't Post On Our Poles



Posting signs or posters on utility poles is unsafe and in some cases, illegal. Lineworkers climb poles all hours of the day and night, in the best and worst of weather conditions. Injuries occur when climbing gear attaches to a nail, tack, or staple. Please help us keep them safe and use a yard stake instead.



From a director DAVE BAUER

Safety Starts with You

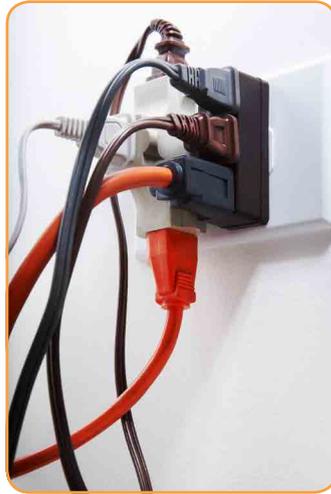
May is National Electrical Safety Month, which makes it the perfect time to check for potential safety hazards around your home. Electrical devices have a purpose and a service lifespan. Failures can present electrical hazards.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI)

Outdoor outlets or those in potentially damp locations such as a kitchen or bathroom often include GFCI features. Check GFCI outlets by pressing the red test button, and then press the black reset button.

Loose or Damaged Outlets or Switches

Unstable electrical outlets or wall switches with signs of heat damage or discoloration offer early warnings of potential shock or electrical



fire hazards. Check outlets and switches for these warning signs, and then contact an electrician for repairs.

Extension Cords

If you consistently use an extension cord to connect devices and equipment to outlets, you may live in an underwired home. With the growing number of electrical devices, having enough outlets can be a challenge. Extension cords are designed for temporary or occasional use. If needed, consider installing additional outlets.

Electricity is a necessity for modern living. Salem Electric is committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to our members. Keep these electrical safety tips in mind so you can recognize potential hazards before damage occurs. 



Board Meeting Summary March 18, 2019

All regular board meetings are held at 6 PM at Salem Electric, 633 7th Street NW, Salem, Oregon

Presented by:
Joe Van Meter
Secretary/Treasurer

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

June 25 July 23

Board Action:

The board approved:

- a proposal to amend language to Articles VII and VIII and Bylaw 4.4(a) to be included on the 2019 ballot for the membership's consideration
- securing a loan through Cooperative Finance Corporation for the 9th Street property purchase and future capital projects

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