



# The Info Bulletin

JULY 2019

## SE HOSTS ELECTRIC VEHICLE EVENT



On Saturday, June 8, Salem Electric hosted its first Electric Vehicle (EV) ride and drive event. The morning began with an EV 101 presentation by Forth, a nonprofit trade association and advocate for electric, shared, and smart mobility. The presentation highlighted industry development, policy advocacy, demonstration projects, and consumer advocacy. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to test-drive a Nissan Leaf and Chevy Bolt.



Several members drove their personal EVs to the event, which provided a great opportunity to see a variety of cars and ask questions of actual car owners. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a successful event! 



## Save the Date!



Salem Electric is hosting a Member Appreciation Night on Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m. at West Salem Park (265 Rosemont Avenue NW). The evening will include swing, jazz, and Latin inspired music by the Gail Gage Band, along with hot dogs and giveaways.

Mark your calendar you won't want to miss it! 

For more information  
visit us at  
[SalemElectric.com](http://SalemElectric.com)



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# Meet Your Board of Directors



**Jeff Anderson,**  
**President**

*Current term 2018 – 2021*

- Secretary/Treasurer for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 555
- Salem Electric member since 1978; Keizer resident
- Elected to the board in 1985; has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director and Board Leadership programs



**Dave Bauer,**  
**Vice-President**

*Current term 2017 – 2020*

- Retired co-owner of his family business R. Bauer Insurance
- Salem Electric member since 2001; Keizer resident
- Elected to the board in 2014
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director and Board Leadership programs



**Joe Van Meter,**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

*Current term 2018 – 2021*

- Retired from the Oregon Youth Authority
- Salem Electric member since 1972; Keizer resident
- Appointed to the board in January 2004; has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director and Board Leadership programs
- Awarded National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold Certification



**Alicia Bonesteel,**  
**Director**

*Current term 2017 – 2020*

- Homemaker and retired educator
- Salem Electric member since 1949; West Salem resident
- Elected to the board in 1987; has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director and Board Leadership programs
- Awarded National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold Certification



**Jerry Berger,**  
**Director**

*Current term 2019 – 2022*

- Retired President of Chemeketa Community College
- Salem Electric member since 1972; West Salem resident
- Appointed to the board in 2002; has served as President and Vice-President
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director and Board Leadership programs



**Cindy Condon,**  
**Director**

*Current term 2017 – 2020*

- Mother, wife, daughter, retired president of Pacific Pride Services.
- Salem Electric member since 1987; West Salem resident
- Elected to the board in 2017
- Graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Credentialed Director Program



**Jan Bargaen,**  
**Director**

*Current term 2019 – 2022*

- Retired from the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission
- Salem Electric member since 2011; West Salem resident
- Elected to the board in 2019

# Insulation Keeps the Heat Out



When people think about insulating their home they often think of the benefits for the cold, dark winter months as their heating costs are climbing. Insulation also works in reverse by keeping your home cool when temperatures rise so your home is more comfortable. If you have air conditioning, it can also help reduce your cooling costs. If your home is electrically heated, incentives are available

toward the cost of insulation, and window and patio door replacements.

For more information, contact our Member Services Department at 503-362-3601 or [SE@SalemElectric.com](mailto:SE@SalemElectric.com). 

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## Save with a Heat Pump



Heat pumps are one of the most efficient ways to heat and cool your home. You can save both energy and money by taking advantage of Salem Electric's heat pump incentives.

### **Air Source Heat Pump**

- Install a standard air source heat pump, and receive a \$1,000 incentive.

### **Ductless Heat Pump**

- Heat and cool your zonally heated home with a ductless heat pump and receive a \$1,500 incentive.

### **Heat Pump Water Heater**

- Replace your electric water heater with a heat pump water heater and receive a \$120 incentive.

For more information, contact our Member Services Department at 503-362-3601. 



Before you pick up a shovel, pick up the phone and call 811. Electric, water, sewer, natural gas, phone, and cable lines are often buried underground. One wrong move can disconnect you and your neighbors from these services — or cause death or injury from an electric shock or explosion.

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*From a director* JEFF ANDERSON

## Legislative Days a Success

In May, General Manager Tony Schacher and I traveled to Washington D.C. with a delegation of Oregon co-op managers and directors for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Legislative Days. Together we lobbied congressional delegations, key committees, and the administration on a range of proposals important to co-op members.

Oregon electric co-op leaders used a White House meeting to urge high-ranking officials to approve Governor Kate Brown's federal disaster declaration for counties devastated by the winter storms that closed roads and caused widespread power outages this year. According to Ted Case, Executive Director of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA), "The storms caused nearly \$10 million in damage for Roseburg-based Douglas Electric Cooperative and \$5 million for Lane Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Eugene."

During our trip, we met with officials from land management agencies



regarding vegetation management policies that will increase the reliability of the electric grid and mitigate wildfires caused by trees falling into power lines. We also met with senators and representatives about the RURAL Act (S.

1032, H.R. 2147), which could jeopardize our tax-exempt status.

The trip was a success! Days after returning home, President Trump approved disaster assistance for Oregon counties, and key members of the Oregon delegation announced support for the RURAL Act.

As a director and member of Salem Electric, I have witnessed firsthand the value in staying engaged with legislative issues that could affect the reliability and affordability of our co-op. I encourage each of you to sign up for ORECA-Action and join hundreds of other Oregon co-op members maximizing their voice to support local control of our cooperative. To sign up, visit [ORECA-Action.org](http://ORECA-Action.org). Together we can make a difference. ■

## Your Cooperative — Your Voice

Each legislative session, Salem Electric and electric cooperatives across the state face mandates and regulations that challenge our ability to deliver the electricity you need at an affordable cost. This year's session is no different.

Oregon's co-ops are encouraging members to come together to support common sense



solutions through our grassroots campaign: ORECA-Action. By joining ORECA-Action, you will maximize your voice and become part of a growing team of Oregon electric cooperative advocates who are working to keep rates affordable and maintain local control.

To join, visit [ORECA-Action.org](http://ORECA-Action.org).



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