

OUCC President's News Letter March, 2015

Our next quarterly meeting will be at Eagle Crest Resort, 1522 Cline Falls Hwy., Redmond, Oregon on June 11th. Please see the itinerary, lodging and registration information below. We are planning D.I.R.T. training at Eagle Crest to help you and your council understand how to sign up and use it. Oregon 811 and the OUCC are completing a project to develop a standard training program to be used state wide. Our hope is to develop a Power Point Presentation that can be used as easily by experienced presenters as by those who have little experience. It will be complete, concise, and accurate while leaving room to cater it to the audience receiving the training. We will be presenting the program at the June meeting.

OUNC Board of Directors Meeting:

Wednesday – June 10th, 2015 Eagle Crest Resort - Redmond, OR Meeting time: 9:00am - 3:00pm Breakfast & Lunch will be provided

Presidents Gathering:

Wednesday - June 10th, 2015 5:30pm - 8:00pm Eagle Crest Resort - Redmond, OR Outdoor Pavilion Enjoy a BBQ dinner

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Please RSVP Kitty Davis

kitty@digsafelyoregon.com

Hotel rates: \$104 + tax Call for hotel reservations: 877-790-6271

We have already received requests for additional assistance. The Board has developed a request form to help us disperse and track additional funds. Please look ahead and identify your needs.

"811" signs are appearing all over Oregon. If you have placed an "811" sign will you please email me a picture <u>khamlin@co.linn.or.us</u>? We have an additional 35 signs available. Oregon 811 is making these signs available for \$40.31 each. Please contact Kevin Hennessey <u>kevin.hennessy@state.or.us</u> or Ryan Sandhu <u>sandhur@cleanwaterservices.org</u> if you, or your council, is interested in purchasing additional "811" signs. We would like to get these out of inventory as soon as possible so there will be no restrictions on the number of signs you can purchase.

This month's hot topic is "un-locatable utilities". The use of modern technology makes virtually all underground facilities locatable. The use of things like ground penetrating radar may seem expensive but the technology makes utilities locatable. Now, due to advancements in technology, the question may not be whether or not utilities are locatable but if the use of advanced technology is too costly. I am sure everyone will agree that the dig-in of a fiber optic line can be massively expensive to repair not to mention the disruption of service that might shut down communications to emergency services, hospitals, law enforcement, etc. Technology has brought us to a point where virtually all underground utilities can be located. Our goal now should be to incorporate this technology to avoid disastrous dig-ins.

Until Next time....."Dig Safely".

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Jarrod Morrison, Kevin Hennessey, Shannon Davis, Kenny Hamlin, and Flo Hoskinson at the OCC Tech Conference in Seattle, October 2015