

# Hotline

## Linemen Train for Pole Top Rescues

Our 16 Linemen recently underwent their yearly pole top rescue training at our Operations Center. This hands-on training requires them to climb up a power pole to rescue a 185-pound life-like dummy and bring it down to safety. "We make sure that we can get someone down off the top of a pole, in case they're injured or electrocuted," said Travis Scott, Director of Franklin PUD Operations.



All linemen must qualify on this drill. Scott says linemen rely on each for survival in the field. "These Linemen could be working in the middle of nowhere, hours away from help. But as long as they have someone with them that is properly trained, they can bring each other to safety and get them help as soon as possible. Proper training can mean the difference between life and death," said Scott.

Linemen go through hours of training every year to make sure they're safe when they go up and work on a power line. When it comes to safety Scott says it's always on the top of every linemen's mind. "Safety is our number one priority. We follow the Washington Administrative Codes for safety and those are very strict. That's what we follow for every application and every job we do and every scenario," said Scott.

## Social Media is Here

Like, friend, and follow us on all our new social sites!

To get more up to date information out to our customers, we have launched new Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages. They will accompany our Twitter page that already has more than 700 followers and our LinkedIn page which is mainly used for recruiting.



We will be posting information on available rebates, current power outages, energy saving tips, information on how to enroll in our programs and services, and employment opportunities. We also launched a new blog site to provide a constant flow of new content like articles, seasonal tips and information about what's going on in our communities. You can visit the blog by going to the home page of our website at [www.franklinpud.com](http://www.franklinpud.com) and clicking on Power Line Blog located in the top right corner.

### Here's where to find us:

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## Summer Energy Saving Tips

It's heating up outside, and you know what that means? Energy saving tips! We can't help ourselves. We hope these will be a good reminder of ways to save electricity at home this summer.

- **BBQ!** Using your grill outdoors, instead of your oven indoors, will keep your home from heating up inside.
- Set your thermostat to the highest comfortable setting. Every degree you raise your thermostat above 72 degrees could save up to 3 percent on cooling costs.
- Use fans to help you feel cooler. But remember, fans cool people, not air - meaning they create a wind chill effect. Don't forget to turn them off when you're not in the room.
- Avoid going in and out of the house frequently. Opening and closing doors allows cool air to escape.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed during the hottest part of the day. Invest in some



thermal or blackout curtains – they really do work to keep heat from radiating into the room.

- Use your dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand. Dishwashers use much less water and therefore your water heating cost is lower. Avoid running it during the hottest parts of the day. Run it at night when it's cool.
- The same goes for washing clothes. Use cold water and run your dryer at night.

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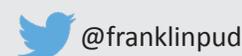
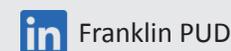
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## Social



## Be Sure to Change Filters Frequently

Keep your home's HVAC system running efficiently by making sure you have a clean filter. Dirt and debris in your filter can decrease the amount of air passing through your cooling system, increasing the workload. Replacing the filter regularly, reduces wear and tear on your air conditioner while allowing the free movement of air for improved indoor comfort.



Commissioner's Corner

# Reliable Energy Needed More than Ever



**Bill Gordon**  
2020 President

While the national economies are preparing for economic disruptions and implementing efforts to flatten the curve, a reliable power and electrical supply is needed to prevent any additional disruptions. Affordable, scalable, abundant, flexible, and reliable energy and electricity are essential for the world to alleviate the coronavirus pandemic. Without reliable electricity hospitals can't save lives. And yes, crude oil plays a big part in the production of plastic gloves which keeps us safe. This is actually just the kind of thing Franklin PUD is really good at - keeping the electrons flowing safely.

Keeping extra space between people is not that different from the many other safety guidelines the industry follows. At Franklin PUD safety is the number one priority for customers and employees alike.

Reliable energy really is the foundation of our

economy in Franklin County. Scott Rhees, who is just finishing his first year of being Franklin's General Manager, along with the staff, moved quickly in March to assure we had a healthy work force. Many employees began to work from home and staggered start times for the line crews and field employees were implemented.



I never realized what a freedom it was to go out and mingle with people until we were put in a lock down! I can't imagine how many populations are handling the stay-at-home orders when they don't have access to reliable and affordable electricity. How are they staying connected and communicating with public services and one another remotely? Please enjoy our affordable and reliable electricity. Stay safe.

# Accounting Department Wins Prestigious CAFR Award for the 15<sup>th</sup> Time



Katrina Fulton, Accounting Manager

For Franklin PUD's Accounting Manager Katrina Fulton, there's not a day she isn't buried in numbers. But that's the way she likes it! "Numbers tell the true story of how we are performing. They help guide us when we are making decisions to benefit our customers. Providing data and information to help problem solve is very rewarding," said Fulton.

Fulton leads an accounting team that's been awarded the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for a 15th year in a row. The award was established in 1945 by the Government Finance Officers Association to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of financial reporting. "We are very proud of the efforts made by our staff to receive this award annually. It is a testament to their dedication and commitment to excellence," said Fulton.

Fulton says that the most important part of her team's job is making sure we use our funds in the public's best interest. "We never forget that we are here to serve our customers, and that drives everything we do. It's a big responsibility. The results of every decision made and every project undertaken at Franklin PUD affects our finances," said Fulton.



Franklin PUD offers Generation Green, a "green power" program to give our customers an opportunity to purchase renewable energy generated from qualified alternative energy resources. This program, which provides a **voluntary option** to customers, is mandated by the State

of Washington through RCW 19.29A.090.

**The amount you pay is above and beyond what you already pay for renewable energy already included in Franklin PUD rates.**



For more information on this program, go to our website at [www.franklinpud.com/energy-efficiency/generation-green/](http://www.franklinpud.com/energy-efficiency/generation-green/).

# Connell 4th of July Fireworks Show



We are excited to be a community partner with the Connell Chamber of Commerce to present the 4th of July fireworks show held at the Connell Softball/Baseball Complex. Fireworks will start as soon as the sun sets.

*Have a happy and safe 4th of July!*

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If you haven't already, please fill out the 2020 census. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. This includes dollars allocated to energy assistance programs which can benefit many of our customers. When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous.

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

# Fuel Mix Disclosure

A report of where your power comes from.

Generation Type	% of Total Generation
COAL	-
HYDRO	85%
NATURAL GAS	5%
NUCLEAR	8%
OTHER*	2%

**TOTAL 100%**

\*OTHER may include, but not limited to: Biomass generation; geothermal generation; landfill gas generation; oil generation; solar generation; waste incineration; or wind generation.

Source: WA State 2017 Fuel Mix Disclosure Report, WA State Dept. of Commerce

