

Meet the team...

John Murray
Energy Services
Representative



Out of Pleasant Hill, John started at Lane Electric in June, 2002 after completing his internship as part of the requirements of Lane Community College's Energy Management Program.

After graduating from Oregon State, John worked for close to 10 years as a general contractor and continued building homes while enrolled in the Energy Management Program.

He and his wife Stephanie have three great kids; Maggie, age 11, Brooke, age 7 and Big Jack, age 4.

When he's not assisting LEC members with energy conservation, John enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, gardening and trips to the beach or mountains with his family.

John says, "fall is my favorite time of the year - I enjoy the cool, dry weather and Beaver football!"

Thanks John.
We appreciate what you do.



It's all about Staying cool!

And you might save some money, too

By following a few easy, common sense guidelines, properly maintaining or upgrading your air conditioner, adding insulation and taking other easy energy-saving measures, you can cut your energy bills by 10 to 50 percent. Following are some areas you might want to consider:

Use Air Conditioning and Fans Wisely

- Open windows and use portable or ceiling fans instead of using your air conditioner.
- Use a fan with your window air conditioner to spread the cool air throughout your home.
- Try a programmable thermostat with your air conditioner to adjust the setting warmer at night or when no one is home.
- Don't place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label. Newer energy efficient models can save you up to 50 percent on your cooling bills.
- Think about installing a whole house fan or evaporative cooler if appropriate for your climate.

Low Cost Tips to Help You Save Energy

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). They put off much less heat and provide the same amount of light.
- Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Use a microwave oven instead of a conventional electric range or oven.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when you're not using them.
- Plug your TVs and VCRs, into power strips and turn power strips off when they're not being used.

- Turn down the thermostat on your water heater. 115-120 degrees is comfortable for most uses.
- Take showers instead of baths to reduce hot water use.



You can replace a 100w incandescent light bulb with a 23w compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) and have the same amount of light. CFLs come in a range of wattages and color spectrums.

- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Use cold water to wash your clothes.

Landscape Wisely for Energy Efficiency

- Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but do not block the airflow. A unit operating in the shade uses less electricity.
- Ivy or grapevines grown on trellises can shade windows or the side of a house.
- Avoid landscaping with lots of unshaded rock, cement or asphalt on the south or west sides - it increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat after the sun has set.
- Trees whose leaves fall off in the winter, planted on the south and west sides, will keep your house cool in the summer and let the sun warm your home in the winter.

- Three properly placed trees around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs. Daytime air temperatures can be 3 to 6 degrees cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods.

Shade Your Windows to Keep the Heat Out

- Sunny windows can make your air conditioner work two to three times harder.
- Install white window shades, drapes or blinds to reflect heat away from the house.
- Close curtains on south and west facing windows during the day.
- Install awnings on south-facing windows. Because of the angle of the sun, trees, a trellis or a fence will best shade

west-facing windows.

- Apply sun-control or other reflective films on south-facing windows.
- If you replace your windows, consider the new energy efficient vinyl or fiberglass framed Energy Star® double-pane windows with spectrally selective coatings.

Increase Your Comfort by Weatherizing Your Home

- Added insulation to your floors, walls and ceilings will provide energy savings and comfort year round.
- Caulking and weather-stripping will keep cool air in during the summer. Air leaks can waste energy dollars all year long.
- Add insulation to air conditioning ducts when they are located in



When you're shopping for windows and appliances, always look for the Energy Star label.

non-air conditioned spaces like attics, crawl spaces and garages.

- If you see holes or separated joints in your duct work, hire a professional to fix and seal them properly.
- Make sure your fireplace damper is closed tightly.

Ask About the Energy Efficiency Programs Lane Electric Offers

Lane Electric also offers incentives to help offset the cost of home improvements for things like:

- Installing insulation in floors, walls and ceilings
- Replacing window & doors
- Installing or repairing your heat pump system
- Sealing the duct work that moves conditioned air around your home
- ENERGY STAR® rebates for site built and manufactured homes
- Solar water heating and solar electric PV (photovoltaic) systems
- Energy Star clothes washer

Call our Energy Services department at 484-1151 or visit our web site @ laneelectric.com for program details. ■



If you're thinking about replacing your heating and cooling system, consider installing a high-efficiency heat pump. If you use baseboards, ceiling cable, wall heaters or an electric forced air heating system in the winter, a heat pump could save you between 40 and 60 percent on your winter heating bill and provide air conditioning in the summer.

Our 2009 District Meetings are coming to a community near you!



DORENA GRANGE

34360 Row River Road
Cottage Grove, Oregon
Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

From the Cottage Grove / Row River exit on I-5, go east on Row River Road approximately 3.5 miles. The Grange will be on your right.



LOWELL GRANGE

51 E. 2nd Street,
Lowell, Oregon
Thursday, October 1, 2009

Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

From Eugene, go south on I-5 toward Roseburg. Take exit 188A to Hwy. 58 toward Oakridge. Go 13.5 miles and turn left at the covered bridge. Go north across reservoir to 2nd St. Turn west and go approx .5 miles. The Grange will be on your right.



OAKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

47977 West 1st
Oakridge, Oregon
Saturday, October 10, 2009

Breakfast at 9:30 AM, Meeting at 10:00 AM

In Oakridge, follow Highway 58 to the stop light and turn onto Crestview Street. Go over the bridge and turn left at the stop sign. The school will be on your right.



TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

85916 Bailey Hill Road
Eugene, Oregon
Monday, October 12, 2009

Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

From the corner of W. 11th and Bailey Hill Road in Eugene, turn south and travel approximately 4.5 miles on Bailey Hill Road from Eugene. The school will be on your right.



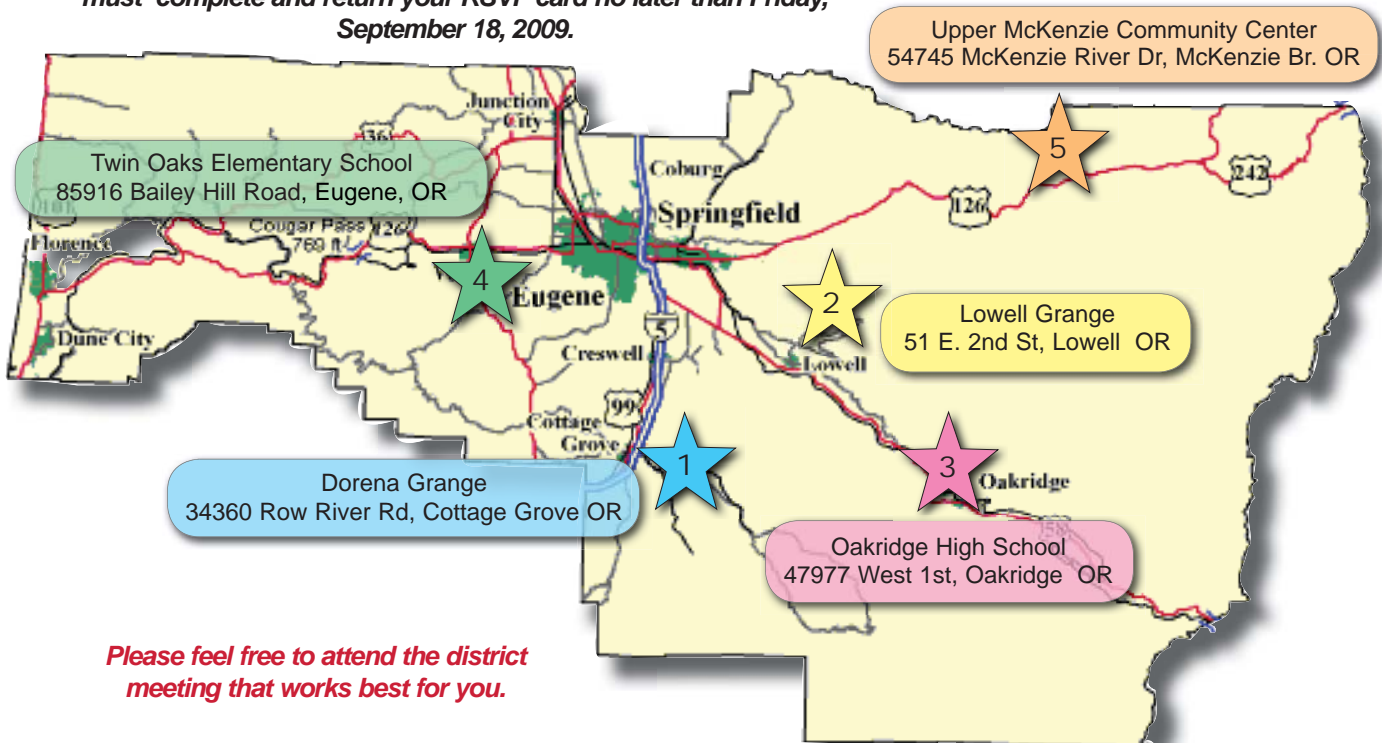
UPPER MCKENZIE COMMUNITY CENTER

54745 McKenzie River Drive
Blue River, Oregon
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

From Blue River, go to McKenzie River Drive and turn south. Go past the Belknap Bridge and the community center will be on your left. OR from Harbick's Country Store, turn south on Mill Creek Rd. and then right on McKenzie River Drive. The community center will be on your right.

NOTE: To be eligible for a \$100 credit on your electric bill, you must complete and return your RSVP card no later than Friday, September 18, 2009.



Please feel free to attend the district meeting that works best for you.



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BOARD MEETINGS
 4th Monday of each month
 (Unless otherwise noted)
 Lane Electric's Office at 11 a.m.

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Down the line



Dear Member:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) recently announced they would raise rates to its utility customers for the next two-year rate period.

Beginning October 1, the cost of wholesale power, that which we buy from BPA, will increase between five and six percent.

Early this year, Lane Electric participated in multiple discussions with BPA in an effort to minimize the possibility of a large increase in our cost of wholesale power this fall. During the process, increases as high as 20 percent were considered. Through the collaboration and efforts from all involved, BPA's rate increase is far less than originally expected. Lane Electric continues to work very closely with BPA encouraging them to maintain a watchful eye on their expenses and do everything possible to keep their rates low.

I mentioned in April that last year, Lane Electric's budget was lean in many areas because of the board of directors and management team's commitment to containing costs. Our commitment is no less as we prepare the budget for next year. We recognize the economic challenges our members are facing and as we work through our budgeting process for 2010, will we determine what changes in the Co-op's rates are necessary, if any.

Be assured that your board of directors and the management team will continue their focus and commitment to controlling costs, operating efficiently, and providing you with the most reliable electric service possible.

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On a different note, we have scheduled our 2009 district meetings and we are in the process of preparing the annual meeting packet which will be mailed to you on October 1.

This year, district meetings will be held in the Row River area, Lowell, Oakridge, west of Eugene and the McKenzie Valley this year. A map with the dates, times and locations of this year's meetings appears on page 8 of this issue and we hope to see you at one of them.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings this fall.

Rick Crinklaw
 General Manager