

Coastlines

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Although Tom Tymchuk (left) is a staunch Republican, he's never hesitated to work with elected officials from both parties to help the communities of the Central Coast. Here, he talks with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (center) along with his son, Port of Umpqua Commissioner and new Central Lincoln Board Member Keith Tymchuk.

Community Service in Our DNA

When we read about the Northwest Public Power Association's Paul Raver Award honoring superior community service, we knew exactly who to nominate: **Tom Tymchuk**.

Tom put in 34 years representing the portions of Coos and Douglas counties we serve before stepping down from Central Lincoln's Board five months ago. He did four terms as Reedsport's mayor, many years on the Lower Umpqua Hospital Board of Directors, and 35 years as a member of Pacific Security Bank's Board of Directors. Tom has been a proud member of the Reedsport Lions' Club for 60 years, and the Reedsport Masonic Lodge for 50 years, where he is a Past Grand Master. He's a dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteer, and donates his time at the Lower Umpqua Hospital.

The judging panel for the award agreed—Tom Tymchuk's lifetime of service has been tremendous, and the Association surprised him with the Raver Award last month! (See photo, right.)

Tom's commitment to volunteerism reflects Central Lincoln's dedication to service. As a public power utility, which means "community owned," our mission is "to provide the people of Oregon's Central Coast with reliable and affordable electricity in the tradition

of public power." And while electricity service is our core function, we are committed to being involved and visible in the communities we serve. Our employees donate many hours to nonprofits on the Central Coast, from sports activities, tutoring, and raising money to help people in need, to serving on various local boards, in service clubs, and places of worship. And we celebrate the communities we power by participating in nearly every parade on the Central Coast.

When Tom announced his intent to resign from the Central Lincoln board ("It was time," he says) we advertised, and local news media published a news release calling for applicants. Only one person applied: Keith Tymchuk, Tom's son. Keith has served six terms as Reedsport's mayor, 22 years on the Port of Umpqua's commission, and taught at his alma mater, Reedsport High School, for 34 years. "Chewing on tough decisions and then moving forward together is the stuff that makes for great boards. I've heard a bit about the CLPUD team," he says with a broad smile, "and I want to be part of that." Happy to have an applicant who also makes service a cornerstone of his life, Central Lincoln's board members unanimously elected Keith Tymchuk. Welcome aboard, Keith!



One of Central Lincoln's longest-serving board members, Tom Tymchuk, receives the Northwest Public Power Association's Paul Raver Community Service Award



Members of our Parade Crew share Tootsie Rolls with parade watchers at last month's Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade in Florence.

Want a Bill You Can Plan for Each Month?

Last Chance to Sign Up for Budget Billing This Year— June 30 is Our Deadline

Budget Billing averages bills for the last 12 months, helping customers to build up a credit balance in the summer, when electricity bills on the Central Coast are usually at their lowest. Budget Billing helps minimize bills when the cold of winter comes, and the need to turn up the heat returns.

Please call us before June 30 to sign up. That's the last day in 2017 customers can sign up for Budget Billing. Some restrictions apply—as an example, customers must have been with Central Lincoln for the past year or more in the same home. To talk with a customer service representative about Budget Billing, call us at 541-265-3211 or at 877-265-3211. (Our three customer service offices are now connected to both lines, meaning you'll talk to the first available customer service representative in Florence, Newport or Reedsport. We don't want customers to have to wait to talk with us!)

Every April, Budget Billing customers will see their new Budget Billing amount reflected on their bill. If there's a credit remaining, it will be averaged over the next twelve months, reducing the monthly bill amount. If there's an amount owed, that will be averaged over the next twelve months, and added to the new Budget Billing amount.

Our next open enrollment period for Budget Billing will be in the spring of next year.

Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig Six Inches Deep Or More

It's Fast—And Free!

Many Oregonians celebrate our newly-arrived sunny and warmer days by planting flowers or shrubs. Believe it or not, some electric lines were simply buried in the ground years ago, not in conduit, just "direct buried" as our Operations folks call it. While in nearly every case, those lines were buried deeply, do you know exactly what's under your property—and how deep it is? Not knowing but digging anyway could be very dangerous or expensive.

If you're going to be digging six inches or deeper, please dial 8-1-1, anytime. At no charge to you, a dispatcher will take info from you about your project, and will contact us—and the other utility providers in your neighborhood—electricity, water and sewer, cable or telephone, etc., to come and temporarily mark exactly where the lines are located on your property within 48 hours of your call. Once they're done, you can take photos to save so you'll know what's down below and can dig safety around pipes and lines.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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