

Enlightened Holidays

As I write, the world hastily prepares for Christmas. Nightly the world sparkles with density in colored lights. I think about the lights, I think about the energy it takes to light the world at Christmas time, about the dams and the fate of our latest sacrificial lamb, the salmon. I also think about the nuclear-generated electricity world wide which presents problems so atrocious and immense it seems unfathomable to me that such plants are allowed to continue to operate. If I could have my Christmas wish, I would wish that every nuclear power plant in the world was ordered to shut down immediately. The pending doom they represent makes them too expensive to meter. It's time to admit that the nuclear dream of yesteryear has become a present and future nightmare; it's time to take a safe sane approach to meeting our power needs. A large packet of legal papers before me serves as a reminder of the rate increase the PUC seems eager to grant Portland General Electric for not only the decommissioning of Trojan, but for the shortsighted investment in the monster. I feel frustrated that we are forced to share not only the financial burden of a bad idea but the risk we as a community endured while it operated, and the unsettled feeling of knowing that Trojan's gene-altering deadly toxic waste continues to live.

I hate to admit it but I love the pretty colored lights of the holiday season. I hate to admit it but I was almost as excited as my five year old nephews when we spotted the first house lit up Thanksgiving evening. I feel guilty that I delight in this frivolous tradition. I've struggled with the decision as to whether or not hang colored lights in my home. Would I be paying homage to the large utilities, or satisfying the part of me that enjoys the twinkly sparkle? I gave in to desire and have ruled in favor of just enough Christmas lights to add a

little color around here. I've sent in my rebate for three compact florescent lightbulbs, and anticipate the pleasure of awarding these jewels to my energy activist friends. I've saved one for my home hoping to offset the energy consumption for the visual indulgence I've chosen. The best part of it all is that Portland General Electric is footing the bill on these gifts. In the meantime, I'm assisting the Oregon Conservancy Foundation in getting the word out about a week of solar workshops to be held January 10th - 16th. Johnny Weiss, Director of Solar Energy International of Carbondale, Colorado will be the guest instructor. Johnny may not be the new Messiah, but he has a message to share about ways in which we can take some of the responsibility for lessening the power load and impact on our earth without sacrificing comfort and some of life's simple pleasures. Johnny doesn't preach that we should all go off the grid and attempt to work and play during daylight hours only. Johnny has the knowledge and experience in finding ways to cut our energy consumption by making wise use of space and existing energy resources, and by building or remodeling with energy efficiency in mind. If you are interested in these classes or would like more information about The Oregon Conservancy Foundation or Solar Energy International, please call (503) 637-6130. Maybe 1994 holds a glow of hope after all. Happy New Year! Colleen O'Neil

(The Oregon Conservancy Foundation [OCF] is a non-profit tax-exempt foundation created in 1991 as the result of a settlement in a lawsuit against Pacific Power and Light for charging Oregon ratepayers for abandoned nuclear power plants. OCF is devoted to demonstrating the economical, environmental and technological soundness of solar energy and conservation resources used in individual home and business applications. Its program director is long time anti-nuclear activist Lloyd Marbet.)

Shuttle Ridership Increasing

Over 6,900 folks rode the Cannon Beach Shuttle between July and October last year, up 28% from the previous year. Last Year the Energy Committee started a campaign to increase ridership with a goal of 25% by the end of the year. They used promotion on Cable Channel 3, got a nice piece on Channel 8 (KGW TV), and Northwest Natural Gas also did its part by sponsoring a brochure (with a drawing by Upper Left Edge Graphics Editor Sally Lackaff) that was distributed to businesses in the area and mailed to citizens in October.

In addition to its regular schedule, the shuttle may be used for school events, senior citizen support, or family outings, just contact the City Manager's office. Users must furnish a qualified driver and pay a mileage fee to defray operating costs.

The Energy Committee wants to publicly thank the businesses and the hotels/motels and the City government for their support, and especially YOU who use the shuttle. (The Edge would also like to thank the Energy committee for a job well done on a project we can all be proud of.)

CANNON BEACH SHUTTLE SCHEDULE 10-6 Friday - Tuesday

* TIMES MAY VARY SLIGHTLY DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS *

GOING SOUTH		Leaves from Les Shirley Park (Northpoint)														
Les Shirley Park	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	—	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00
Candy Kitchen	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	1:03	—	2:33	3:03	3:33	4:03	4:33	5:03	5:33	6:03
Coastier	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	—	2:35	3:05	3:35	4:05	4:35	5:05	5:35	6:05
Middtown	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	—	2:06	2:36	3:06	3:36	4:06	4:36	5:06	5:36	—
Surfcrest	10:09	10:39	11:09	11:39	12:09	12:39	—	2:09	2:39	3:09	3:39	4:09	4:39	5:09	5:39	—
Tolovana Wayside	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	—	2:10	2:40	3:10	3:40	4:10	4:40	5:10	5:40	—
Wave Crest	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	—	2:13	2:43	3:13	3:43	4:13	4:43	5:13	5:43	—
Maher	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	—	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	5:45	—
GOING NORTH		Leaves from Maher & Hemlock (Southpoint)														
Maher & Hemlock	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	—	2:15	2:45	3:15	3:45	4:15	4:45	5:15	5:45	—
Tolovana Wayside	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48	12:18	12:48	—	2:18	2:48	3:18	3:48	4:18	4:48	5:18	5:48	—
R.V. Park	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54	12:24	12:54	—	2:24	2:54	3:24	3:54	4:24	4:54	5:24	5:54	—
Middtown	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	—	2:25	2:55	3:25	3:55	4:25	4:55	5:25	5:55	—
Egona Square	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	—	2:28	2:58	3:28	3:58	4:28	4:58	5:28	5:58	—
White Bird Gallery	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	—	2:28	2:58	3:28	3:58	4:28	4:58	5:28	5:58	—
Les Shirley Park	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	—	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	—

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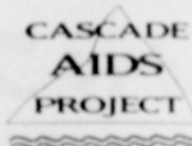
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CASCADe AIDS PROJECT TESTING PROGRAM

Cascade AIDS Project needs pre and post-test counselors for HIV testing. Volunteers would give HIV information and referral to those who come in for an HIV test. Volunteers must have previous experience in counseling, e.g. social workers, teachers, nurses, guidance counselors. Volunteers would work once a month for four hours, usually in the evenings or on Saturday. Here's your chance to use your training to help people through the challenges of being tested. Call 223-5907, ext. 105, to schedule and interview by February 1st.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CASCADe AIDS PROJECT PAL PROGRAM

Cascade AIDS Project needs long term volunteers to be Pals to people living with HIV disease, including AIDS. Volunteers in this program are caring people committed to helping in a non-judgmental, empathetic way. Pals are available to talk with clients about their feelings and can provide practical support such as light housekeeping, food preparation, transportation, and/or respite care. Volunteers are asked to commit one year in this program. Each volunteer will receive a 32 hour training and access to support groups and inservices for updated information. Here's your chance to learn more and do something about HIV disease. Call 223-5907, ext. 105, to schedule an interview by February 1st.



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