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to conserve electric cost

Portland General Electric Gresham office has these suggestions on how businesses can help conserve electric energy.

Lighting.
- turn off all signs except "exit" signs.

- turn off show window lights.
- turn off non-essential flood and all decorative lighting.

- turn off the lighting in non-business areas such as lobbies and hallways. Exercise care to be sure enough light is provided for safety.

- turn lights off during non-working hours. Instruct custodial and maintenance personnel to plan their work to minimize the need for lighting.
- turn off lights when leaving the office for even a few minutes.

- minimize Christmas lighting.
- turn off parking and area lighting after hours.

- reduce lighting in all other areas to minimum recommended levels of illumination as established by I.E.S. (see Bulletin RP-15).

2. Cooling.
- turn off all cooling equipment an hour or two before closing.

- shut out direct sun by closing drapes or installing sun shades.

- raise the cooling thermostat setting to 80 degrees.

- if your building has several cooling units, disconnect one-third of the units and set the thermostat for the rest of them at 80 degrees.

- large cooling systems may need help from your mechanical contractor or engineer to adjust properly.

- make sure filters are clean.

3. Outside air should be shut down at night if possible. This conserves energy in both summer and winter.

4. Heating.
- lower the heating thermostat setting to 68 degrees.

- make sure filters are clean.

- check for ways to improve insulation.

5. Water Heating.
- set thermostat at 110 degrees for washroom use.

- set thermostat to 140 degrees for commercial kitchen use. Booster water heaters are designed to raise

140 degrees water to 180 degrees for dishwashing.

- minimize the use of water, both hot and cold.

- repair any leaky faucets immediately.

- turn off circulating pumps after hours.

6. Motors.
- motors should be turned off whenever not needed.

- slow down escalators or turn them off completely.

- re-program elevators to force maximum loading and usage. Remove some elevators from service, if possible.

- turn off office machines when not in use.

7. Process Heating.
- reduce temperature or turn off if possible during idle periods.

- insulate and cover tanks when not in use.

8. Miscellaneous.
- re-evaluate hours of operation to determine if store hours might be shortened.



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Erickson says future will brighten

"We've weathered these things before."

That is Milt Erickson, Realtor's, reaction to the present tight money for housing situation.

He says cycles come and cycles go. And Milt should know. He has been in the real estate business for many years in the area and has built one of the leading realty firms.

Erickson recalls the tight money situation in 1970 then back in the mid 1960s and mid 1950s.

He blames the situation on the Federal Reserve Board which he says has too much power. It can maneuver the supply of money without being responsible, Erickson says. And he's not so sure the board

knows what it is doing. Of course it is trying to slow inflation and he's for that. But the trouble is the big borrower doesn't slow down. He doesn't care what he has to pay in interest as he passes it on.

The little fellow can't or won't pay the inflated rates. This has eliminated some small contractors and will eliminate more if the tight money market continues.

Building starts have slowed considerably in recent weeks.

Banks, too, must pay more for the money they borrow to pass on to the individual borrower.

Another factor in slowing down building is the high cost of land, Erickson says. People think nothing of paying \$6,000

or \$7,000 for a vacant lot, he says. However, he doesn't expect land costs to go down.

New developments require new services and necessitate enlarged water systems and storage facilities.

Building has been slowed in the Clackamas area because the state health development has halted building where the water table is too high to make septic tanks acceptable.

In some areas in Clackamas County only one house on a 10-acre tract is permitted,

Erickson said. The only answer is an eventual sanitary sewer system, but that is expensive and may be years away.

Erickson thinks money will be coming back to home building but he doesn't think

there will ever be any more low priced houses.

This will force people to live in multiple units. The federal 235 housing for low income families has ended. Erickson believes it was an unsatisfactory program.

President Nixon has given lip service to another housing program but nothing has happened.

Heavy property taxes also discourage the homeowner. Erickson thinks it would be great if the tax dollar could be spent fairly. We could do a lot of things, he says.

But Erickson refuses to be a pessimist. He says sales are still being made and he expects that by spring things will be looking a lot better.

College reduces use of electric facilities

Mt. Hood Community College is doing its part to help conserve the depleting energy resources in Oregon.

MHCC maintenance people, faculty and staff are trying to exceed a 10 per cent reduction in energy consumption throughout the campus.

Office lighting in most large institutions have proven to be more than adequate for eye care and employee comfort. MHCC is in the process of removing and storing fluorescent tubular lights taken throughout the campus' offices, lobbies, hallways and classrooms. This reduction of foot candle levels is, in all cases, just above the required standard for lighting.

The college has also discontinued the cosmetic use of several lighting facilities around the campus. These lights illuminate signs, fountains, bulletin boards, and other ornamental, yet substantially unrequired, elements. Necessary security lights around the campus and parking lots will remain in operation for the continued safety and protection of people and property.

MHCC is graced with three

Square dancers billed at Mall

The Windy Whirlers of Troutdale will demonstrate square dancing at the Gresham Mall Friday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 8 p.m.

fountains of distinct structure. Two of these attractions, located among the buildings and out of direct exposure, have been turned off. The main fountain at the front entrance to the campus proper is operational on a curtailed basis.

All college personnel are making a conscious effort to conserve electrical energy. Lights, electric typewriters, adding machines, coffee pots, radios, and other current using utilities are turned off when not in use, instead of the often practiced policy in large institutions of leaving utilities on so as to be ready without warm-up time consumption.

Also saving electrical use is the athletic department, as all MHCC home football games are played on Saturday afternoons, requiring no field lights.

MHCC and Portland General Electric recently conducted tests of the campus electrical system to find a suspected power leak. A grounded main cable between the north and south ends of the campus was detected, and the college experienced a black-out for two

days, operating on emergency power only. These tests were made during the summer vacation to avoid this problem

occurring during the school terms, specifically the cold winter months. By the opening of fall term, all electrical

systems at MHCC will be available, yet energy conservation will still be practiced in the operation of the campus.



ROSE OF SHARON Lutheran Bretheran Church building expansion was well under way this week. Julius Johnson, left, John Paulson and Pastor Otto W. Brustad, right, check out plans for the new sanctuary-Sunday school addition. Kent Construction Co. is doing excavation and concrete work. The congregation will finish the remainder

of the structure. The two level addition will provide ten Sunday school rooms and seating for 225 people in the sanctuary. A special rampway for wheel chair worshippers will be provided to the lower level. The exterior of the building is slated for completion by Thanksgiving.

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