

Redding Connects

Your Connection to City Services



October 2018

REU

Redding Electric Utility

POWERING A STRONG COMMUNITY

You Own REU. See How You Benefit on Oct. 12

As a department of the City of Redding, REU is a not-for-profit, community-owned electric utility. Did you know that? Do you know what it means to you?

Do you want to find out?

We invite you to join us on **Friday, October 12, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Redding's Power Plant, located at 17120 Clear Creek Road, to celebrate Public Power Week. Come meet the employees that work hard for you every day. Learn more about restoring the electric system after the Carr Fire. Share your views with management on how we can improve our community. Get to know your community-owned electric utility!

The October 12 event is the culmination of the nationwide Public Power Week, celebrated each year by the thousands of municipally owned utilities across the country to illustrate the benefits of local ownership, local control, low electric prices from not-for-profit utilities, and community investment.

Community ownership means your money stays right here in our community, on Cypress Avenue and Churn Creek Road and Market Street.



10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Redding Power Plant, 17120 Clear Creek Road

"Being not-for-profit means that our community pays no dividend to far-off stockholders in San Francisco, Los Angeles, or New York," noted Utility Director Dan Beans.

"Community ownership also means we all pay less for your electricity. On an annual basis, our community pays **about \$50 million less** than it would if it was served by the investor-owned utility that serves many of our neighboring communities."

Local ownership also means decisions are made in Redding for the benefit of the community. Hundreds of Redding utility customers participated in the long-term energy planning workshops held earlier this year to help us determine the role that renewable energy should play in our future energy supply. "We are grateful for the interest, support, and enthusiasm that City residents and businesses showed in helping us map the community's energy future," said Beans.

There's a lot of benefits that flow from being a community-owned electric utility. Please accept our invitation and join us October 12 to celebrate Public Power Week and local ownership of your electric utility!

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City Offers Guides to Carr Fire Rebuilding Process

The City of Redding Building Division has produced simple step-by-step guides for residents planning to rebuild homes that were destroyed or damaged by the Carr Fire. Currently in draft form, the guides are designed to help fire victims navigate the rebuilding process as easily as possible.

One, entitled "New Journey — Your Rebuilding Process," provides an easy-to-follow description of key activities involved in rebuilding a home, from design to plan checks to construction and inspection. It includes the estimated time required for City staff plan review based on the amount of change in the original home design. Also provided is a list of commonly asked questions and answers about the rebuilding and permitting process. A draft of the guide is available on the joint Shasta County-City of Redding fire recovery website: ShastaReddingRecovers.org. Click on the Rebuilding tile.

A second guide, "Building Code Upgrades," addresses major changes in the California Building Standard Codes, which the City follows as prescribed by law. The State of California requires that all buildings meet the 2016 California Residential Code, which is currently in effect.

Additional requirements codified in local ordinances, which could be more stringent, are described as well.

Input from designers, contractors and builders has been welcomed as they were invited to review the draft guides and meet with City building staff. Once finalized, this process will be the subject of a community meeting for those whose homes were destroyed to provide additional information and answer questions residents might have. While the guides address only the rebuilding process, information about debris-removal is available at ShastaReddingRecovers.org as well. Clearing the building site is necessary before rebuilding can begin.

In an effort to expedite the rebuilding process for fire victims, the City plans to designate staff to work specifically with Carr Fire victims in the process of rebuilding. Appointments will be able to be scheduled with the dedicated Carr Fire Permit Staff to speed the process.

October is full of fun at the Redding Library

Join us throughout the month for programs and activities for all ages.

Friday, October 5th from 12-1pm - Community Connects: Starting a Walking Program

Are you interested in starting a walking program? Healthy Shasta will give you the tips you need to do it safely. Community Connects is a partnership of Shasta Community Health Center and Shasta Public Libraries. For info call 530-229-5115.

Saturday, October 13th at 11am - Artistic Healing

Take this free hands-on acrylic painting class, designed to express your emotions and offer healing regarding the recent Carr Fire. Families welcome. Parents must attend with their children. Space is limited. Call 530-245-7252 to register.

Thursday, October 18th at 6pm - Third Thursday Film Screening with PBS

KIXE-TV and Shasta College will join us for a screening and discussion of the film *Dawnland*, a documentary about cultural survival and stolen children: inside the first truth and reconciliation commission for Native Americans.

Thursday, October 25th from 6-7pm - Buddy Sleepover

Come in your PJs with your favorite doll, stuffed animal or toy, and let your buddy sleep over. We'll take pictures to show how much fun they had. Then pick them up the next day. Great for kids 0-8. For info call 530-245-7253.

Tuesday, October 30th from 6-7:30pm - Teen Halloween Party

Hosted by our Teen Advisory Board, teens are invited to come for haunted games and spooky snacks. For info call 530-245-7261.

For information on all that Shasta Public Libraries offers kids, teens, and adults visit us at www.shastalibraries.org.

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