



Celebrating Energy Independence

October 25, 2004 • Noon – 2 pm • Goldendale, WA

Join us in dedicating Our Wind Co-op's latest installations, and recognizing the support of Puget Sound Energy and Seattle City Light!

Please RSVP by Oct 18th: peter@climatesolutions.org, 360-352-1763 x104

A declaration of energy independence by two Klickitat County landowners will be celebrated in a special ceremony on Monday, October 25th. Local landowners Gwen Bassetti and Ed Kennell will host the reception at Gwen's home outside Goldendale. Speakers and invitees include elected officials, utility staff, Our Wind Co-op project staff and partners, local media, and prospective turbine owners.

This event will also acknowledge the generous support of three leading utilities. Puget Sound Energy will be announcing an agreement to purchase all the Green Tags (renewable energy attributes) generated by Our Wind Co-op members in Washington and Oregon over the next three years. PSE's contribution will help the Co-op promote small-scale wind power throughout the Northwest. Seattle City Light's Green Power program is also providing significant support through their purchase of Bonneville Environmental Foundation Green Tags in support of Our Wind Co-op. Power generated by the turbines will feed into the distribution grid of Klickitat Public Utility District, which has provided ongoing technical and logistical assistance.

Gwen Bassetti, known as Seattle's "godmother of good bread," founded one of the Northwest's best-known bakeries, Grand Central Baking Company, in 1972. As a resident and community member in Goldendale for 25 years, Gwen's interest in the potential for clean renewable energy generation was spurred when she witnessed Ed Kennell's own 10 kW turbine going up within view of her farm.

Ed Kennell has been interested in renewable energy since 1972. Over the years his tinkering with power systems was both a hobby and source of supplemental income. He became even more skilled in November 2003 when he joined Our Wind Co-op and installed his own small turbine. "Now I spend a lot of time helping dealers get into, and stay in, the small wind turbine business," says Ed, who serves as the Co-op's President.

Our Wind Co-op provides a unique model for energy independence, rural economic development and community ownership. Gwen and Ed participate because they believe in supporting green power and have great wind resources. By collaborating on innovative public and private financing, Our Wind Co-op has significantly reduced the upfront installation costs of such small-scale wind systems.



For more information, visit: www.ourwind.org

Directions

From US97 at Goldendale, follow Bickleton Road east for 6.6 miles. Turn Right onto Fenton Lane, head south for 1 mile. Turn Left onto Saxton Bane Road, head east for 1.2 miles to 845 Saxton Bane Road.



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