



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

April is upon us, and spring has sprung and I hope we can enjoy some better weather in the coming months. That is partly kind of selfish as I am going to retire on the 18th of April, and I am ready to golf and fish if my wife has a little time scheduled between the honey do list of chores I am sure she has made. So, this will be my last list of useless holiday information and it starts with April Fools' Day on the 1st and Palm Sunday on the 2nd on the 5th Passover begins and it is National Walking Day. On the 6th is New Beer's Eve as the 7th is National Beer Day and Good Friday. On the 8th is Zoo Lovers Day and the 9th is Easter Sunday. The 11th is National Pet Day, and the 12th is Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. The 14th is National Pecan Day, and the 15th is Husband Appreciation Day. On the 17th is Patriots Day and the 18th is Alvin's last day of work at Chimney Rock after 40 years! The 19th is National Hangout Day, on the 22nd comes Earth Day and the 25th is World Penguin Day then the 26th is Administrative Professionals Day and Arbor Day on the 28th. The 29th is National Shrimp Scampi Day and we finish the month on the 30th with National Raisin Day. As I mentioned earlier April 18th will be my last day at C.R.P.P.D. and I want to let you all know how much I have enjoyed my time here and getting to know the customers and working with a lot of you over the years. I hope you have enjoyed the useless stuff in these articles and maybe get a chuckle out of some of them. So, this will be my last installment and I hope the new manager has more useful stuff in his articles. As always let us know of any problems or potential problems that you may notice. Thanks, enjoy the summer, and good-bye.

Cheers to 40 Years!! *Please join us in honoring Alvin after 40 years of service Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm Chimney Rock PPD Office in Bayard*

If you have been a customer of Chimney Rock PPD during the past 40 years, you may have met Alvin Harimon, currently serving as manager. Alvin's first day on the job was April 18, 1983. Alvin had been working at the Bayard sugar factory prior to coming to CRPPD. His dad was friends with the manager at that time, Jim Reiber. Alvin was at the Corner Drive Inn talking to his dad and Jim. Jim mentioned he had a lineman quit the day before and offered Alvin a job. That was the start of a long career at CRPPD.

Alvin remembers that after he started here he went places in the service area that he had never been before, whether it be to fix outages or build new lines, Alvin stated "I kinda got lost the first year or two". At that time they didn't have bucket trucks so they had to climb to fix everything. He has always enjoyed his job, but he especially enjoyed running the digger truck and most of the time, working outside as well as working in different locations. Also, the feeling of accomplishment he got when they would finish building a new service line.

During his retirement Alvin says that his wife, Connie will have "lots of honey-do's" for him to work on along with projects that he hasn't gotten to over the last few years. Of course, you might also see Alvin out on the golf course, at his favorite fishing spot, or maybe traveling the country side.

Chimney Rock PPD congratulates and thanks Alvin for his service as Lineman, Lead Foreman, Operations Superintendent and General Manager during the 40 years of service to the District.

Lineworker Appreciation Day - April 10, 2023



Celebrating our linemen and their families #ThankALineman



Jacob Ashmore
Journeyman
Lineman
6 Years of
service



Joel Duffield
Lead
Lineman
2 Years of
service



DJ Kearns
Journeyman
Lineman
8 Years of
service



Tanner Rafferty
Apprentice
Lineman
2 Years of
service



Bryce Hargens
Journeyman
Lineman
5 Years of
service



Dalton Propp
Apprentice
Lineman
2 Years of
service



Ron Hubbard - Operations Superintendent
43 Years of service



Justin McAllister - Line Foreman
13 Years of service



Brandon Wyckoff-Lead Lineman
19 Years of service

Selecting the Right Tree and Right Location for Planting

The right tree planted in the right place can add natural beauty to any landscape, but a tree in the wrong place can become expensive to maintain and even dangerous. When considering placement, select a planting location that will not interfere with utility lines both in the air and underground. Tree branches can interfere with overhead power lines, and roots can do the same with underground utilities. Many times trees and shrubs planted near power lines suffer either in appearance or vitality, but safety is the overriding issue. Trees conduct electricity and can create a safety hazard if limbs grow too close to electric lines.

Power outages or interruptions occur when trees and branches come into contact with overhead lines. Electrical arcing and sparking from a wire to a nearby branch can cause fires.

Tall growing trees with a mature height of greater than 40 feet should be planted at least 50 feet away from lines to avoid future pruning. A mature height of less than 25 feet is recommended if planting near lines. Keep in mind, trees should never be planted directly under power lines, near poles, or too close to electrical equipment.

Trees growing near power lines must be pruned to maintain a safe distance from the wires. If you have trees that are growing into power lines, contact your electric provider. Never try to prune them yourself.

Before the tree planting begins, make sure to call 811. The 811 “Call Before You Dig” campaign is a free service that locates and marks your public underground utilities. Make sure to call a few days in advance of any digging project to give ample time for a professional to locate these utilities. Electrical, gas, water, cable, and telephone lines can all be found beneath the earth.

Trees enhance the quality of life, keep in mind the environmental and energy-saving benefits of trees and bushes, but equally important, the need to choose the right tree when planting near power lines.

For more information on picking out a tree, visit the Arbor Day Foundation’s website at www.arborday.com.



Hawaiian Roll Breakfast Sliders

1 1/2 pks Hawaiian Rolls
1 lb sliced deli ham
12 eggs, scrambled
12 slices American cheese
1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
1/4 cup maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease 9x13 baking dish.

Use a serrated knife to cut the rolls in half horizontally making sure to keep the top half of the rolls together.

In a medium size bowl whisk eggs until well blended. Pour eggs into a lightly greased skillet. Scramble eggs over medium-high heat until fully cooked. Add ham to rolls. Add an even layer of eggs over ham. Top with cheese slices and add the top half of the roll bun.

In a small bowl, add butter and syrup. Microwave until melted. Spoon an even layer of butter and syrup mixture over rolls. Cover and bake for 10 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 10 minutes.

Serve immediately.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This planting season, include energy efficiency in your landscaping plans. Adding shade trees around your home can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 6 degrees. To block heat from the sun, plant deciduous trees around the south side of your home. Deciduous trees provide excellent shade during the summer and lose their leaves in the fall and winter months, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Source: energy.gov



Our office will be closed
Friday, April 7th in
observance of
Good Friday
Happy Easter from CRPPD



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April Board Meeting:
April 10th - 9:00 am

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