Have a blast on July 4

A safe and spectacular Fourth of July fireworks show is the goal of Wenatchee’s Independence Day Celebration supporters. Live music, fun for children of all ages, displays and food booths kick off the July 4th fun at 3 p.m., leading to the fireworks show and live Wenatchee Valley Symphony performance starting at 9:45 p.m.

Chelan PUD has hosted the display in Walla Walla Point Park for many years and is an event sponsor. See details at wenatcheevalleyfourth.com.

A powerful night at the ballpark

Hit a home run with your Chelan PUD, at Chelan PUD Night at the AppleSox on June 17.

Chelan PUD customers can step up to the plate to win a basket of summer fun to enjoy at one of the 14 Chelan PUD parks and hit one out of the ballpark when they apply for a free day-use parking pass to use at PUD parks operated by the state – Daroga, Lincoln Rock and Wenatchee Confluence state parks.

There'll be energy saving hits and tips and much more.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m. Head out to the ballpark for hometown baseball and summer savings from YOUR Chelan PUD.

PUD profile: Lyle Moore

Getting power to the people

A Wenatchee native, Moore credits his early years managing service stations for his dad in helping him learn, provide and see the results of quality customer service.

As Customer Service engineering supervisor, he helps his group meet the needs of customers-owners requesting electric service.

“Problem-solving and helping people are the things I enjoy the most,” Moore said.

Moore started at Chelan PUD as a student in the 1990s, working with Customer Service and Distribution engineers. He began college in his late 20s after working with family in the fruit and automotive service industries.

Moore went to work at Pacific PUD after graduation and was there for 16 years. With their sons off to college, the lure of the four seasons and family still in this area brought him back to the area where he joined Chelan PUD in 2013.

Away from work, you’ll find him skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, gardening and spending time with his wife, Priscilla, and their two grown sons.

Town Toyota Center lights up with LEDs

Town Toyota Center has just installed gorgeous white and colored lights to take the action up a notch at the next event you attend. But, there’s more to it than red, white and blue during the national anthem and psychedelic arrays at concerts.

The big excitement for center staff is in the energy savings and low maintenance that LED lighting – both white and rainbow colored – will bring to the budget.

The Public Facilities District’s Town Toyota Center has just finished replacing 99 metal halide lamps with 40 “high bay” LEDs. Estimated annual energy savings are 599,640 kilowatt hours -- enough to power 27 local homes -- or $18,021 off the annual electric bill.

Chelan County PUD is covering 98 percent of the project cost of $225,250.

Last year the PUD provided 100 percent funding for metal halide-to-LED lighting upgrades to the center’s parking lot, warehouse and community ice rink.

Both projects are part of Chelan PUD’s Local Government Initiative, a new PUD program to improve the energy efficiency of public buildings. Incentives are available to help local governments upgrade facilities and equipment. It’s saved about .43 average megawatts so far. See more at ConservationMakesCents.org.

 TEAMING UP WITH THE COMMUNITY
GM Steve Wright: Value for you

It’s been a little more than a year since the PUD Commissioners approved the 2015-19 strategic plan. Within that plan you helped us identify ways the PUD can bring even more value and quality of life improvements through what we call Public Power Benefits.

Based on our 2014 financial performance, some $8 million was allocated for 2015 & 2016 to commit to projects that would provide the best for the most for the longest period of time. The strong financial performance of the District allows us to initiate the Public Power Benefit program while accomplishing our overarching goals of investing in our value-producing facilities and people; and paying down debt.

Projects underway include the long-awaited expansion of our world-class fiber optic network – beginning in Cashmere, Manson and Leavenworth; continuing the popular day-use parking pass at the three PUD parks operated by Washington State Parks; restoring the Horan Natural area to a wetland; installing up to nine electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at our facilities, and much more.

All of this while we stay focused on our two highest priorities of reinvesting in our assets and people and reducing our debt.

You can learn more here: www.chelanpud.org/public_power_benefit.
I am proud of the work our team does to provide value to you and your family. Let me know how you think we’re doing.

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Have summer fun on us

Chelan County residents can get a free day-use parking pass for you and your family to use at Daroga, Lincoln Rock and Wenatchee Confluence state parks.

Apply online at chelanpud.org/parks-and-recreation – click on “Day Use Park Pass” or visit the PUD office in Chelan, Leavenworth or Wenatchee and fill out an application.

The passes are offered through the District’s Public Power Benefit program. Learn more about other benefits in the Learning Center at chelanpud.org.

Safety tip

Buckle up before you leave the dock

Make sure everyone on board wears a lifejacket and watch out for hazards in the water.

See “Fishing and Boating” at chelanpud.org for conditions at PUD park boat launches.