

NEWS & VIEWS

January, 2014

January 9th @ NW Natural Utility Program Update for 2014

The **January Utility Update meeting** is scheduled to be held at NW Natural's fourth floor meeting room, 220 NW Second Avenue, Portland, OR. 97209 at 11:30AM, Thursday, January 9th.

Lunch is being provided by NW Natural, so bring your appetite and join your fellow HVAC contractors to network and hear about these exciting programs.

John Karasaki, Portland General Electric will bring you up to date on the Quality Assurance programs being offered by PGE for area contractors

Keith Barrow, NW Natural, will discuss the 2014 plans for gas availability in the Portland market.

We'll also have representatives from Energy Trust of Oregon, NEEA, Clark Public Utilities and BPA, all of whom will have specific information on the incentives and programs offered by their entities.

2014 Calendar

On the back page of this newsletter is the 2014 calendar of events for ORACCA. Please take a moment to review these dates and post them to your personal calendars, so you will not miss out on some very important and informative meetings next year.

Medical Insurance Coverage.

Also on the program for the January meeting will be a presentation by Larry Johnson of LaPorte and Associates, updating everyone on the latest information dealing with the Federal government's health care program. What are some of the immediate effects on your business and how can you best plan for the future?

As always, being a member of ORACCA does have some advantages with insurance costs. Larry has kindly volunteered to update us on what steps are available for the business owner now and in the foreseeable future. Healthcare will be in a state of flux for some time, so information is a necessary part of your financial forecast. You won't want to miss this session.

Annual Christmas Meeting

The annual Christmas meeting at Lennox, this year outdid itself with the excellent luncheon spread. This was a great meal and gave the attendees a chance to wish each other a most memorable holiday.

The Board also met with representatives from the Veterans Administration, ABC, and local community colleges to discuss how to facilitate the entry of returning veterans into the HVAC industry. This is an issue we plan to continue to pursue.



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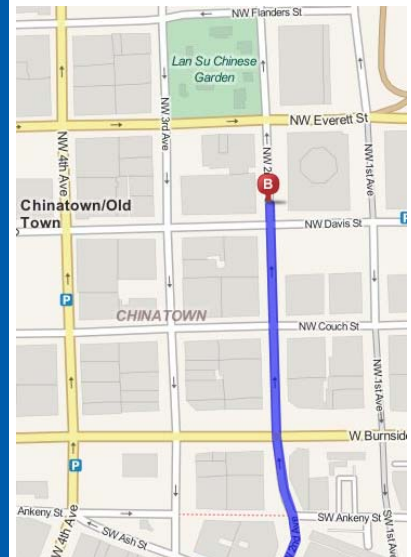
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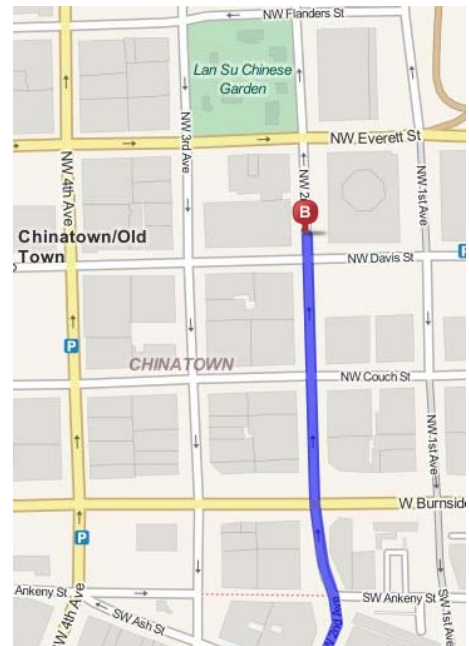
Utility Update on
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Member's Corner By Keith

This month's newsletter is being submitted by Keith Barrow, NW Natural. It's time to say goodbye to what I believe was a successful 2013, and now look forward to what we hope will be an even better 2014.

From the natural gas side of things, let me just share a few high points. An abundance of natural gas in the United States has allowed gas prices to drop to a 10 year low. Our current rates in Oregon are at \$0.99 per therm (\$0.95 in WA) (100,000 BTU's). Also this past year, we introduced our online Gas Availability tool called "Can I Get Gas?" This new feature, available at <https://www.nwnatural.com/ConnectToGas/CanIGetGas>, will determine if natural gas is available to a location and the cost for new service. Try it out at today.

Looking ahead, there will be NATE gas heat testing offered on Feb. 8 at the NW Natural building. If you need to get new techs certified, or someone's certification is due to expire soon, get signed up for the class. They fill up quick.

This month's ORACCA meeting, being held at NW Natural, will provide a utility update by PGE (quality assurance process), NW Natural (online gas availability, CNG), the ETO, Clark Public Utilities, BPA, and NEEA along with a representative from Earth Quake Tech to provide an over of their earthquake valve products.

We hope to see you at the January 9 meeting. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season! Keith



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to dick@oracca.org

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NATE GAS HEAT Training/Testing.
February 8, 2014, 8:00AM, NW Natural
Computer Lab.

Brazing Certification Terst, March 21,
2014, PCC @ TBD

NATE HEAT PUMP Training/Testing.
April 12, 2014, 8:00AM, PGE
Facility in Wilsonville.

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