

Give **Blood**, Get **Fitted**

The Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is teaming up with the Safety department to host our Company's next blood drive during two upcoming Tyndale fittings.



You can give blood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **September 4** in the **Spring Valley Auditorium** and get fitted anytime between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. Blood donations will also be gratefully accepted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **September 5** in the **Blooming Grove Auditorium**. Fittings will be offered from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Register today to give blood by contacting **Jennifer Woehrle** at ext. 3670. Contact **Denise Coyle** at ext. 3383 for additional information on Tyndale fittings.

Please note the date change.

Security Open House

Visit the **Spring Valley Auditorium** anytime between 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, September 10** with your questions and feedback on all things Security. Representatives from O&R's Corporate Security department, the Spring Valley Police Department and Allied Barton, our security guard service provider, will be on hand to talk to you about tips and programs aimed at keeping you safe and secure on and off the job. Coffee and donuts will be served. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for a free Kindle. No need to RSVP. Just check with your Supervisor and drop by at a time that works best for you and your department.



Reserve your tickets today to hear four incredible employee bands – No Strings Attached, Little Rusty, Jon Zanger and N.a.s.H. – rock out at YOURBest's Battle of the Bands 2014, emceed by D.J. Jim Udasco. The event will be held at the Black Rock Fish and Game Club and will run from noon 'til 6 p.m.

Your \$50 family ticket (two adults and their children) and \$20 individual tickets cover food, beverages and family fun. Theme baskets, raffles and exciting silent auctions will be offered, featuring a four pack of Yankee tickets, a David Letterman package and more. All proceeds support children with disabling birth injuries.

Dial ext 2515 for additional ticket information.

O&R Golf Outing

Wednesday, October 8, at the Phillip Rotella Golf Course Thiells Mt. Ivy Rd., Thiells, N.Y.

\$95 per person includes:

Commemorative shirt, Green fees, sleeve of balls, continental breakfast, box lunch and awards.

Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with a shot gun start at 10 a.m.

Get a foursome together and reserve as early as possible. All are welcome – family, friends, retirees. Please send payment and completed reservation form to: **Steve McCready**, SVDC, Electric Operations.

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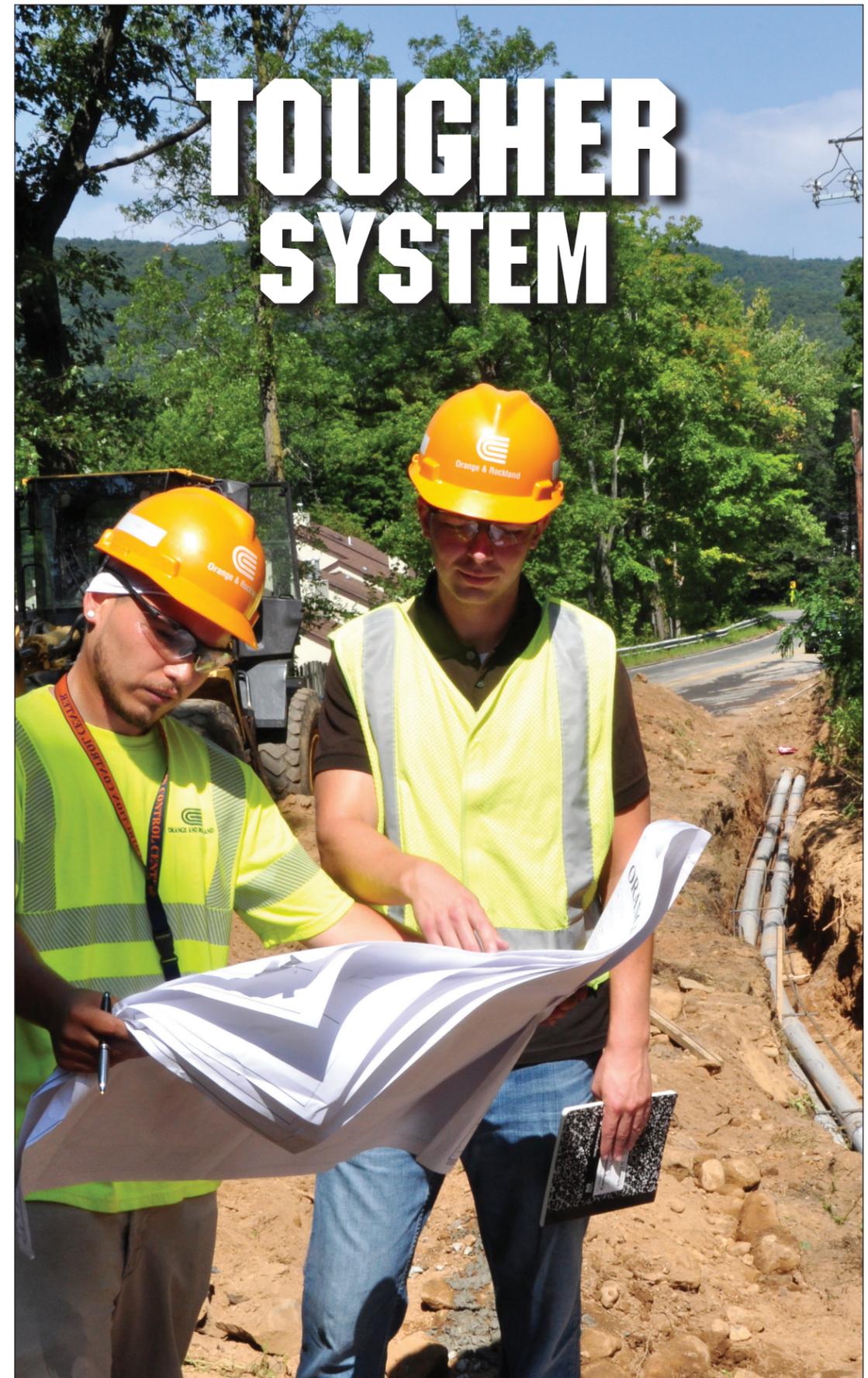
Call **Steve** at 845-590-0217 for additional information. Donations are gratefully accepted from non-participants.



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Distribution Engineers **Anthony Velazquez** (left) and **Jon Backhaus** discuss the final phase of a \$2.4 million storm hardening project in Montebello.

Strategic Strengthening

Our Company continues to carefully allocate resources to strategically reinforce and strengthen critical portions of our energy delivery system. These improvements taking place across our service territory promise greater resiliency on blue skies day, and especially during storms.



Pictured here along "Pine Tree Valley" are (from left) Jon Backhaus, Verdi Contractor Barry Van Houten Jr and Anthony Velazquez.

Distribution Engineer Anthony Velazquez spent 10 days following Hurricane Sandy working with our line crews to detangle trees from Montebello's double circuits 51-2-13 and 51-6-13. Lying in the balance of our tree-mangled overhead distribution system was power to thousands of customers living adjacent to what's commonly referred to as "Pine Tree Alley." The origins of the neighborhood's nickname are apparent when you cast your eyes to the skies and the dense and soaring vegetation that lines both sides of Montebello Road.

"Besides designing and supervising the underground improvement, this project is especially exciting for me since I was out here for almost two weeks after Sandy" Anthony explained. "Because the majority of the circuit load is upstream of Montebello Road, this new 6,300-foot-section of underground circuit will alleviate storm-related disruptions for approximately 2,300 customers in the area."

This undergrounding job represents the final phase of a \$2.4 million project that began last year as part of our ongoing storm hardening program. The portion of line 51-6-13 brought underground was routed through two, six-inch conduits encased in cement.

Our work improves electric service for residential and commercial customers prone to tree-related outages in Montebello, Ramapo, Suffern, Wesley Hills and Airmont.

Did You Know?

In addition to over \$100 million in capital investments we've committed to our energy system in 2014, our Company has dedicated another \$35 million to a three-year strategic storm hardening construction program aimed at making our system more resistant to weather-related damage.



Project Manager Jim Carbone (left) and Project Management Senior Specialist Kevin McPartland are pictured above at the site of a transmission foundation and pole replacement project adjacent to the Palisades Mall on the border of West Nyack and Valley Cottage. Over one dozen structures will be addressed in this next phase of our Company's long-term plan to replace all our 69 kV and 138 kV –carrying infrastructure running along the CSX West Shore rail line from our Lovett to West Nyack substations. This program is a combination of general maintenance and storm hardening.

Life's Journey Seminars

Dedicate two hours of your Tuesday evenings setting yourself up for a carefree retirement. Take advantage of these upcoming seminars to learn more about your pension, benefits, wills, insurance and debt prevention.

Eldercare Solutions – Wills and Insurance

September 9 – SVOC Auditorium

Vanguard – How to Avoid Debt Trouble

September 16 – BGOA Auditorium

September 23 – SVOV Auditorium

O&R Pension and Benefits

September 30 – SVOC Auditorium (Career Average)

October 7 – SVOC Auditorium (Cash Balance)

These free, two-hour seminars begin at 4:30 p.m. and are open to all employees, their partners, family members and friends.

Email **Jeannine Pietrobuono** at pietrobuonoj@oru.com or call her on ext. 2783 to register.

Stay Focused. Drive Safe.

There have been 25 Preventable Motor Vehicle Accidents (PMVAs) reported Company-wide as of August 25 – that's a 32% increase compared to the same period last year.

When you're behind the wheel, eliminate distractions and stay focused on your surroundings. Maintain situational awareness, check your mirrors frequently and operate at the appropriate speed. Remember, the more space you allow between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you, the more time you will have to see and avoid a hazard.

Take Extra Care for Our Kids

There is nothing more precious than our community's children. With the start of a new school year just around the corner, please take extra care operating your vehicle.

AAA urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- ◆ Slow down near schools and in residential areas.
- ◆ Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.
- ◆ Look for clues that indicate children could be in the area.
- ◆ Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs of children.
- ◆ Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- ◆ Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.
- ◆ Do not attempt to "Beat the Bus."

Did You Know?

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages three and over. The number of children killed increases during the school years.

E-ZPass Users Beware

The MTA and New York State Thruway Authority have issued a warning about an email phishing scam targeting E-ZPass users. This fraudulent email appears to be official, warns of unpaid tolls and includes a link to download a bogus invoice.

If you receive a similar email, do not respond to it or click the link to avoid the risk of infecting your computer or becoming a victim of identity theft. E-Z Pass only sends invoices via traditional paper mail. If you get an email from E-ZPass and aren't sure if it's legitimate or have questions about any correspondence, call E-ZPass customer service at 1-800-333-8655.

Information Resources reminds you to remain cautious when receiving unsolicited emails. These communications can be part of a phishing scam or malware campaign. Learn more about how to protect your professional and personal hardware and data by visiting the CyberAware Website available on the ORU Intranet under More Quick Links.

Medical Screenings

Middletown

October 3, Large Conf Rm, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Blooming Grove

October 30, Auditorium, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Spring Valley

September 11, Auditorium, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October 9, Auditorium, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 4, Auditorium, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

West Nyack

September 16, Cafeteria, 7a.m. to 1:30p.m.

twenty-five year club

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Save-the-Date

Thursday, October 9, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

The Clubhouse at Patriot Hills
19 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York

Club members and new inductees will be receiving their invitation via inter-office mail