

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



Take a hike at Rancho Seco

The Howard Ranch Trail at Rancho Seco Recreational Area recently reopened after more than a year of being closed for improvements. You and your family can now come out and enjoy the 7-mile trail on your own or take part in several docent-led hikes.

The trail winds around the north end of Rancho Seco Lake. When filled with water, vernal pools along the trail are crucial to some threatened and endangered species such as the California tiger salamander, vernal pool fairy shrimp and vernal pool tadpole shrimp. In the spring, flowers line the basins of these pools.

The trailhead is located at the North Dam parking lot in Rancho Seco Recreational Area off Highway 104/Twin Cities Road. Rancho Seco Recreational Area is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and there is a \$12 charge per vehicle. Learn more at smud.org/RanchoSeco. •

Help your neighborhood



SMUD is committed to powering neighborhoods and making them better. Through our annual "Shine" awards, we support projects that will improve and revitalize our local neighborhoods. It's an opportunity for nonprofits within SMUD's service territory to get funding for beautification, neighborhood improvement, education or energy efficiency projects.

Spread the word and urge the organizations that serve your community to apply for a Shine award so they can help foster more community spirit in your neighborhood. Shine awards are very competitive and funds are limited. Applications will be accepted through Monday, June 25, 2018.

Learn more at smud.org/Shine
#MyNeighborhoodShines •

Free classes

SMUD regularly holds a variety of educational classes and workshops at the SMUD Customer Service Center. Classes are held in the Rubicon Room, 6301 S. St., Sacramento. Registration is required. Call **916-732-6738**, or visit smud.org/Learn to register.

Pool efficiency seminar – Swim into savings Saturday, June 9, 2018 | 9 a.m. – noon

Come learn from pool and spa professionals about how to run your pool equipment more efficiently for better summer savings. You could win door prizes, or 1 of 2 variable speed, in-ground pool pumps courtesy of Leslie's and Pentair.

Is an electric vehicle right for you? Saturday, June 23, 2018 | 10 a.m. – noon

Thinking of going electric? Join us for an overview of electric vehicle basics before making this very important investment.

Weather stripping saves: Hands-on practice Saturday, June 30, 2018 | 9 a.m. – noon

Learn how to effectively install weather stripping and apply caulking to seal small openings and unwanted cracks, and you'll get a chance to practice these techniques in class. •

Play it safe: Keep balloons from drifting away



They're festive, colorful and at most graduation ceremonies, but drifting balloons can also be dangerous – especially mylar or metallic ones.

When metallic balloons contact power lines they can cause outages and fallen wires, posing a serious risk to people, pets and property. Enjoy your balloons, but please:

- Don't retrieve balloons caught in power lines.
- Stay away from downed or dangling wires.
- Use only non-metallic string or streamers with balloons and avoid bundling them together.
- Prevent helium-filled balloons from drifting away outdoors.

Report downed power lines immediately by calling SMUD at **1-888-456-SMUD** (7683) or call **911**. •

SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. The first meeting of each quarter is held at 9 a.m. Meetings are streamed live and archived on smud.org. Meeting location: SMUD Customer Service Center, Rubicon Room, 6301 S St., Sacramento. Times and locations subject to change. For information and agendas, visit smud.org, or call the SMUD Board Office at 916-732-6155.

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