

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



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Powering forward. Together.



We're more than just your electric company

Did you know that in 2018, SMUD employees volunteered **18,204** hours in the community and personally donated over **\$400,000** to local nonprofits?

SMUD Cares is our employee giving program, and whether it's their time, talent or treasure,

our employees give back in a big way.

Because we're community-owned, and not-for-profit, we take great pride in not just providing electricity, but also supporting our community. It's at the heart of what we do.

Through partnerships, sponsorships, educational programs and events, we're committed to improving our community where we live, work and play. To learn more about SMUD in the community, visit smud.org/Community. •

Steer clear of the poles

Last month, we launched a new educational campaign focused on safe driving. You might wonder what driving has to do with providing electricity. Did you know that in 2017, there were 241 car crashes with our power poles and other equipment? On average, that's more than 1 incident every other day. The most devastating statistic of all – 5 lives were lost.

Every car accident involving one of our power poles costs about \$15,000 to replace. It's costly



and can cause widespread power outages for thousands of customers.

Please drive safe and steer clear of the poles. To learn more safe driving tips, visit smud.org/DriveSafe. •

Powering Futures Scholarships

We recognize the importance of education and the impact it can have on our community. That's why we're proud to offer "Powering Futures," our annual college scholarship program.

As many as 21 students may receive up to \$5,000 each in scholarships.

Applicants must be a SMUD customer or have a SMUD customer as a legal guardian. Awards

are based on merit and financial need, and preference is given to students with a major that's relevant to SMUD. Some scholarships may also include a paid internship.

You still have time to apply. This year's deadline is **February 24, 2019**.

To learn more and apply, visit smud.org/Scholarships. •

Start the new year with 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. Visit smud.org/Learn or call **916-732-6738** to register.

Is an electric vehicle right for you?

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Join us for an overview of electric vehicle basics, so we can help you make a well-informed decision on a very important investment.

Is solar right for you?

Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 6 – 8 p.m.

This workshop will give you expert advice on whether making the switch to solar is right for you.

Mad science with static electricity: Family-friendly class (ages 10+)

Saturday, March 2, 2019 | 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Bring your kids and join us for an action-packed workshop featuring a series of experiments that will teach you about static electricity. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weather-stripping saves: Hands-on practice

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 9 a.m. – noon

Installing weather-stripping or applying caulking to openings and cracks at your home can significantly reduce energy costs. Our energy specialists will teach you these simple but effective practices. •

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/Board, or call the SMUD Board Office at 916-732-6155.

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