

Connections

Our monthly newsletter for residential customers



November 2023

Powering forward. Together.

Wonder why our employees volunteer?

Because we're your community-owned, not-for-profit electric service, giving back is a key part of SMUD's culture. Our employees generously share their time, resources and talent with causes that matter to them and our region. In the last year, employees volunteered 11,067 hours in the community. It's our privilege to support local nonprofit organizations that tackle community issues and improve the quality of life in our area.

Learn more at smud.org/Community. •



Avoid distraction, crews in action

Work zones present safety challenges for drivers and the crews working in the area. When you're driving through work zones, it's important to reduce your speed, pay close attention to the signs and cones and always be prepared to stop. Sometimes cones are the only barrier between your vehicle and working crew members. Keeping our employees, customers and our community safe is our top priority.

Learn more driver safety tips at smud.org/DriveSafe. •

Safety tips for holiday lights

It's that time of year when holiday lights go up and decorations come out in neighborhoods all around us. Here are some tips to keep in mind if you're thinking about dressing up your home for the holidays:

- Keep ladders away from overhead power lines.
- Keep paper and ribbon away from hot lights.
- As a rule of thumb, string together no more than 3 light sets.
- Use 1 long extension cord instead of linking several shorter ones.
- Unplug or shut off all decorative lights before bedtime or before leaving home.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) with all outdoor lighting. •

Stay on track with Bill Pay Your Way

Customers are at the center of what we do. That's why we offer Bill Pay Your Way, which combines our Budget Billing and Custom Due Date programs to give you more control over how you pay your bill.

Budget Billing sets your bill at the same monthly payment for a full year. **Custom Due Date** sets the date your bill is issued based on your preferred due date, so you can choose a due date range that works with your or scheduled deposits.

Find out more and sign up at smud.org/BillPayYourWay. •



Clean power education for teachers



We love our teachers who help so many students in our community. Did you know SMUD offers free STEM lesson plans, materials and workshops just for our educators?

All classes are free and are held at various locations or online, however, preregistration is required.

Learn more and register at smud.org/Education.

Intro. to Student Prototyping in Engineering with Raspberry Pi Pico (Grades 6-8)
Tuesday, Dec. 5 | 5 – 6:30 p.m. | Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)

The Raspberry Pi Pico is a cheap (around \$5) circuit board that students can use to engineer solutions to our problems. We'll look at some power related problems and how to solve them. SCOE is located at 10474 Mather Blvd., Mather, CA 95655.

Microgrid Map with Paper Crafting & Circuits (Grades 3-12) | **Thursday, Dec. 7** | 4 – 5 p.m. | Online
Explore grid reliability and resiliency with this fun, hands-on paper circuit crafting activity. •

SMUD Board of Directors

Your elected Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Meetings are streamed live and archived on smud.org.

Visit smud.org/Board for the latest information.

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