

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall! Or in San Diego, the continuation of Summer.....

Fall is my favorite season of the year, once it starts to cool a bit. I love the slanted light from the sun; crisp breezes; pumpkin spice. We don't get much here with the changing colors; I grew up in the L.A. area and we had a huge maple tree in our front yard. Watching those leaves change color before they dropped off the tree was always fun. The colors and scents of Fall always made me feel cozy. As a kid, I remember planning our costumes for Halloween (usually something from our parents' closet) and our route to trick or treat. There was a lady who lived at the end of our street that was always chasing the kids away from her yard. But at Halloween, she always had candied apples for just the kids on the street. Everyone else got peppermints. Then comes Thanksgiving with family gatherings that included a big roasted turkey and all the trimmings. I'm one of those weird people who never really liked that particular meal. Just so much food and gravy getting all over everything else! I don't really mind my food touching, but swimming together was just not appetizing. But I loved spending time with my family and my grandparents and two extra days off from school was pretty cool.

The pandemic made all of these childhood memories seem more distant, but now that most of us in our demographic are vaccinated and are double or triple boosted, we're likely to open our doors for Halloween again and invite family and friends to Thanksgiving dinner. From your Alumni Association Board to all of you, Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

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<http://sdgealumniassoc.org> or Facebook SDG&E Alumni Association page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/408831429206094/>

Your President,

Samm McDonald



Holiday luncheon December 6, 2022

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ecobee LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM WITH CALIFORNIA UTILITY TO HELP PREVENT POWER EMERGENCIES

TORONTO – Sep. 9, 2022 – [ecobee](#), a subsidiary of Generac Power Systems (NYSE: GNRC), today announced the launch of a pilot program with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) designed to help prevent power outages caused by extreme weather, sustained high heat, and natural disasters. In the event of an emergency, eligible ecobee customers in SDG&E's service territory will receive a notification when slight, temporary temperature adjustments are needed on their ecobee smart thermostats to reduce demand and help avoid an outage. Customers can help their community by remaining opted into the program or they can skip the event if they're unable to take part.

"At ecobee, we remain committed to offering innovative smart home solutions that address real problems customers are facing, such as the rise of power outages due to the prevalence of extreme weather brought on by climate change," said Kari Binley, Senior Manager, Energy Partnerships at ecobee. "We're excited to launch this new and innovative solution with SDG&E, which will allow more ecobee Smart Owners in California to help their communities and automatically conserve energy without sacrificing their comfort, all while helping to create a more resilient power grid."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States recorded 22 weather and climate disasters in 2020, a nearly 40 percent increase from the year before. As extreme weather becomes more frequent and severe due to climate change, electricity experts and California officials have warned that states may not have enough power to continue to reliably meet demand.

The power grid is a challenging balancing act – extreme weather, persistent heat waves and natural disasters cause increases in demand and stress on the power grid, resulting in energy shortages. Through participating in this pilot program during periods of extreme vulnerability for the electrical grid, ecobee and SDG&E customers can save energy and help prevent potential power outages in their communities.

"Smart thermostats are another tool in our toolbox to empower our customers to manage their energy usage in a way that benefits them financially, while also helping to support grid reliability for all Californians," said SDG&E Director of Customer Programs Hollie Bierman. "By partnering with smart thermostat makers on pilot programs like this, we hope to make energy savings as easy as possible."

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Upcoming Events

An SDG&E November volunteer event will be a collaboration with the Environmental Discovery Institute. We will be volunteering on a native plant restoration project in the El Monte Preserve to support the Cactus Wren (a local bird). Please contact Madison Corado at MConrado@sdge.com



NEWLY APPROVED LEGISLATION AIMS TO PREVENT POWER OUTAGES AND FIRES BY PHASING IN NON-CONDUCTIVE FOIL BALLOON MATERIAL

Each year, electrically-conductive foil balloons – popular for celebrating birthdays, graduations and other special occasions – cause thousands of power outages across California and the nation when they get tangled up in power lines. Occasionally, foil balloons caught in power lines also spark fires and bring down electrical wires.

To help reduce fire risk and prevent power outages, manufacturers and retail outlets in California will be required to gradually phase in the production and sale of non-electrically conductive foil balloons in the coming years. This change is prompted by new legislation signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom and sponsored by Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) in collaboration with San Diego Gas & Electric. “Balloon safety can go a long way in preventing power outages and fires,” said Assemblymember Quirk, D-Hayward.

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FESTIVALS, PARADES AND MORE

When autumn arrives and the summer beach crowds diminish, visitors to San Diego can relish in the region's sunny mild weather and enjoy a number of fun-filled fall activities to enhance their vacation getaway. During San Diego's shoulder season, visitors can find a variety of annual festivals, fairs and diverse cultural entertainment.

October

AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO SAFARI PARK

When: October 1-31, 2022

Come and join in all the autumn festive fun as the San Diego Zoo Safari Park celebrates the season of color with special activities, entertainment, and culinary comforts.

beach volleyball, craft beer, 5K run, kids activities and music!

SAN DIEGO ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

When: October 12-22, 2022

The San Diego Italian Film Festival showcases the best of new Italian film with a series of premieres ranging from dramas and comedies to documentaries.

SAN DIEGO FILIPINO FILM FESTIVAL

When: October 13-18, 2022

SDFFF aims to not only be a platform to amplify Filipinx visions, voices and stories but also foster new interest in filmmaking and cinema as art throughout the local and global Filipinx community.

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

When: October 19-23, 2022

SDiFF offers world premieres, never before seen studio releases, the best in independent filmmaking and a full schedule of glamorous parties and intimate events with filmmakers.

GREAT PUMPKIN BEER FESTIVAL

When: October 22, 2022

For one day only, the streets of Downtown San Diego will be transformed into a gourd-geous mecca of all things nonsensical as misfits unite to celebrate brews, boos and beats.

November

FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO

When: November 1-13, 2022

Fleet Week San Diego honors and celebrates the men and women of the military through events that entertain and alliances that thank and support these heroes.

CARLSBAD FALL VILLAGE FAIRE

When: November 6, 2022

Take in the beauty of the seaside city while browsing through unique booths, indulging in delectable eats and enjoying family entertainment at the Carlsbad Village Faire.

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FESTIVALS, PARADES AND MORE, Continued

SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

When: November 9-13, 2022

Featuring dozens of events, hundreds of domestic and international wineries, the celebration of craft beer and spirits, local culinary legends and nationally recognized celebrities, and a Grand Tasting Finale on the stunning Embarcadero.

CORONADO ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL

When: November 9-13, 2022

The Coronado Island Film Festival (CIFF) cordially invites makers and lovers of film everywhere to join us in this unique historic seaside village.

SAN DIEGO VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

When: November 11, 2022

See over 4,000 Veterans, Active Military, Bands, Floats and Civic Groups celebrate Veterans Day with the San Diego Veteran's Day Parade.

WONDERFRONT FESTIVAL

When: November 18-20, 2022

A highly-anticipated 7+ stage, 80+ bands, 3-day music, culinary and arts festival will descend upon the stunning waterfront of downtown San Diego all along the Embarcadero.

ENCINITAS HOLIDAY STREET FAIR

When: November 20, 2022

In the Holiday Street Fair, continuous since 1989, children's rides, two stages of live entertainment and food and drink refreshments provide an attractive setting for the public and a great boon to our vendors.

JAZZ FEST AND SWING EXTRAVAGANZA

When: November 23-27, 2022

Since 1980, this event has been held during Thanksgiving weekend in San Diego, California, and features a variety of musical artists performing traditional jazz, swing, blues, ragtime, boogie woogie, gospel, and rhythm and blues.



NEWLY APPROVED LEGISLATION AIMS TO PREVENT POWER OUTAGES AND FIRES, Continued

“With California facing increasing wildfire risks and electric reliability challenges due to climate change, it’s important that we do everything we can to mitigate fire risk and prevent power interruption.”

Under Assembly Bill 847 signed by the governor on Sept. 18, anyone who sells and makes any foil balloon for sale is required to ensure that those balloons meet certain requirements, including passing a standard test (IEEE 2845) that is approved by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Per the legislation, non-electrically conductive foil balloons will be phased in over several years, after the IEEE approves the final standard for testing non-conductive foil balloons or by Jan. 1, 2027, whichever is later.

“Our top priority at SDG&E is to provide safe and reliable service to our customers,” said SDG&E CEO Caroline Winn. “That’s why our engineers persisted over the past decade to develop an innovative balloon material that looks just like a regular foil balloon but doesn’t cause outages or increase fire risk – solving an industry-wide problem.”

For more information go to [Newly Approved Legislation Aims To Prevent Power Outages And Fires By Phasing In Non-Conductive Foil Balloon Material | SDGE | San Diego Gas & Electric - News Center \(sdgenews.com\)](https://www.sdgenews.com)

2022 ACTIVITY INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier this year we asked a few questions regarding types of activities you would consider attending in the upcoming months. Here is what we heard. (194 responses)

- 1) How likely are you to attend the Holiday luncheon on Dec 6th, 2022?
Very likely/likely 59%
Very unlikely/unlikely 41%
- 2) How likely are you to attend the Holiday Lights Trolley tour?
Very likely/likely 32%
Very unlikely/unlikely 68%
- 3) How likely are you to attend a “bring your own food” picnic at a park or bay in the spring?
Very likely/likely 47%
Very unlikely/unlikely 53%

Based on the responses, we will have the Holiday Luncheon on **December 6th** (see announcement). We are also planning a weekday picnic in the third or fourth week in April (date TBD).

If anyone is interested in the Holiday Lights tour, please contact Brienn Woods to join an “interest list”. Discounted group tickets are \$24/adult and \$20/children ages 4-12. discounted tours run December 5 – 17. It was a great event the last time we went!

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Customers who qualify for inclusion in the pilot program will receive an email from ecobee announcing the details of the program. When an energy emergency occurs, they will receive a notification informing them of the energy supply shortage.

How it works:

- An energy emergency is called, indicating grid reliability issues that could result in power outages for customers. These events are typically only called a few times a year.
- Customers will receive a notification on their ecobee mobile app and thermostat screens informing them of an upcoming slight temperature adjustment and how long it will last. ecobee Smart Owners can open the ecobee app to learn more and remain opted into the program, or skip the event right from the app. The thermostat will pre-cool the home before the temperature adjustment takes place to help maintain comfort.
- Customers who choose to help their community will see a temporary temperature adjustment of one to four degrees, lasting no more than four hours to help stabilize the grid and avoid power outages. Customers will always remain in control of their comfort and can choose to stop saving energy mid-way through the energy shortage, if desired.

“Over the years, ecobee has demonstrated its dedication to energy efficiency and grid resiliency by improving everyday life while creating a more sustainable world,” said Binley. “We’re proud to expand those efforts even further today with this latest collaboration with San Diego Gas & Electric.”

Since launching the world’s first smart thermostat in 2009, ecobee has helped customers across North America save more than 25 TWh of energy, which is the equivalent of taking all the homes in Los Angeles off the grid for a year.

To learn more about this pilot program, visit the [FAQ page](#).

For more on ecobee’s suite of industry-leading energy efficient products and solutions, visit [ecobee.com](https://www.ecobee.com).

Reminder: If you change your email address, please send us your new one so we can stay in touch!

Go to: <https://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/update-e-mail-address>

SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

Listing of Retirees and Deceased since 2nd quarter edition of the Retiree Times

A complete list of retirees and deceased members can be found on the SDG&E alumni website:

[Retired and Deceased Alumni | SDGE-Alumni-Assoc \(sdgealumniassoc.org\)](https://sdgealumniassoc.org)

Recent Retirees

Jeff Anderson	Nov 2022
Faton A Bacaj	Sep 2022
Christopher Cacioppo	Jun 2022
Rosa Cortez	Jul 2022
Dean L Cunningham	Oct 2022
Rebecca W Giles	Aug 2022
Craig Greer	Jul 2022
Carlos Palos	Jul 2022
Nenita Plorin	Oct 2022
Leon Redondo	Jul 2022
Jeff Anderson	Nov 2022
Dawn Welch	Jul 2022
W David Wildenhain	Oct 2022

Deceased

Garnet A Ahrensberg	Jul 2022
Barbara J Borden	Jul 2021
Alvin J "Al" Cazimero	May 2022
Susan Crockett	Aug 2022
Ernest F Deibert	Jun 2022
Enrique Hernandez	2022
Larry L Kelly	Jun 2022
Jerry Krough	Sep 2022
Donald L McKee	Jun 2022
Lynn Mertie Miller	Jul 2022
James Henry Reid	Aug 2022
Ernest John "Ernie" Roberson Jr	Feb 2022
Ronald George Unkefer	Jul 2022

Holiday Luncheon

December 6th

Check-in 10:30

Lunch 11:30

For more information and to register go to:

[Holiday Luncheon | SDGE-Alumni-Assoc \(sdgealumniassoc.org\)](https://sdgealumniassoc.org)