

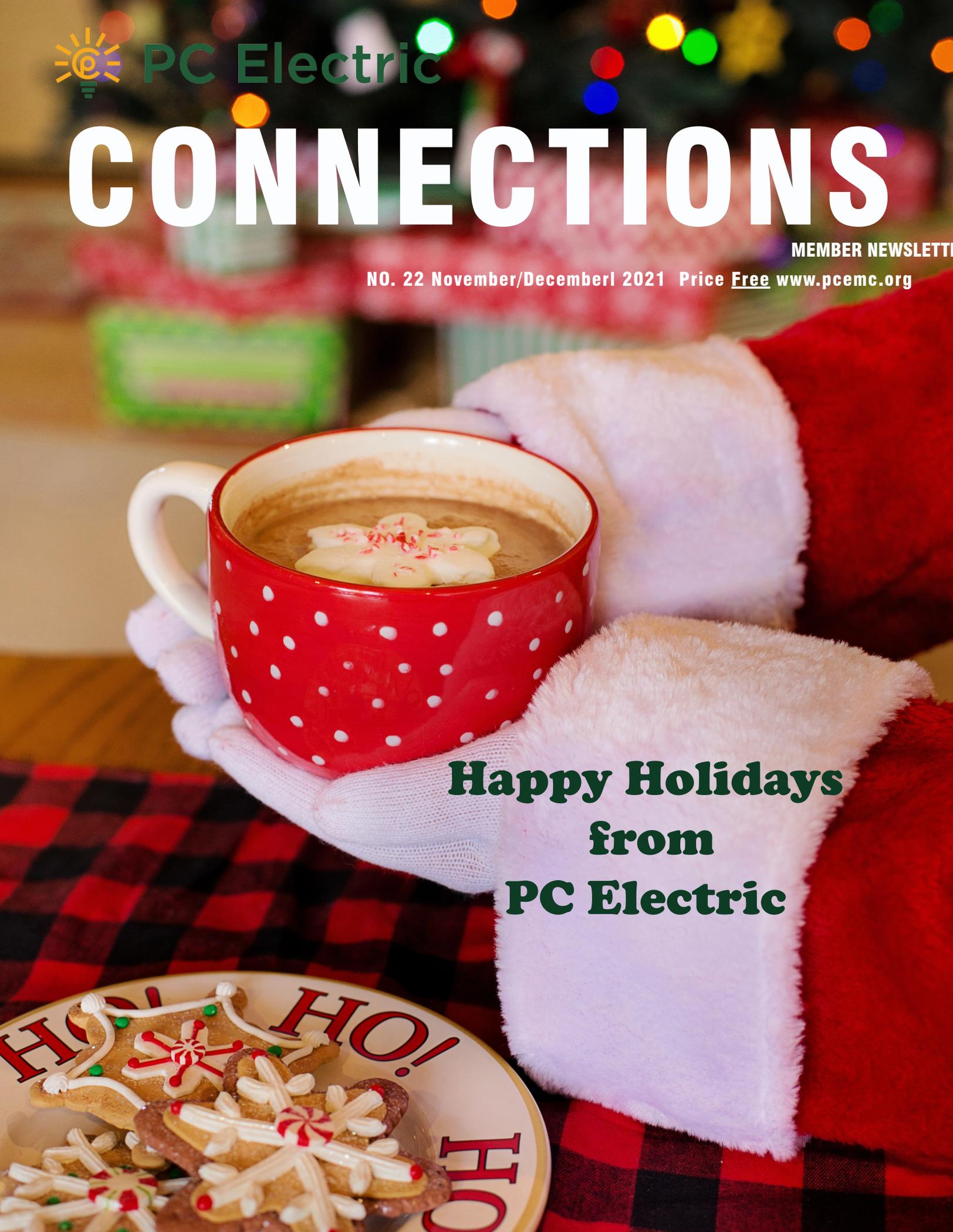


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DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT 5

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Eric Elliott

DISTRICT 7

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Operations Manager

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Manager of Finance and Administration

Lisanne Labatut

Executive Administrative Assistant & H.R. Manager

Chad Nichols

Safety Training & Projects Coordinator

Jill Copeland

Manager of Member Services and Communications

SAVE the DATE

JOIN US FOR THE 83rd ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

All PC Electric Members (Lucky Number: 2476600) are invited to attend the 83rd Annual Membership Meeting of PC Electric on
Wednesday
January 26th 2022

at the Scott Civic Center
in New Roads, LA.

Committee nominates candidates for Districts 2, 4 and 6

The Nominating Committees made up of PC Electric Members from Districts 2, 4 and 6 met Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at PC Electric Headquarters at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors for terms of three years beginning January 26, 2022.

The candidates nominated are incumbents Jimmy Ewing, Jr. of District 2; Ralph B. Chustz, Sr. of District 4 and Eric Elliott of District 6.

PC Electric members serving on the nominating committee from Districts 2, 4 and 6 were listed in the September-October issue of Connections.

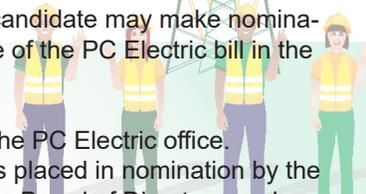
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PETITION is Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

According to the by-laws of PC Electric, candidates to run for the Board can be nominated in two ways: (1) **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of PC Electric Members make recommendations from their district; and, (2) **PETITION** - Any fifteen (15) members acting together in a district may nominate another candidate by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION for candidates in District 2, 4 and 6 are due in the office of PC Electric at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads, Louisiana before or by the close of business at 4:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Candidates for the Board must be active members of PC Electric and their main residence must be in the district for which they are nominated.

Only active members within the same district as the candidate may make nominations. The district number is listed on the far-right side of the PC Electric bill in the green shaded area.

The list of nominations will be posted in the lobby of the PC Electric office. If there are no nominations by petition, the candidates placed in nomination by the Nominating Committees will assume their seats on the Board of Directors on January 26, 2022.



Make these classic shortbread cookies with red bits of Maraschino cherries, and you will get a beautiful Christmas dessert. These colorful Christmas cookies (Lucky Number: 435104) are the simplest recipe to follow, and a sweet way to celebrate with your family!

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter- room temperature
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup maraschino cherries-chopped(spread cherries on paper towel to drain well or you can use candied maraschino cherries)
- 2/3 cup chocolate chips

Instructions

- Mix flour and salt, set aside.
- Cream 1 cup unsalted softened butter with 1/2 cup powdered sugar, mix in vanilla.
- Add flour and salt mixture and mix until it starts forming larger clumps.
- Mix in chocolate chips and maraschino cherries.
- Form the dough into the log and press it well or it will crumble when you slice the cookies (the log should be about 2 inch thick) Wrap it in the plastic wrap and chill in the fridge for at least 1-2 hour.
- Preheat the oven to 325 F and line baking sheet (Lucky Number: 938900) with parchment paper.
- Cut the log into 1/4 or 1/3 inch thick slices (if the slices crumbles, press it back together with your hands) and place them onto baking sheet with one inch of space between.
- Bake the cookies 10- 15 minutes (until they just start to turn lightly golden brown on top)
- Let them cool for 5 minutes on a baking sheet before transfer them to a rack to cool completely.



Maraschino Cherry Shortbread Christmas Cookies



PC ELECTRIC TO AWARD CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

PC Electric annually awards certificates and scholarships to three graduating high school seniors, one from each of our tri-parish service areas; Iberville Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish and West Baton Rouge Parish. The three \$1000 scholarships (Lucky Number: 1321601) will assist the students in their continuing education at any accredited college, university, business or vocational school of their choice.

The criteria to be used in selecting the scholarship recipients will be as follows:

- Applicant must live on PC Electric electric lines or have a parent who is a manager or owner of a company on the Cooperative lines.
- Applicant must have maintained at least a 2.5 overall grade point average in high school.
- Applicant must submit a copy of high school grade transcript.
- Applicant must be entering freshman year.
- Applicant must be entering as a full-time student.

The scholarship recipients will be announced at the PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting which is set for noon on January 26, 2022. One winner will be selected from each of the three parishes in which we serve.

Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the local high schools in the tri-parish service area or the information may be picked up at the PC Electric office in New Roads. Application and guidelines can also be downloaded from our website at www.pcemc.org and clicking on the Educational Programs link. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, December 17, 2021.

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DANGEROUS



A MESSAGE FROM
GENERAL MANAGER
MYRON LAMBERT



Each year, countless vehicles crash into utility poles and other electrical equipment. This usually causes power lines to come down – not only knocking out power to nearby homes and businesses – but also putting lives at risk. Knowing how to respond (Lucky Number: 1450400) if you're trapped in a car by a downed power line could save your life.

"When people are involved in a car accident, electricity is usually the last thing on their minds," explains Myron Lambert PC Electric General Manager. "We're usually more concerned about whether anyone was injured or how badly the vehicle is damaged. We can forget that by exiting the vehicle, we're risking exposure to thousands of volts of electricity from downed power lines."

What to do if a power line falls on your vehicle

Assume the downed power line – and everything it's touching – is energized and extremely dangerous. Not all energized power lines arc, spark, smoke or buzz. In fact, many times, energized lines just lie motionless on the ground, but they're just as deadly.

Stay calm and stay put. Take a moment to gather your thoughts and assess the situation you're in. If your car is inoperable, stay where you're at and don't panic. Unless there's a secondary emergency, such as fire or smoke, it's safer to stay inside your vehicle than it is to exit and risk electrocution.

Call 911. When you do, let the dispatcher know you were in a vehicle accident and there's a downed power line on your vehicle. The dispatcher will call the energy company in the area – and crews will be sent to de-energize the power line before first responders attempt to help you.

Tell bystanders to stay away if they begin to approach your vehicle to assist you and they may not notice the downed power line on or near your car. If anyone begins to approach your vehicle, (Lucky Number: 1807302) or tries to help you, warn them to stay at least 40 feet away from the power line and anything it may touch. Honk your horn, roll your window down and yell. Doing so could save lives.

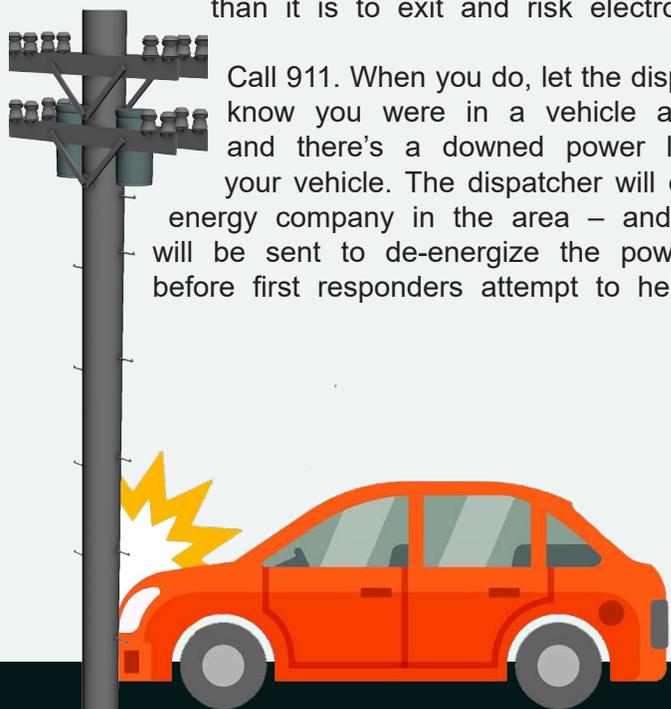
What to do if you need to exit your car

Prepare for your escape. Open the door, but **DO NOT** step out of the car. Touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time could turn your body into an electrical conductor and could kill you.

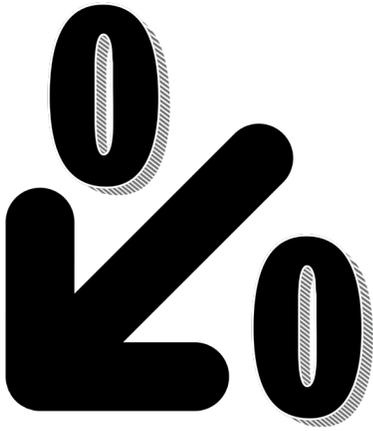
Jump out of the vehicle with your feet together. Make sure that you jump completely free of the vehicle with both feet together to avoid contact with the live vehicle and the ground at the same time. Know your limitations and don't jump too far, or in a way that could cause you to lose control of your body and fall to the ground. Keeping your feet as close as possible when you jump is more important than how far you jump. If your feet are apart from each other, electricity could travel through your body.

Shuffle. Keep your feet together and shuffle in slow and short strides until you're at least 40 feet away from the wire.

To view a short video on what to do if a power line falls on your vehicle visit www.pcemc.org/safety.



PC ELECTRIC ANNOUNNCES RATE REDUCTION



The PC Electric Board of Directors and Management is pleased to announce an upcoming rate reduction as a result of its annual rate review before the Louisiana Public Service Commission. Despite the challenges of reduced load due to the global pandemic and severe weather events, (Lucky Number: 2307600) PC Electric was able to actively manage costs and grow its membership to be able to pass along savings to its members. The annual rate review will result in a 2.06% reduction in rates which will translate to an approximate \$0.87 reduction for a member using 1000 kilowatt hours a month or a \$1.27 reduction for a member using 1500 kilowatt hours a month. At a time when many costs and rates are increasing, PC Electric is delivering savings to its members.

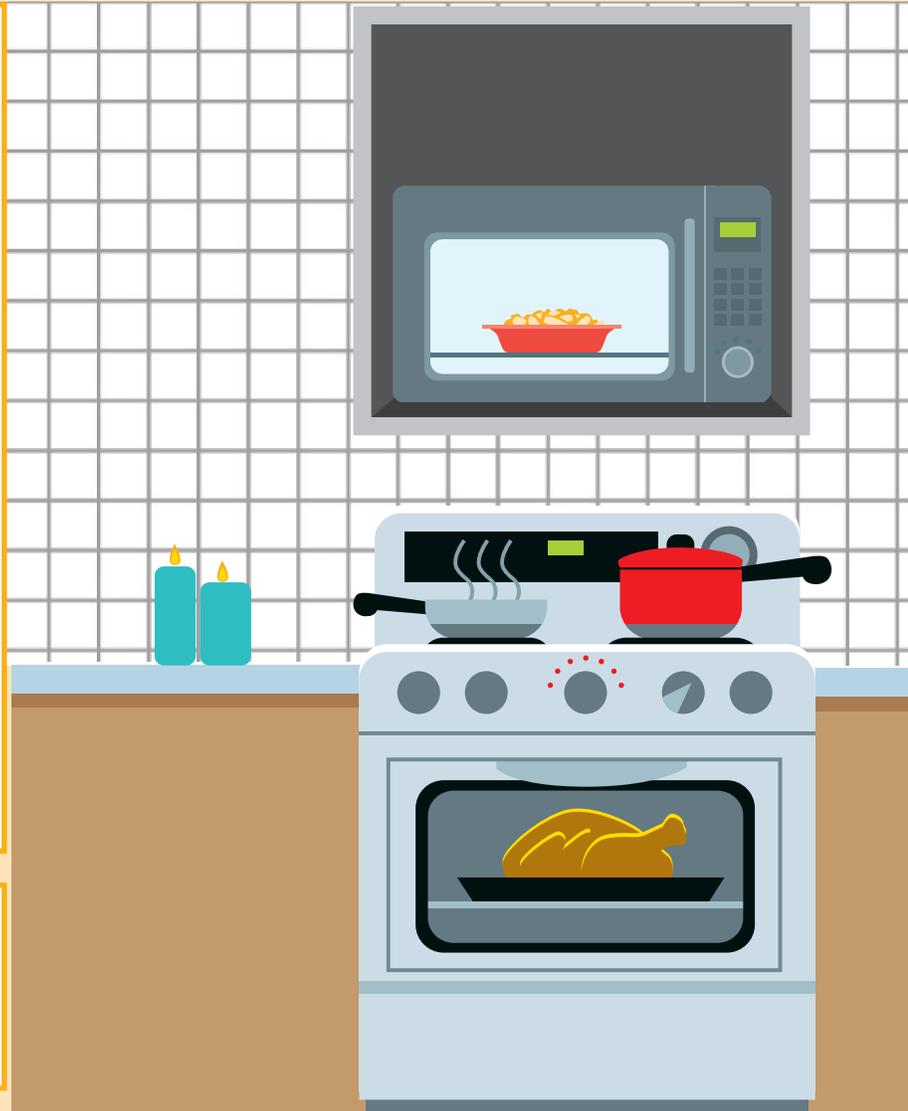


FALL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS!

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing, the weather is cooler and the holidays are just around the corner. But Fall also brings a higher risk of home fires and electrical safety hazards.

Read the safety tips below and fill in the blank with the correct term from the word bank.

1. Candles and _____ should only be used by adults.
2. An adult should always stay in the kitchen when something is _____.
3. Smoke alarms should be tested every _____ to ensure they are working. Batteries should be replaced at least once every _____ or right away if they start to "beep."
4. Make sure all _____ are blown out before leaving a room.
5. Keep any items that can burn away from the stove, toaster and other cooking _____.



WORD BANK

APPLIANCES COOKING YEAR MATCHES
CANDLES MONTH

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FEELING LUCKY? LOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER TO WIN A BILL CREDIT!



If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by December 31, 2021 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your bill statement.

GOOD LUCK!



Protect yourself this holiday season from scammers. Follow these guidelines to avoid being a victim of a scam.



Scammers will tell you the clock is ticking and you must pay immediately or you will be disconnected. PC Electric (Lucky Number: 2009406) will never call you and demand payment over the phone.



Options are limited. You may be asked for a specific form of payment, such as a prepaid debit card or cash.



It gets personal. They may ask for your social security number or banking information. Never give this information to a caller unless you initiated the call.

PC Electric would like to wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday season.

Please make a note of our holiday closing schedule. A dispatcher will be on duty in the event of an outage or emergency.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE



Thanksgiving

Closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26



Christmas

Closed Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27



New Year

Closed Friday, December 31