

SoCal Edison is offering a FREE class to help customers 'Go Solar'

Southern California Edison (SCE) is hosting a free Solar Connection Event in Palm Desert to help connect residential customers interested in a solar generating or solar water heating system installation with contractors who can do the work. The Solar Connection Event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wed., **March 13**, at Embassy Suites Palm Desert, 74700 Highway 111, in Palm Desert.

At the event, SCE customers will first be given a short presentation, during which they will learn about the California Solar Initiative program incentives, tax credits and financing options that can help lower out-of-pocket costs. After the presentation, they will be free to meet with multiple, licensed solar and solar water heating contractors, and they may schedule an inspection to determine their home's potential for an effective solar system.

Although this event is free, space is limited, so we encourage everyone to register.

To register or get more information, please visit www.sce.com/solartrainingPDST or call (866) 970-9221.



Mourning Star Sets Pathway to Healing for Grieving Kids: Event Set to Raise Funds

Losing a loved one is never easy. As an adult, it's difficult to deal with death. For children and teens, experiencing the death of a loved one can be confusing and isolating. Many times, we fail to realize that children are not mini-grownups. They do not have the life experience of adults, see loss differently and are affected by the way adults deal with grief.

Mourning Star is part of the community outreach efforts supported by the Visiting Nurse Association California and is funded 100% through the generosity of individuals, organizations, businesses and through grants. To raise funds, Mourning Star is hosting A Pathway to Healing luncheon on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Palm Desert, California.

Patti Daly Caruso will emcee the event which includes Vendor Exhibits, Shopping, Silent Auction and a Raffle. For information or tickets: www.MourningStarEvent.org or 760.773.6260.

Employers MUST Post Job Related Injury Form along with NEW 2012 Employment Posters.

The CalChamber and Palm Desert Area Chamber reminding employers that they must post a summary of job-related injuries and illnesses from 2012 at their business by February 1.

Employers are required to post only the summary (Form 300A)—from February 1 to April 30. The summary must list the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in the previous year and were logged on the Form 300 (Log). Companies with no recordable injuries or illnesses in the previous year must post the summary with zeros on the "total" line. A company executive must certify all establishment summaries.

The form is to be displayed in a common area where notices to employees usually are posted. For more information on Form 300 filing and posting requirements, or copies of the OSHA Forms 300, 300A and 301, visit www.hrcalifornia.com.

Need a Poster? We have some on hand, call the Palm Desert Area Chamber Today - 760.346.6111 or info@pdacc.org

Your Phone Might Be Ringing Soon. Important Survey Being Conducted by HARC

Coming to your phone in 2013... Health Assessment Resource Center (HARC) is conducting a telephone survey to assess the state of health in the Coachella Valley. On behalf of HARC, calls will be made by Kent State University to a select number of residents. Help your community by accepting the call from HARC and Kent State University. HARC is a trusted and reliable data resource for non-profit organizations, hospitals, and local government throughout the Coachella Valley.

HARC was created in 2006 to fill the need for objective, reliable research regarding the health of the Coachella Valley communities. HARC conducted the first assessment of community health in 2007, and then a second in 2010. The data from 2007 and 2010 are provided free of charge on the HARC website, www.harcddata.org. A wide variety of local organizations utilize this data, including non-profits, county and city government, universities, hospitals, and private businesses, among others. This data helps organizations make a case for grant funding, develop targeted programs, and prioritize health needs in the community. In fact, local organizations that cited HARC data in their funding requests have received over \$4.7 million to fund local programs in the Coachella Valley. The survey provides crucial data for programs that provide needed services for our community, including feeding homebound seniors, providing counseling for school children, and providing free HIV/AIDS testing.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, contact Eileen Packer, HARC's CEO, by phone at (760) 404-1945 or by email epacker@harcddata.org. Visit www.HARcddata.org for more information

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