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Answer These 4 Questions to See if Your Home's Electric Is Operating Safely

Peoples' Electrical Needs Have Dramatically Increased over the Years, but Your Home's Electrical Capacity May NOT Have Kept Up!

Homes today are packed with electronics. They can be found in every part of every home. Your kitchen has a refrigerator, stove, microwave, and more. Most bathrooms have hair dryers, curlers—among other things. And family or living rooms are a hub for toys like big screen TVs, video-game systems, and stereos. Also, every home has at least one, if not two, computers and iPads! Talk about Smart Homes!

Just 30 years ago, the average home only needed a 60-amp electrical service to function. Twenty years ago, homes began being upgraded to 100-amp electrical service. It was at this time that circuit breakers began becoming more and more common.

It's also within the last 20 years that we all became power hungry. In fact, today's air-conditioning systems take more power than an entire home did 30 years ago (think about that!). And many kitchens are now equipped with a number of receptacles capable of supplying more than 60 amps just to countertop appliances alone! Yet as this demand has increased, not many people have increased their home's electrical panel. Let me ask you four very important questions about your home's electric:

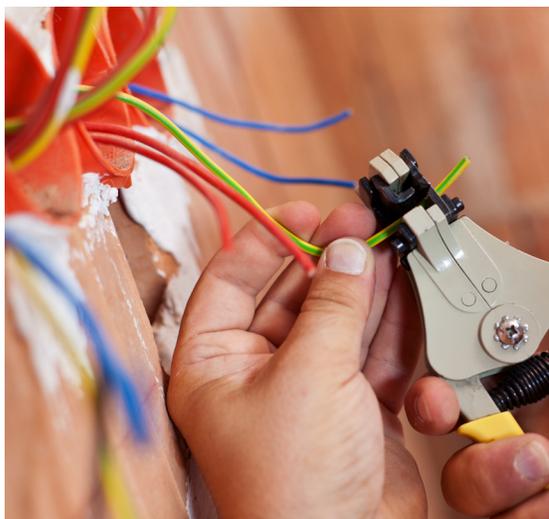
- Do your circuit breakers frequently trip?
- Do your lights dim when you turn on other appliances?
- Do you have to use extension cords or adapters to create additional electric outlets for your home?
- Is your electrical panel/fuse box more than 20 years old?

If you answered "yes" to any one of those questions, you should definitely call us at **Electrical Connections** — sooner than later—as you may have a safety issue on your hands. One of our highly trained electricians can closely evaluate your electrical panel.

Even if your home's electrical system is operating properly, you should seriously consider upgrading your electrical panel to 200 amp. While it may not be malfunctioning now, it's only a matter of time as to when it may malfunction. (Remember, we are always adding to our favorite electronics).

When you have a new electrical panel, you'll know that your home is safe from overloaded circuits. You can sleep better knowing your home and family are protected from fire and other dangers that may be created by inadequate wiring. You will be able to use your modern appliances safely and your expensive electronic equipment will be protected. Plus, by updating your electrical panel, you're increasing the value of your home.

Call **Electrical Connections** today at 772.283.5792 about a complimentary safety inspection of your electrical service. Mention this newsletter, and you'll get \$25.00 OFF your new panel! Your home is packed with new-age electronics and appliances—isn't it time you gave them the power supply they really need? Call **Electrical Connections** today!



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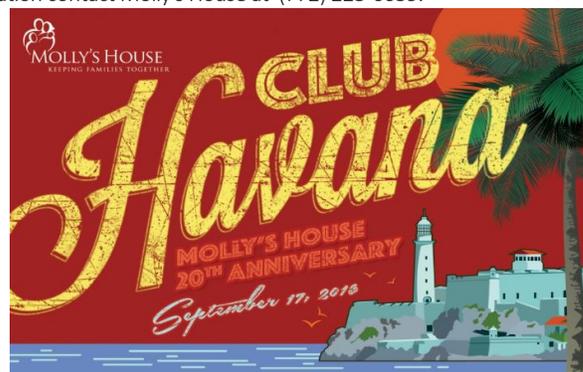
Here we are in the midst of another summer. While the weather will keep you warm, imagine the warmth and fun of taking a trip back in time to the 1950's and Club Havana! We invite you to join us as we help Molly's House celebrate 20 years of serving our community with a special celebration at Sailfish Point that will feature a trip back in time to 1950's Cuba, Cuban cuisine, cocktails, music, and even some vintage gaming devices (just for fun and games, of course). For many years, Electrical Connections has been proud to support Molly's House. We hope you will join us in this special recognition and fund raising event.

Since 1996, Molly's House has provided a warm and caring environment for patients and families in a medical crisis right here in Stuart. Molly's House has provided a home away from home for more than 17,000 people while they or a loved one were receiving medical treatment. Molly's House is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for our guests.

Molly's House is the dream project of a young girl named Molly Sharkey. Molly was twelve years old when she was diagnosed with chronic myelocytic leukemia. In the next six years Molly and her family virtually traveled the country trying to find treatment for her rare type of leukemia.

In some cities they were lucky to find a Ronald McDonald House where the family could stay and be close to Molly in the hospital. In other cities there was no where convenient for the family to stay. This experience was the foundation for the start of Molly's House.

Please join **Electrical Connections** as we support this fantastic 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For tickets to Club Havana or to make a generous donation contact Molly's House at (772) 223-6659.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2016!

11 Fun Facts about This Year's Olympics!

Once again, it's that special time when the world's eyes are affixed on the Summer Olympics! Hosted by Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. And, America has loaded up on medals! Congratulations Team USA! Here are some interesting facts about the games and its host city:

1. Rio 2016 will be the first time in Olympic history that a South American country has hosted the Games. The city won its bid in 2009, beating out Chicago, Madrid, and Tokyo.
2. The torch relay began on April 21 in the Games' birthplace—Olympia in Greece—before traveling across Brazil for more than 90 days and finishing in Rio on August 5.
3. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held in Rio's Maracanã Stadium, which boasts the world record for the most fans ever to attend a soccer game. Although its current capacity is around 78,000, the stadium squeezed in at least 173,000 fans during the 1950 World Cup final.
4. Around 10,500 athletes from 206 countries are expected to take part in 17 days of the Olympiad, competing across 306 events.
5. The Rio games are the first to feature Olympians born in the year 2000. Rules state that all competitors must have been born before Jan. 1, 2003, but many sports have other age requirements for health and safety reasons. The youngest competitors are likely to be from diving and gymnastics.
6. A team of athletes who have been forced to flee their countries have been allowed to compete for the first time. The (IOC) says 5 to 10 refugees are expected to qualify and compete under the Olympic flag.
7. There are 7.5 million tickets, with prices ranging from \$40 for some swimming events to almost \$3,000 for the best seats at the opening ceremony. Most popular events so far are soccer, basketball, volleyball, and handball.
8. Organizers say they will prepare 60,000 meals per day to feed the athletes. Brazilian staples like rice and black beans and barbecued meat will be accompanied by other local offerings, such as tapioca, pão de queijo (cheese bread), and açaí (an Amazonian fruit and so-called superfood).
9. Rio 2016 needed 70,000 volunteers, the first 50,000 of which were mostly selected from Brazil. The United States, United Kingdom, Russia, and China represent most of the other volunteers chosen.
10. Around 85,000 soldiers and policemen will guard the games—the largest security force assembled at any event in Brazil's history and twice as large as the security presence for London 2012.
11. Rio's taxi drivers, or "taxistas," have been given the chance to sign up for free online English lessons provided by the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee. Drivers are often the first point of contact for fans—those who have taken the four-month course will mostly likely be swapping "hola!" for "hi!"



Tasty & EASY Recipe: Cheesesteak Sliders

Prep: 15 min
Cook: 20 min



INGREDIENTS:

- 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound beef tenderloin, cut into thin strips
- Salt and pepper
- 2 large bell peppers, cut into thin strips
- 2 onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 16 dinner rolls, split
- 6 ounces provolone cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large skillet, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil over medium-high heat until rippling. Season the beef with salt and pepper, increase the heat to high and cook in the skillet for 3 minutes; flip and cook for 2 minutes more. Transfer to a bowl.

2. In the same skillet, heat the remaining 1/4 cup olive oil over medium heat. Add the peppers and onions, season with salt and pepper and cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until softened, about 8 minutes.

3. Place the roll bottoms on a large rimmed baking sheet and top each with the beef and vegetables; sprinkle with the cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a platter and cover with the roll tops.

OLYMPICS WORD SEARCH

In honor of the Summer Games, Electrical Connections presents Olympics Word Search! Be the first to complete the word search, and then save your puzzle for a special discount! Everyone who submits the puzzle gets \$25.00* OFF a future service! Scan and email completed puzzle with your name and contact information to: terri@eleconnections.com
*May not be combined with other offers. Expires 12/31/16

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Do You Have a Green Thumb?

If You Enjoy Gardening, You'll Enjoy These Jokes and Remarks about Your Hobby

- The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.
- Why do potatoes make good detectives? Because they keep their eyes peeled.
- What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin pi (π).
- What do you call a stolen yam? A hot potato.
- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- Everyone has these on their face? Tulips.
- What vegetable can tie your stomach in knots? String beans.

- What did the carrot say to the wheat? Lettuce rest, I'm feeling beet.

Are you actively working on your garden this summer? Need a few extra supplies or tools? **Be one of the first THREE people to call us at 772.283.5792, and I'll mail you a \$25.00 gift certificate to Home Depot!** You have to be one of the first three to win. Good luck!



Surging Forward



From the Desk of
Mike Pettengill

Electrical Connections

What Makes Electrical Connections Different?

We Operate Our Business Every Day Based Upon our Mission, Vision and Core Values!

I've been in the business for some time. I've seen a lot of things and talked to a lot of customers. I've had more than a few customers ask me, "What makes you different from the competition?" Truthfully, it's a great question to ask. In fact, I would recommend you ask this question to any contractor before allowing him/her to do any work on your home.

When I'm faced with that question, I always begin to smile. I smile because I love what I do, and I know what motivates me—and my fellow team members—every single day. At the heart of everything we do in our company, is our **Mission** and **Vision Statement** and our **Core Values**.

"Wait..." you might be saying to yourself. I'm reading about a contracting company... They have a Mission and Vision Statement? My answer is: Absolutely! I'm in the service business. It's tough. There's plenty of "Chuck in the Truck" contractors who do the same type of work—but they don't have an ideology that drives them, that motivates them to do their very best. We do!

Our **MISSION** is:

To provide reliable, consistent, professional customer service with efficient, highly trained, technicians who will give our customers the best quality work possible.

To give our customers peace of mind by insuring that their homes & businesses are safe from electrical issues or concerns.

To build trust in our community through consistency, quality, accountability, integrity and conscientious service.

To create happy customers!

VISION

To be the **number ONE electrical company** any person thinks of when they need electrical service for their homes or businesses.

And, of course, our Core Values sum up how we do business and why.

CORE VALUES

Add value to our service.

Stay current in industry expertise.

Help customers keep peace of mind through insuring the safety of the electrical systems in their homes & businesses.

Honest, Accountable, Qualified and Conscientious Employees.

Maintain a safe, happy, respectful, and educational working environment for our employees.

Together, these items and our overall philosophy give Electrical Connections a true competitive edge. And, is proof to our customers that we do what we say and deliver value and superior customer service each and every day.

This is what makes Electrical Connections different.

Sincerely,

Mike Pettengill (The Wizard)



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