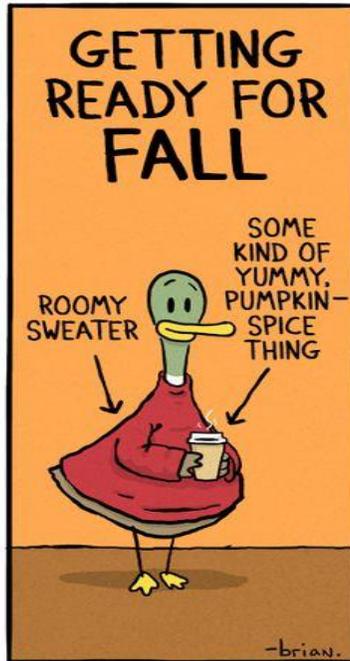
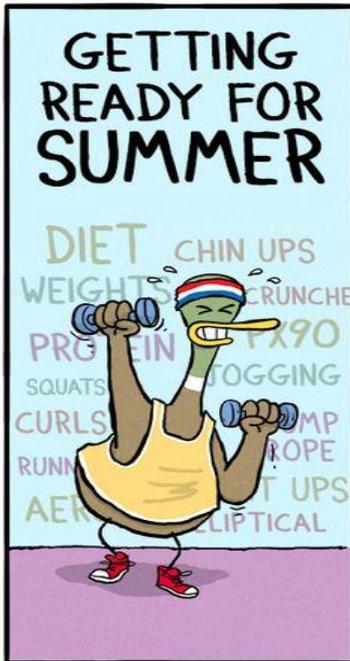




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NECA SEES MASSIVE SUCCESS WITH FIRST VIRTUAL CONVENTION

NECA is proud to announce the success of NECA 2020 LIVE, sponsored by Powering Chicago, NECA National’s first ever virtual Convention and Trade Show. From Oct. 6th–8th, NECA 2020 LIVE saw 5,104 live participants interact with nearly 100 exhibitors, experience 84 education sessions and product demos from 22 companies, and network virtually with the entire electrical construction industry.

All NECA 2020 LIVE content will be available for registrants through November 15th, providing an unprecedented opportunity to explore every second of education and entertainment for the first time in NECA Convention history. New registrations will also be available throughout that time for those interested to explore all that NECA has to offer.

“I am so proud of our incredible staff and the entire association for all the hard work that led to the success of NECA 2020 LIVE,” said NECA CEO David Long. “When we made the decision to go virtual, we challenged ourselves to create not just any event, but something truly unmatched in our industry. I would also like to thank our event sponsor Powering Chicago, as well as NECA’s Premier Partners and vendors, for believing in this show and helping to establish the value of virtual events like this one.”



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WILLIAM C. ORGILL HONORED WITH ROBERT L. HIGGINS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



NECA has named William (Bill) C. Orgill, Executive Director, Western Region the recipient of the 2020 Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award. Orgill was honored on Thursday, October 8, 2020, during NECA 2020 LIVE, the virtual Convention and Trade Show. This award was established to recognize staff executives and chapter managers for their exceptional contributions to the association.

Orgill has brought positive change to the association throughout his career and has been an excellent advocate for the industry. He began his career with NECA in 1987, as a Chapter Executive for the Oregon Pacific-Cascade Chapter. During his time there, he increased Chapter membership from 18 to 25, and improved the market share of the member companies. He worked with other Chapter Executives on legislative issues in the State of Oregon and built a strong

legislative coalition, renewing NECA's influence on such matters in the state. He partnered with labor to create an agreement that allowed material handlers to do any work that does not require a license, thus lowering composite crew costs. Nationally, Orgill worked as a Western Region Field Representative for the 8th District for 11 years, then moved to the 6th District for nine years. He collaborated with the IBEW on an Industry Awareness Program, which worked with Chapters and Unions to discuss and raise awareness of the NECA-IBEW partnership. He eventually became the Executive Director of NECA's Western Region, where he continues to prioritize Labor Relations as a member of the Council on Industrial Relations. Congratulations Bill!!!!

FREE SAFETY WEBINAR – THREE ELECTRICAL SAFETY ELEMENTS TO USE TODAY

World renowned electrical safety experts, Hugh Hoagland and Zarheer Jooma will be delivering a free webinar and discussing the importance of Electrical Safety, Risk Assessment, and Minimum Electrical Maintenance Requirements. They will guide you in implementing these concepts into a workable safety plan that can be successful in your workplace. If you or anyone in your firm is interested in attending, you can register by clicking [here](#).

CRANES STILL RISING IN SEATTLE – UNLILKE MOST AREAS IN NORTH AMERICA

For the first time since July 2017, the number of cranes in North American cities has decreased, according to Rider Levett Bucknall's newest crane count. The biannual count dropped by 40 cranes, 455 to 415, from Q1 to Q3 2020.

Toronto still holds the crown for most cranes in a North American city, with 124, towering above all other metropolitan areas recorded. Of the 14 measured cities, only Phoenix, Seattle, Toronto and Washington, D.C., saw an increase in the number of cranes.

Five of the 14 cities: Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, New York and San Francisco experienced what RLB called a "significant decrease," dropping between 27% and 76%.

NECA TRANSPORTATION PREMIUM MAP – INSIDE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT ONLY!!

As a reminder, NECA developed a useful tool to help contractors determine if work is being performed in the Transportation Premium Zone. The interactive map allows contractors to type in the address of a construction project, to determine if it is within the Premium Zone. If the project is within the Zone, a \$1.50 premium will be added to every hour worked, unless parking is provided or the firm is already paying for parking. To visit the interactive map, visit <http://zone.necaibew46.com/> **This applies only to the Inside Construction Agreement!!**



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1492 – After sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he has reached East Asia. His expedition went ashore the same day and claimed the land for Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain, who sponsored his attempt to find a western ocean route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.

Columbus was honored with a U.S. federal holiday in 1937. Since 1991, dozens of cities and a growing number of states have adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day, a holiday that celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans. Not by coincidence, the occasion usually falls on Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, or replaces the holiday entirely.

"I failed my way to success."

- Thomas Edison

As of Friday, October 9th, there are 263 JW on Book 1 and 160 JW on Book 2. There are currently 4 Commercial Apprentices, 2 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There is one outstanding call for a Residential Apprentice. An Inside Wire Bootcamp is scheduled for late October, with Apprentices available on October 20th. A Limited Energy Bootcamp is also scheduled for late October, with Apprentices being available on October 27th.