



December 2009

### Meet Our Staff



**Pam Beard**  
*Customer Service Representative*



**Favorite Holiday Memory:**  
Christmas morning with my kids and Santa

**Best Part of the Job:**  
Talking with customers

**Top Piece of Advice She's Received:** Smiles are contagious.

### Support The Red Kettle Campaign



On Dec. 5, our staff will be at the Schnuck's in Arlington ringing a bell to fill the kettle for the Salvation Army. If you can't stop by to see us, you can still fill the kettle via the internet by [clicking here](#).

### Catch the Wave

## Seasons Greetings

The staff of Above and Beyond Electric would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a prosperous new year. We look forward to serving you in 2010! In the mean time, here's a bit of cheer to make the season a little brighter, plus some great tips on making your home a little lighter, Christmas-bulb wise.

## Getting the Hang of It

If your inner Clark Griswald is screaming to get out or you would like just a small display of outdoor Christmas lights, read on. Here are some tips to help you get started. And remember, if you aren't up to hanging the lights yourself or need additional outdoor outlets, give us a call at 901-266-4630. Our lighting experts are always here to help.



1. Before you get started, make a plan on where you'll hang the lights and measure to ensure you have enough sets of bulbs.

Back by popular demand, our staff, plus Santa, will be on the corner of Walnut Grove and Highland on Wednesday, December 23 at 8 a.m., waving and displaying a smile-generating Good Morning banner to greet motorists as they drive by. It's all in fun and an attempt to put a smile on the faces of the back-to-work crowd. So come join us, see Santa and catch the wave!

### Holiday Treat



**White Chocolate Kissed  
Gingerbread Cookies**  
*Makes 5 dozen*

3 cups flour  
2 teaspoons ginger,  
ground  
1 teaspoon cinnamon,  
ground  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg,  
ground  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks)  
butter, softened  
3/4 cup firmly packed  
brown sugar  
1/2 cup molasses  
1 egg  
1/4 cup granulated sugar

Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses and egg; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk.

Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking

2. If it is wet outside on decorating day, reschedule. Icy wet surfaces make the job dangerous, especially when a ladder is added to the mix.
3. Speaking of ladders, make sure you place it on a flat surface and always have someone with you to keep it steady.
4. To avoid short circuits, make sure the lights are approved for outdoor use and extension cords are heavy-duty.
5. If you are attaching lights to your gutters, use plastic clips to avoid damage.
6. Test all the lights before you hang them. It's easier to replace bulbs on the ground than in the air or on a bush.



### Celebrating the Season

You don't have to travel over the river and through the woods to find the best of the holiday season. There are many events happening this month right in our own hometown, many that are free or low-cost.

Christmas parades are being held throughout the metro area, stretching from Oakland to Hernando. For dates and times, [click here](#).

Nothing says Christmas, like the roar of a lion! The Memphis Zoo's holiday light display features more than 1 million lights and runs through Jan. 2. Go to [memphiszoo.com](http://memphiszoo.com). If you need more lights, don't miss Shelby Farm's Starry Night. The 1.5 mile route through the park features more than 1 million eco-friendly lights. The cost is \$20 per car and \$35 per shuttle. For more information, log onto [starrynightsmemphis.com](http://starrynightsmemphis.com)

Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the rest of the gang are back to wish you a Merry Christmas at Theatre Memphis' production of "A Christmas Carol." To purchase tickets, go to [theatrememphis.org](http://theatrememphis.org).

### Just for Fun

12 Days of Christmas - The Electrician's Version

On the twelfth day of Christmas,  
my electrician gave to me,  
Twelve working light switches,  
Eleven GE breakers,  
Ten dollars off my next visit,  
Nine CFL bulbs,  
Eight recess cans,  
Seven smoke detectors,  
Six outdoor outlets,  
Five ceiling fans,

sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Immediately press a chocolate candy into center of each cookie. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.

*Recipe courtesy of McCormick*

**Follow us on:**

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Four security lights,  
Three phone jacks,  
Two rooms with floor heat,  
And a safe home for the holiday!

**Get your Game On**

How To Play: Call Pam and say each phrase three times as fast as you can. Anyone who tries will receive a special prize to help ring in the new year!

Chocolate cocoa cravings cure colds  
 Santa sings shining star songs  
 Sally skis super slow  
 Big bright bells banish boredom  
 Grumpy Grinch goes grizzly gus  
 Pretty packages perfectly packed  
 Tip-top tiny tot toys  
 Sally's striped stocking's stuffed slightly  
 Santa's super souped sleigh swiftly slides sideways  
 Cheery cute caroling Christmas critters  
 Candy cane cookies keep kids coming

**Save  
10%**

Holiday lighting creates certain risks if not properly set up. To be safe, connect outside lighting to Ground Fault Circuit Interrupting (GFCI) outlets. These should be installed anywhere where electricity can potentially come in contact with water. If you don't have a GFCI outlet, we can help. Just give us a call at 901-266-4630 and save 10 percent on installation during December.

