



# BAY BREEZE BULLETIN



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## President's Message

June may be a quieter month for events, but it is still an important time for our chapter as we start looking ahead to next year and the opportunities ahead. As my Presidential year ends, the memories you all have provided me will last a lifetime. Thank you to the volunteers, the sponsors, and this community for supporting us throughout the year

Before we wrap up the year, the end of year picnic alongside the Golden Gate ASHRAE Chapter will be one of our last chances to connect until after the summer. We hope this will be a great opportunity for members who may have missed some of our previous events to reconnect with the chapter community.

If you have been thinking about getting more involved, I encourage you to reach out. Whether you are interested in serving as a chair or joining a committee, there are many ways to contribute and help support the chapter. Your involvement helps us continue building strong programs, meaningful events, and a make a lasting impression on others.

I'm excited about what's ahead and hope to hear from those interested in helping shape next year.

Regards,

**Jacob Saxinger**

2025-2026 San Jose ASHRAE Chapter President

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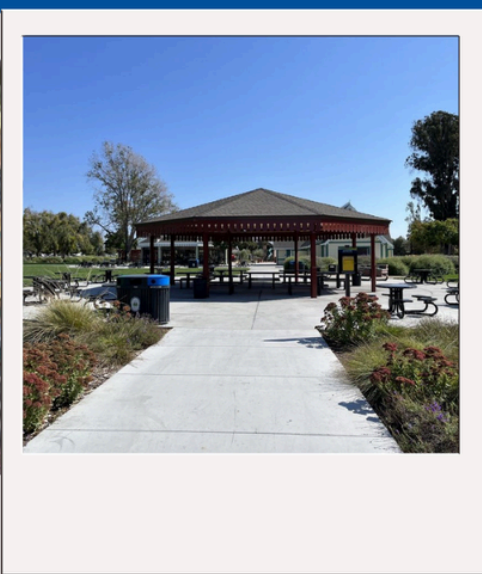
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# PICNIC IN THE PARK

AT KENNEDY PARK

food . drinks . games



Everyone Welcome

11 AM - 2 PM  
SATURDAY

Join us for food,  
drinks, ride tickets, and  
games!

Kennedy Park  
19501 Hesperian Blvd  
Hayward, CA 94541

\$10 Adult  
Children Attend  
Free

JUNE 20TH

REGISTRATION COMING SOON



# 2026 ASHRAE Annual Conference

JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2026 | AUSTIN, TEXAS

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

### EXPAND YOUR IMPACT IN HVAC&R

Attending an ASHRAE conference is your opportunity to connect with the brightest minds in HVAC&R and building science while gaining insights you can immediately apply to your work. Attendees include engineers, architects, designers, researchers, manufacturers, contractors, and emerging professionals from around the world. Register today to deepen your expertise, grow your career, and expand your professional network.

Register by April 27 for the best rates!

Registration and more information at:

[www.ashrae.org/conferences/2026-annual-conference-austin](http://www.ashrae.org/conferences/2026-annual-conference-austin)



## ASHRAE CONNECT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Applications due June 5th

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Are you a first-time attendee at the ASHRAE Conference, or have you attended before but felt overwhelmed by the many options? This shadowing program offers the perfect opportunity to gain first-hand experience by following a member of ASHRAE through committee meetings and conference events.



# Communications

## What is the Communications Committee?

The Communications Committee is like the marketing team for the ASHRAE chapter. We market membership, events, and ASHRAE participation. Additionally, we keep our members updated on the latest information and oversee the chapter website and social media.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Communications Committee, reach out to our Chair!



Cat Wood  
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 Webmaster  
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## Follow Us for the Latest

Stay up to date with us during the slow season! Check out our website, [sjashrae.org/](http://sjashrae.org/) for updates, blog posts, and monthly newsletters.

And remember to follow us on LinkedIn and Instagram for updates as well! Scan the QR codes below and join the conversation today!



ASHRAE San Jose Chapter



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### Cat Wood

2025-2026 San Jose Chapter Communications Chair & Webmaster



# Government Affairs

## What is the GAC?

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is responsible for organizing ASHRAE members to educate local, state, provincial, and national government bodies and officials in areas of interest to ASHRAE members, and to promote effective cooperation between ASHRAE members and government.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Government Affairs Committee, reach out to our GAC Chair!

## ASHRAE Government Affairs

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## ASHRAE Announcements

### ASHRAE Presidential Member Educates Congress on Health, Buildings, and Resilience

ASHRAE Presidential Member Bill Bahnfleth participated as a panelist in a congressional briefing on May 19 entitled “Unlocking the Role of Buildings in America’s Biosecurity Strategy.” This briefing, sponsored by With Honor Action and the International WELL Building Institute, explored how high-performing buildings can support the nation’s biosecurity. Bahnfleth gave an overview of ASHRAE Standard 241, Control of Infectious Aerosols, and described how the standard can help mitigate biological threats in multiple types of buildings including schools, medical facilities and military bases.

### Congressmembers Introduce Legislation to Restore Energy Tax Credits

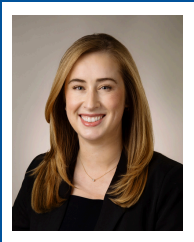
On April 23, Republican Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1), Mike Lawler (NY-17), Max Miller (OH-7), and Mike Carey (OH-15), introduced H.R. 8477, the American Energy Dominance Act. This legislation would strengthen several energy and efficiency tax incentives that were curtailed last year under H.R.1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Specifically, the legislation would:

- Restore the 179D Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Deduction without a scheduled expiration. Currently the deduction is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.
- Extend the 45L New Energy Efficient Home Credit through December 31, 2032.
- Extend the 45V Clean Hydrogen Production Credit construction deadline from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2033.
- Preserve long-term certainty for the 45Y Clean Electricity Production Credit and 48E Clean Electricity Investment Credit.

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## Local Announcements

### **ASHRAE Members Hold 22 Meetings in California Government Outreach Day.**

On April 27, a team of volunteers from ASHRAE's California chapters met with lawmakers at the state capital. The team introduced state senators and assemblymembers to ASHRAE, shared the society's public policy priorities, and advocated for the continuation of the California Schools Healty Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE). The program began in 2020 to fund indoor environmental quality (IEQ) assessments and subsequent improvement projects in the state's public schools. CalSHAPE sunsets at the end of this calendar year, and any unspent money in the program's coffers will be clawed back by the investor-owned utilities that funded the program. ASHRAE volunteers met with energy and budget lawmakers and staff to explain the benefits of IEQ, ASHRAE's role in IEQ, and to educate lawmakers on the CalSHAPE program. If you are an ASHRAE member interested in meeting with your elected officials on behalf of the society, please reach out to Government Affairs staff at [govaffairs@ashrae.org](mailto:govaffairs@ashrae.org).



ASHRAE Government Outreach Day volunteers in the California State Capitol

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# YOUNG ENGINEERS IN ASHRAE

## What is the Young Engineers in ASHRAE Committee?

The Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) committee focuses on engaging members 35 and younger through networking, technical tours, and social events. It promotes leadership development and career growth by connecting young engineers with training programs, mentorship, and society-level initiatives.

If you're interested in volunteering for the YEA Committee, reach out to our Chair!



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## Leadership U Program

ASHRAE 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago, IL  
Registration opening July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Are you active in your ASHRAE Chapter and looking to get more involved? Make sure to apply for Leadership U! This program allows YEA members to shadow an ASHRAE Vice President at an ASHRAE Conference to get an in-depth look at the ins and outs of ASHRAE. Applications for the Leadership U program at the 2027 Winter Conference in Chicago will be opening on July 1, 2026. Please make sure you visit the [Leadership U page](#) for more information.

## 2026 ASHRAE Connect

NOW ACCEPTING applications until **June 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2026 for shadowing opportunities at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Designed for ASHRAE members seeking to build stronger connections and deepen their understanding of ASHRAE's processes, this program aims to help you navigate the conference with guidance and insight from experienced members. By participating, you'll not only gain valuable knowledge but also feel welcomed in committee meetings, ensuring you have a seat at the table and a voice in the discussions that shape our industry. The goal of the program is to give you first-hand insight into a committee member's role at the ASHRAE conference, including how business meetings are conducted.

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply.