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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
9450 CHERRY HILL ROAD
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740**

- 5:00p Special Training Event (*see below*)
- 6:30p Cocktail/Social Hour (*drinks paid by individual*)
- 7:30p FREE Buffet Dinner
Sponsor Presentation/Meeting

This meeting is being sponsored by:



On the Agenda . . . EmPOWER Maryland Rebates
Presented by Josh McClelland

SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT

September 16, 2015 • 5:00pm

Damage Prevention

Presented by

Washington Gas
(Don Jones)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a long, hot summer but it looks like the weather has begun to cool off in the morning and the kids are back at school! Hope everybody got to enjoy some time off with family and friends!

We are looking forward to seeing many new faces in our 2015/2016 season. Our membership outreach program has spread the word about what WSMPA does and we have invited prospective members to join us. Please make them feel welcome and introduce yourself.

Washington Gas is sponsoring our meeting this month. Our representative, Luella Greene-Miles, has proven to be quite an asset to us and she will be there to answer any questions you may have.

Please check the newsletter for our pre-meeting classes! We have some great ideas for these classes including: grease traps (FOG), permits on the web (POW), and backflow prevention. Also, in the education section of the newsletter you can find information on upcoming plumber/gasfitter and backflow review classes.

WSMPA/WSSC liaison meeting was held on August 26th. We had a productive meeting. Tom Buckley and Ed James chaired the meeting. We will be sharing details from this meeting with all of you at our September meeting so don't miss out!

Hope to see both old and new faces in attendance--see you on the 16th!

Terry Winegar, 2015 President

PEPCO/EXELON Merger Denied

Jim Mazzullo

Pepco and Exelon will appeal to the D.C. Public Service Commission to re-consider their proposed \$ 6.4 billion merger following last month's rejection by the panel. The merger has been approved by the Federal Regulatory Commission; the Justice Department; and the regulators in Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. The appeal process promises to be long and hard.

While the benefits of consolidation of the energy services provided by Pepco to its million plus customers is questionable, it has already shown an intrusion into the Washington Metropolitan Area by the establishment of a BGE Home facility in Burtonsville. As you are probably aware, BGE Home is a non-regulated spin-up of BGE which already happens to be owned by Exelon. Therefore, expect (unfair) competition in our neighborhoods. This competition will be reflected in water heater sales, maintenance agreements and possibly water and sewer service insurance. As a member of the plumbing industry, it is necessary for us to bring our collective strategies together to contact our representatives opposing the merger.

EPA-LEAD SAFE Certified Firm

Jim Mazzullo

In the category of I can't believe it has been that long, it is time for most of us to renew our EPA- Lead Safe Certified Firm. Originally the certification was valid for six years but there was a small extension while certain final determinations were being made. In any event, it may be time to renew and it is probably just a matter of paying the fee along with an application. It would not be our government if it were not confusing. Hopefully your firm received an e-mail notification and you were able to click on the application tab. Otherwise, please visit www2.epa.gov/lead/getcertified.

Also, be sure to check the registration for individual workers as many of these are due to expire soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



General Membership Meeting

September 16, 2015
October 21, 2015
November 18, 2015
December 16, 2015
January 20, 2016
February 17, 2016
March 16, 2016
April 20, 2016
May 18, 2016

Special Training Event

September 16, 2015
Washington Gas – Damage Prevention

69th Annual Dinner Dance

“The Plumbers’ Ball”

February 6, 2016
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2015, @ Knights of Columbus.

STATE PLUMBING BOARD

Maryland State Plumbing Board Considers IPC

Jim Mazzullo

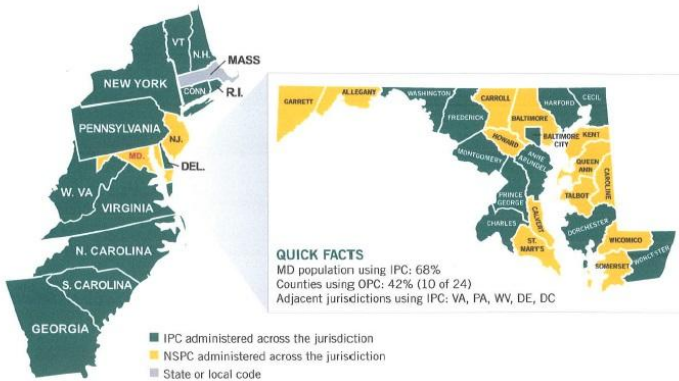
A special meeting of the Maryland State Plumbing Board was held August 31st for the stated purpose -“to discuss the National and International Plumbing Codes.” The format allowed proponents for each side a three minute presentation to express their thoughts on the benefits of the State adopting either of the codes.

Speakers from the International Code Council included Lee Clifton and Bryan Soukup. Each utilized their time to point out the Maryland counties with an overwhelming majority of the population that has already adopted the IPC. As shown by the 2010 US Census, Montgomery and Prince George's out rank Baltimore and Baltimore City by a large margin. Other speakers in favor of adopting the IPC noted available products to promote better understanding of the code such as the Code and Commentary, Significant Code Changes, and more importantly to a segment of our population, a Spanish Edition of the Code.

Those in favor of the National Standard Plumbing Code Illustrated were represented by the lobbyist for Maryland PHCC and other trades people. Their approach was to describe the complexity of the IPC and the number of books that would be required to be purchased in order to abide by the code. One speaker embellished his time by throwing copies of the Building Code, the fire code and other International editions onto the presenters table. There was no mention by them that these codes are already adopted on a statewide basis and that anyone performing construction work is obligated to follow these code so far as it relates to their work.

The Plumbing Board's decision may be made at the September 17th regular meeting – the day after our September general meeting. Hopefully, the Board will see the need to join the rest of the State by adopting a "Smart Code."

**EASTERN UNITED STATES
INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ADOPTION MAP**



NOTICE

Be sure to visit the front page of our website www.WSMPA.com to obtain digital copies of the final version of the 2015 WSSC Plumbing & Fuel Gas Code and the Code Consistency Quick Reference Guide.

MAC-4 2015

October 22, 2015 • All Day Event
BWI Marriot Hotel

The fourth annual Mid Atlantic Cross Connection Control Conference (MAC-4) is approaching, so save the date of October 22, 2015. This program started in a magnificent manner and has steadily improved due to the involvement of many professionals in the Backflow- Cross Connection industry. This year, MAC-4 promises to be better yet with sponsorship of the University of Florida TREEO. It will be a full day event filled with prominent speakers as well as sponsored booths to show the latest and greatest in the industry.

EDUCATION

BACKFLOW TESTER/MECHANIC CERTIFICATION

Location

ICCP – COLLEGE PARK TRAINING LAB
7501 Rhode Island Avenue • College Park, MD 20740

32-Hour Certification & 8-Hour Recertification

For more information, contact
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18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

Location

JAMES A. WHEAT & SONS, INC.
7832 Beechcraft Avenue • Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Plumber

To Be Announced

COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

Gasfitter

October 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 & 14 2015 6p-9p/night

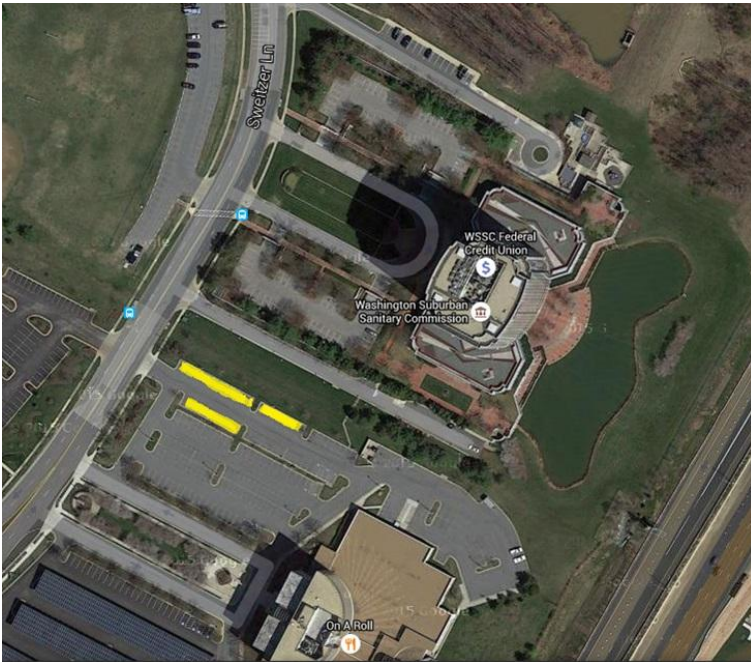
COST: \$400 Members / \$450 Non-members

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www.wsmpa.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

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Additional parking for the WSSC RGH Building (headquarters/permits) is available to the right of WSSC (south side) at the Konterra building.

Signage is posted in front of the three (3) approved rows of parking spaces. The rows are highlighted in **yellow** below.



SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY

Congratulations to . . .

- George & Pat Brill celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 5th.
- Charlotte & Rob Hall welcomed grandbaby #6 on June 19th: Nathan Xavier Ellis. (*Chuck Small's sixth great-grandchild.*)
- Dave & Marie Warner welcomed granddaughter Allyssa (Ally) Walton on August 12th.

In Sympathy . . .

- William (Bill) Lewis of W.H. Lewis & Co. (former WSMPA Member)
May 27, 2015 (age 76)
- Brandon Brown (son of Eric & Leslie Clipper - Thos. Somerville Co.)
August 03, 1992 – June 13, 2015

- Charles A. Clements, IV (WSMPA Member)
June 21, 2015 (age 57)
- Stan Haley (formerly of Ferguson)
June 25, 2015 (age 72)
- Dixie Maier (mother of Joe Maier)
January 21, 1924 – September 1, 2015

Everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 35:10

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