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## NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 21, 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:



### SPECIAL TRAINING EVENT

October 21, 2015 • 5:00pm

#### NEAR BOILER PIPING SECRETS & TIPS

- \* The secrets of primary/secondary piping
- \* Hydronic separators
- \* Why drop headers are used in a steam system.

Presented by

**Rich Michael, Peerless Boilers**

(Rich has seen just about *everything* in a boiler room!)



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our September meeting brought out many familiar faces as well as some new faces. It was great to have such a good turnout. I would like to thank Washington Gas for the Damage Prevention class. It was very beneficial to our members.

October's meeting will be sponsored by Thos. Somerville featuring Peerless boilers. Prior to the meeting, Rich Michael of Peerless will share his "Near Boiler Piping Secrets & Tips." This is not a sales pitch. Rich knows boilers and boiler rooms. He will be sharing tips that you can put into action immediately. So, don't miss out; mark your calendar, and be sure to attend.

New venue! The 2016 annual Plumbers' Ball will be held at the Doubletree in Bethesda. We had a trial run for October's Board meeting and it looks like a great facility to host us. February 6, 2016 is the date so order your tickets early and join us for an entertaining evening. *See page 2 for further details.*

Amazing opportunity.....don't forget to encourage your employees to sign up for our journeyman review and backflow classes.

*Terry Winegar, 2015 President*

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. PLEASE make sure all the women in your life ages 40+ have their *mammies grammed*.

## **WORKPLACE FRAUD**

*Jim Mazzullo*

Paying a worker “under-the-table” is being scrutinized by all the local jurisdictions. Maryland and Virginia have announced stepped up enforcement and penalties for individuals who engage in misclassification of employees as sub-contractors. While this practice may have been overlooked in past generations, the right to a safe and fair workplace has become increasingly necessary. These employee related requirements are designed to “level the playing field” for those employers who pay taxes and provide compensation for their injured workers.

Maryland DLLR is publicizing their enforcement with TV and radio ads. Surely, the malpractice attorneys are hard at work as well. When a labor violation is found, in addition to heavy fines, the employer is forced to pay the employee up to three times the amount of the missed wages plus the employee’s legal fees.

Visit <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/workplace/wfempfaq.shtml> for further information on what makes a subcontractor truly a subcontractor; anyone else is an employee.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **General Membership Meeting**

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**

October 21, 2015  
Peerless Boilers – Rich Michael

### **69<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**

#### **“The Plumbers’ Ball”**

February 6, 2016  
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2015, @ Knights of Columbus.

## **69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

### ***(The Plumbers’ Ball)***

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

**Doubletree – Bethesda**

*(Complimentary Valet Parking)*

### **2016 Theme – Children**



7:00pm Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres  
8:00pm Dinner

*(followed by awards, casino games,  
dancing, door prize drawings)*

Open Bar 7:00pm-11:00pm  
Cash Bar 11:00pm-12:00am

***Formal Attire Optional***

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE.**  
**Call the office to reserve your tickets.**

### **MEMBER PRICING**

\$160.00 per person – Tables for 10

### **ADVERTISING PRICING**

Full Page Ad \$1,800 (includes 10 tickets)  
1/2 Page Ad \$1,455 (includes 8 tickets)  
1/4 Page Ad \$1,115 (includes 6 tickets)  
1/8 Page Ad \$ 765 (includes 4 tickets)  
1/16 Page Ad \$ 425 (includes 2 tickets)

### **Doubletree Guest Rooms**

Doubletree Guest Rooms - \$79  
*(Limited Number Available)*

For Reservations – Call 301-652-2000.

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# STATE PLUMBING BOARD

## Maryland State Plumbing Board Considers IPC

Jim Mazzullo

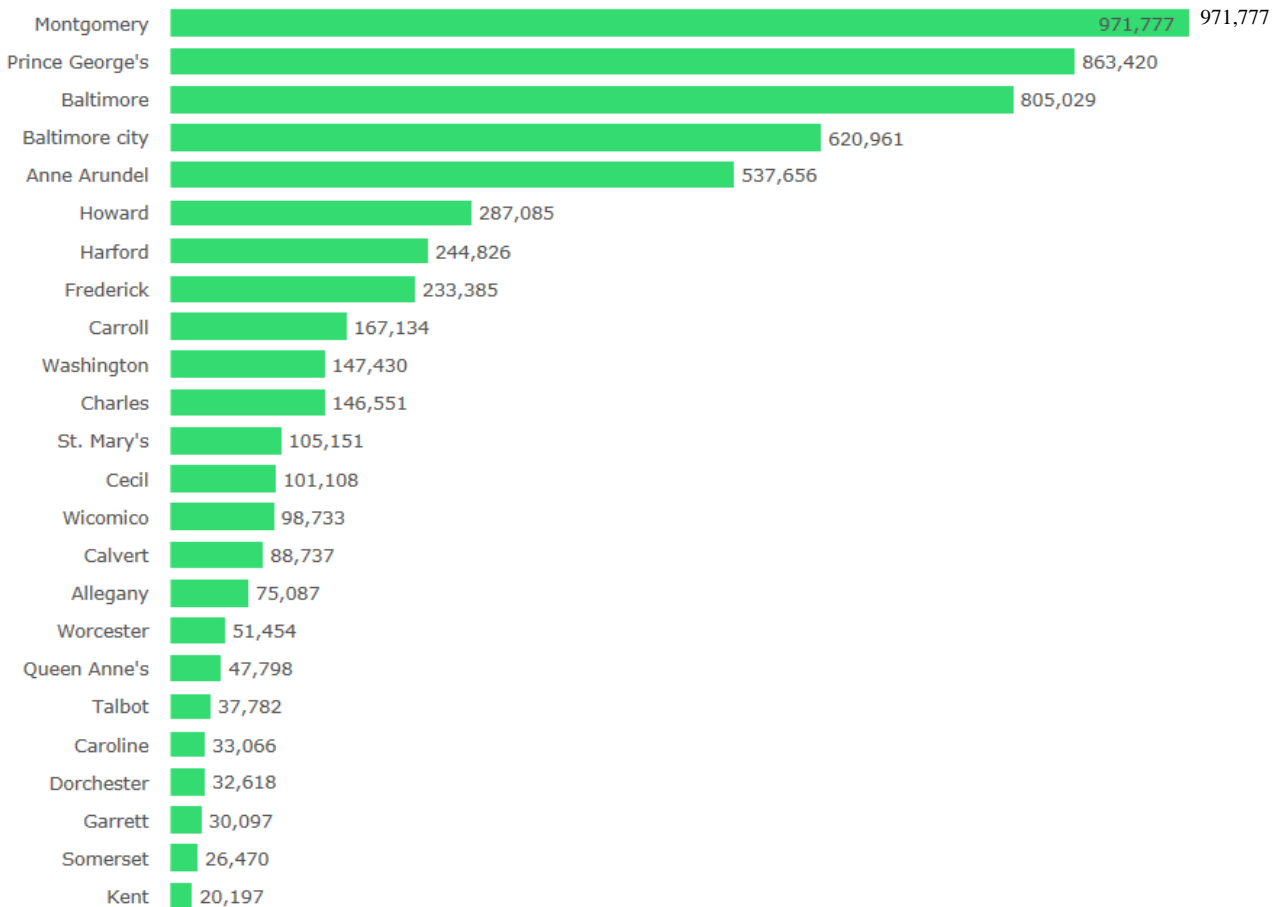
“Previously...” we reported details of the special meeting of the Maryland State Plumbing Board held on August 31 with an expected vote to take place at the next regularly scheduled September 17 meeting. The September vote ended in a tie; two for the IPC, two for the NSPC, one abstain, one absent and three un-filled positions. We were hopeful for a resolution at their October 15th meeting, however, we just learned the meeting has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

A proposal to adopt the 2015 IPC with an adjustment period of a year or 18 months would serve the citizens of Maryland and allow those plumbers, inspectors, and suppliers un-familiar with the slight differences in the IPC a period to implement change.

As you can see from the bar graph below, the largest portion of Maryland’s population is currently following the IPC. Montgomery, Prince Georges, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Harford, Frederick and others who participate in the “Smart Code” agenda have been poorly represented by the Board.

We will spread the results of the vote once it takes place. Plan to attend our October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for further details.

Resident total population, 2010 (Number)



## **MAC-4 2015**

October 22, 2015 • All Day Event  
BWI Marriot Hotel

As our area feels the pressures of population, we are also feeling the impact on our water infrastructure. The plumbing trade magazines are constantly publicizing the methods of water conservation and at an almost correlating rate, the increase in backflow/cross connection incidents as a result of this conservation. This pattern flies in the face of our official motto "Protect the Health of the Nation."

In an effort to develop solutions to these problems, The University of Florida TREEO Center is conducting an all-day seminar on October 22, 2015 in our region. The event will host several top ranked speakers and product exhibitors. The topics of discussion will include updated program developments from both a Federal perspective to local code changes and reporting requirements.

Details and registration can be accessed by going to: <https://xms.dce.ufl.edu/reg/groups/treeo/course.aspx?p=230&c=7812>. Do your part to support safe drinking water.



## **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  
Chip Matthews @ [chip@crossconnectionpartners.com](mailto:chip@crossconnectionpartners.com).

### **18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS**

#### **Location**

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

#### **Plumber**

**6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night**

**Dates Pending**

**Call 301-466-7747 to be put on waiting list.**

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

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Download Application(s) from WSMPTA's website  
[www.wsmpta.com](http://www.wsmpta.com) under Education or call 301-466-7747.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.  
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

## **WSSC**

WSSC will be closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day.



## **SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY**

### *Get Well Wishes . . .*

- Pat Brill (wife of George Brill) as she continues to deal with back pain.
- Letty Davis (mother of John Davis) as she recovers from surgery.
- Deb Walsh (wife of Jack Walsh) as she recovers from surgery.



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## **EDITORIAL**

If you have an Editorial or Classified Ad you would like to submit for our Newsletter Committee to consider for publication, please email it to the office at [charlotte@wsmpa.com](mailto:charlotte@wsmpa.com).

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**Daylight Savings Ends—Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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