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# NEWSLETTER

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### MEETING NOTICE

#### WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

6:30p Social Hour (*paid by individual*)  
7:30p **FREE** Buffet Dinner  
Sponsor Presentation/Meeting

This meeting is being sponsored by:

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### SPECIAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

**May 18, 2016 • 5:00pm-6:30pm**

#### **"Uponor Pex Pipe & Fittings"**

Prior to this month's general meeting, you and your employees are invited to attend a special training/certification event for Uponor's residential pex pipe and fittings.



May already!

I can't believe summer break is almost here! We have a great meeting lined up. Taze & Hewett is having a training class for the pre-meeting. This is a great time to learn about and get certified in Uponor A pex piping.

Barger & Associates will be sponsoring the general meeting—come and see their great line of products featuring Delta!

I look forward to seeing you at this meeting. I wish everyone a safe and fun summer.

*Jack Walsh, 2016 President*



WSMPA general meetings are not held in June, July, or August. If you have issues during these months that need addressing, please contact the office or a Board Member.

Note: The Board of Directors continues to meet on the first Monday of the month.

## **GAS SEDIMENT TRAPS**

*Jim Mazzullo*

Dirt leg, Drip tee or Sediment trap are some of the terms used to describe a gasfitting practice that is based on common sense and years of justification for continuing this basic practice. There was a short period in our history where gas delivered by the utility contained a small amount of water vapor. The collection of water seems to be the reason given by many plumbers for the code requirement for section 408.4 in the International Fuel Gas Code.

Recently, however, there have been several reports of debris found in the gas supply to an appliance that is not related to water. In fact, the cause will likely prove to be installation error and other construction related materials. Even with the best installation practices, it is possible for dirt, dust, and small animals to gather in the pipe. Add the cutting and threading process and pipe chips or oil can be added to the list of debris that could enter the control portion of a gas appliance causing untold havoc with the gas valve or gas/air mixture.

Therefore, please review the basic requirements with your gas installers to help eliminate these problems.

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## **EDUCATION**

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

#### **Location**

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

#### **Plumber**

**June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22, 2016 6p-9p/night**

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

#### **Gasfitter**

**Class 1: May 23, 24, 25, 31, June 1 & 2, 2016 6p-9p/night**

**Class 2: June 28, 29, 30, July 5, 6 & 7, 2016 6p-9p/night**

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

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

### **BACKFLOW TESTER/MECHANIC CERTIFICATION**

#### **32-Hour Certification**

June 2-4, 2016 (Beltsville, MD)  
July 14-16, 2016 (College Park, MD)

#### **8-Hour Recertification**

TBD

For more information, contact  
Chip Matthews @ 301-461-5064 or  
[chip@crossconnectionpartners.com](mailto:chip@crossconnectionpartners.com).

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## **2016 MINIMUM WAGE**

*Jim Mazzullo*

Minimum wage is being discussed in all the news media. In an effort to raise wages to a "living wage," local governments have adopted gradual implementations. Effective July 1, 2016, Maryland has adopted \$8.75 while the District of Columbia has set \$11.50. Please be sure to follow all the labor laws to avoid fines and double or triple damage penalties.

### **HIGHEST STATE MINIMUM WAGES**

1.	Washington D.C.	\$10.50*
2.	California	\$10
3.	Massachusetts	\$10
4.	Alaska	\$9.75
5.	Connecticut	\$9.60
	Rhode Island	\$9.60
	Vermont	\$9.60

\* increases to \$11.50 on July 1

SOURCE: National Conference  
of State Legislatures

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## **SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY**

*In Sympathy . . .*

- Pat Eberly (mother of Jo Eberly)  
*February 13, 1941 – April 25, 2016*

*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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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



### **General Membership Meeting**

May 18, 2016

### **2016 Summer/Fall “Eberly” Outing**

TBA

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

#### **“The Plumbers’ Ball”**

February 4, 2017

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016 at Greene Turtle-Burtonsville.

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## **2016 SUMMER/FALL** **“EBERLY” OUTING**

### **CRAB FEAST**



**Date: TBA**

**Cobb Island, MD**

## **WASHINGTON GAS**

### **2016 Trade Relations Charity Golf Outing To Benefit Children’s National Medical Center**

Old Hickory Golf Club

11921 Chanceford Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Friday, June 3, 2016**

8:00am Registration • 9:00am Shotgun Start

Format: Four-Person Captains’ Choice

Cost: \$150 per player

*(Includes green fees, cart, breakfast on the run, beverages and snacks during play, post-play buffet, awards, prizes.)*

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2016

Contact: Luella Miles

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