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## MEETING NOTICE

### WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

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



Hi Everyone,

I can't believe September is here already! Summer is almost over but I am looking forward to cooler temperatures!

Washington Gas will sponsor this month's meeting. We are also offering a pre-meeting training class on gas regulators so mark your calendar!

It has been a busy summer, a lot of things going on in our industry, so you will want to come and hear what's been going on!

Let's have a great turn-out for these meetings!

See you there.

*Jack Walsh, 2016 President*

## SPECIAL TRAINING

September 21, 2016 • 5:00pm-6:30pm

### "2-psi Gas Installs"

Prior to this month's general meeting, you and your employees are invited to attend a special training event titled "2-psi Gas Installs" presented by Gerald "GG" Davis of Washington Gas.



**MEETINGS  
MEAN  
BUSINESS**

## **TRAGIC EVENT**

*Jim Mazzullo*

Unless you have been out of the country for the past month, you are aware of the catastrophic explosion and fire in Silver Spring that resulted in several fatalities, many injuries and extensive property damage attributed to natural gas. As the details of this event unfold, we should review the reasons our industry is so tightly regulated. The basis for the plumbing and fuel gas code is Safety; but the significant refinement of this is actually that it is a matter of Life Safety.

In order to determine the cause of this damage, all aspects of the gas delivery system are being investigated by several authorities: local, state and federal.

As a company that had performed work at this site, one of our members was asked to provide documentation to show proper workmanship and compliance with local regulations. One of the tasks they had performed was the installation of a commercial sized water heater. Since the heater was located in the same room as the gas service and meters, the heater and its associated piping are being reconstructed by the NTSB. The same NTSB that reconstructs trains and airplanes after accidents with the primary purpose to examine the elements so that the NTSB can make recommendations to prevent future occurrences of similar accidents.

Fortunately, a plumbing permit had been issued, the installation was performed by a licensed plumber and a final inspection had been conducted by WSSC. These are positive reinforcements to potential legal hurdles.

Take a moment to review your practices and procedures. Set up a system that will follow through on the responsibilities that are required of your profession. In addition to the trade skills of the installers, be sure to confirm that an inspection has been finalized. The computer look up is working well and the proposed Permits on the Web promises to be better not just for issuance but for tracking its progress to the final inspection.

Take a moment to be thankful that these types of events are rare and strive to do everything to prevent them from happening.

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## **PROFESSIONALS WANTED**

*Jim Mazzullo*

Howard County Government is requesting licensed plumbers who live in Howard County, and would like to serve on the Howard County Plumbing Board to submit their resume. If interested, your credentials can be sent to:

Donald L. Mock, P.E.  
Plan Review Chief  
Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses  
and Permits  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

OR, email: [DMock@HowardCountyMD.gov](mailto:DMock@HowardCountyMD.gov)

Maryland State Board of Practical Plumbing has two openings; 1) a Consumer Representative from a jurisdiction that is not presently represented by another member, and 2) a master plumber from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Further information will be available at the General Meeting.

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## **SUNSHINE & SYMPATHY**

*Congratulations . . .*

- George & Kathy Cranford welcomed grandson George Rhodes Cranford, IV on September 8, 2016.

*In Sympathy . . .*

- Kyle "Britt" A. Kirby (Cummins-Wagner)  
*June 16, 2016 (Age 60)*
- Charles "Charlie" A. Kruger, Sr.  
(Kruger Training Academy)  
*September 3, 2016 (Age 64)*
- Robert F. Jackson  
(Father of Michael Jackson of J&J Plumbing)  
*July 24, 1926 – September 9, 2016 (Age 90)*

*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

September 21, 2016  
October 19, 2016  
November 16, 2016  
December 21, 2016  
January 18, 2017  
February 15, 2017  
March 15, 2017  
April 19, 2017  
May 17, 2017

### **70<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance** **“The Plumbers’ Ball”**

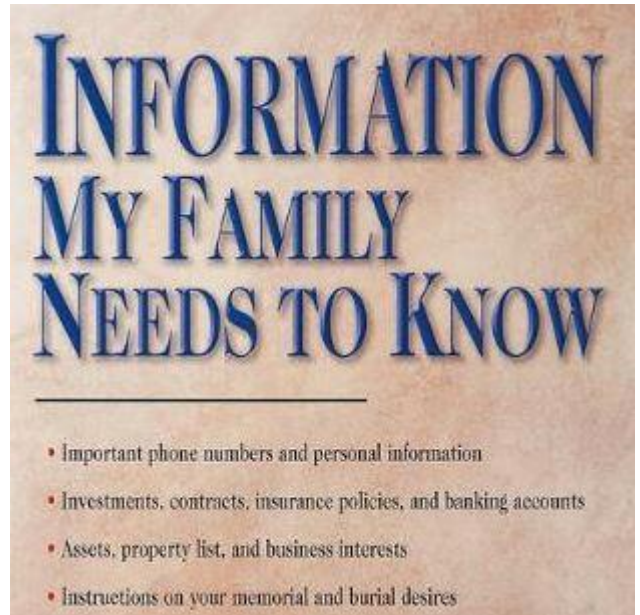
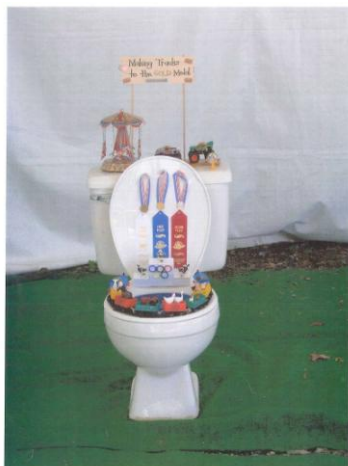
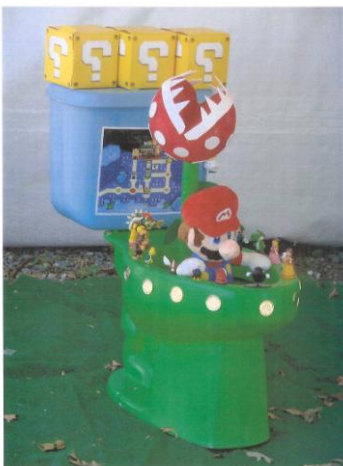
February 4, 2017  
Doubletree Bethesda

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016 at Greene Turtle-Burtonsville.

## SUMMER FUN

If you made it out to the Montgomery County Fair in August, did you get a chance to check out the Toilet Decorating Contest sponsored by Stang Plumbing?

If you missed it, check out these entries . . .



After the death of his mother-in-law, John Seymour came across a booklet designed to help organize important information (i.e., personal, financial, health, legal, etc.). Knowing where official records are located, as well as having copies of these important documents is essential, especially in an emergency situation. There are several on-line sites with booklets you can download for free. Here are a few you might want to check out:

### ***T. Rowe Price Estate Planning Guide***

<https://individual.troweprice.com/staticFiles/Retail/Shared/PDFs/WhatYourFamilyNeedsToKnow.pdf>

### ***U.S. Department of State***

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/154946.pdf>

### ***Caldwell Trust***

[http://cdn2.hubspot.net/hub/393996/file-1981211180-pdf/Everything\\_My\\_Family\\_Needs\\_to\\_Know-CaldwellTrust-Form.pdf?t=1472481549529](http://cdn2.hubspot.net/hub/393996/file-1981211180-pdf/Everything_My_Family_Needs_to_Know-CaldwellTrust-Form.pdf?t=1472481549529)

## RAMBLINGS

*George Brill, Jr.*

I don't think it is just me that finds these times disturbing. Look at the presidential race and if ever there was a time to vote for the lesser of two evils, this is the one. Wait a minute. Maybe electing a non politician would be real change. Oh, never mind. Our,

or mine if you wish, world is turning upside down at a pace that seems too quick for me. On Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released numbers stating the there are now 9,932,000 more government workers than manufacture workers. In the political world if you don't want everybody to pay attention to something you release it on late Fridays so it is old news by Monday. If you really really really don't want anyone to notice you do what the FBI did and release the transcripts of Hillary's interview with agents on the Friday before the Labor Day weekend when everyone is gone to the beach and nobody is watching TV until Tuesday. In mid August the FBI Director stated that since Hillary didn't "willfully" violate the law she wouldn't be charged. (Officer, I didn't willfully exceed the posted speed limit. Ok have a nice day).

This transgender thing is leaving me in the dust. I remember back in 1959, when I was 16, the boys would joke about sneaking into the girls locker room. Today, if George feels more like Georgia, what's to stop "it"? I said in a class I was attending that I have been going into ladies rooms for years. There was a hush for a second and a half until they all broke out in laughter. Anne Arundel County Schools has issued a directive that parents are not to be told the sleeping arrangement on overnight trips. Another "Progressive" system has placed on hold the implementing of policy using whatever facilities they feel like until they can make some arrangements. Target announced that it was spending 20 million bucks on bathrooms due to its new gender policy. \$20,000,000? Wait a minute, do you know how many public bathrooms are out there? Eateries, stores, public buildings. Why there has to be millions and millions. Gosh! Those of you still plumbing are sitting on a fortune. Forget what I said about Progressives.

I would like to recommend two books that I found very interesting. The first one is CRISIS OF CHARACTER by Gary J. Byrne. If you don't have time, just read the Afterword at the end. The other one is ONE NATION by Dr. Ben Carson. Take the time to read the whole thing.

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