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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**. This meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus (College Park).

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

6:00p Social Time
6:30p Sponsor Presentation/Training
7:30p **COMPLIMENTARY** Buffet Dinner
8:00p Business Meeting
8:30p Adjourn
AWESOME Door Prize Drawing(s)

This meeting is being sponsored by:

M.J. Friedl & Associates, Inc.
2900 Love Point Road
Stevensville, MD 21666
410-604-1079
www.mjfriedl.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the last few weeks, I've had two members contact me in regards to the correct procedure when the gas has been interrupted to a building.

I reached out to Tom Buckley and below was his response.

Code and long standing gas company policy states that when gas service has been interrupted by the Gas Company or Fire Department, the property owner shall contact a licensed plumber/gasfitter whom shall perform a test for entire structure, obtain a short form permit, and have a WSSC Inspector witness the test.
Code References: WSSC 107.8.1; IFGC 406.6.3.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, you can contact me or your Depot Lead Inspector.

WSSC Commissioners postponed the vote to renew the HomeServe contract. The vote was slated to take place at the March 20th Commissioners Meeting, but after the Pledge of Allegiance, the Commission voted to amend the agenda removing the HomeServe contract renewal. There was no explanation given as to why this item was being removed. Hmm, maybe it had something to do with a little birdie notifying the Commission last minute that HomeServe had acquired CroppMetcalf.

Jim Mazzullo then drafted a letter to WSSC Commissioners that shared our continued concerns with

WSSC's affiliation with HomeServe. The letter was approved by our Board and sent to the Commissioners on March 29th. Copies were also sent to Carla Reid (WSSC General Manager), Monica J. Johnson (WSSC Deputy General Manager for Strategic Partnerships), Crystal Knight-Lee (WSSC Director of Customer Service), Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich, and Prince George's County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks.

The next Commissioners meeting is scheduled for April 17th (same day as our general meeting). The HomeServe contract renewal is back on the agenda. HOWEVER, also on the agenda is a closed session taking place for Commissioners "to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding the HomeServe USA Agreement." We will have representation at the Commissioners meeting, and will give an update at our general meeting that night. Maybe we'll have some good news to share.

Our April meeting is being sponsored by M.J. Friedl. Friedl is a new sponsor for us who represents Metrotech video inspection cameras and locating devices. Come to the meeting and check out some equipment, enjoy a free dinner, socialize with friends, and hear what's happening in your industry.

See you there.

Kevin M. Black, 2019 President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



General Membership Meetings

April 17, 2019
May 15, 2019

73rd Annual Dinner Dance "The Plumbers' Ball"

February 1, 2020

WSMMPA 2019 Golf Tournament

October 18, 2019

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th at Hudson Coastal.

WSSC

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day).

EDUCATION

18-HR JOURNEYMAN/MASTER TEST REVIEWS

Location

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

Plumber

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night

NEXT CLASS: TBD

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

Gasfitter

6 Weeknights • 6p-9p/night

NEXT CLASS: TBD

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

TO REGISTER:

Download Application(s) from WSMMPA's website
www.wsmmpa.com under Education or call 301-466-7747.

BACKFLOW

Mid Maryland Backflow Academy

ABC Craftmasters
6901 Muirkirk Meadows Drive, Suite F
Beltsville, MD 20705 • 301-853-4668

8-Hr Recertification Class

May 4th • 7AM – 3PM

Cost: \$250 (Member) / \$275 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMMPA Members)

32-Hr Certification Classes

May 30th – June 1st • 7AM – 6PM

Cost: \$500 (Member) / \$550 (Non-Member)
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMMPA Members)

For more information visit:

<https://www.abcmetrowashington.org/Career-Development/Mid-Atlantic-Backflow-Academy>

Maryland State Boards of Plumbing and HVACR

Per Mike Bowersox, Maryland State Board of Plumbing and Maryland State Board of HVACR Contractors are looking for board members. Contact Mike Bowersox (mike@bowersox.com) if you have interest.

Just a reminder that
you still have plenty of
time to do your taxes
at the last minute.



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