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MEETING NOTICE

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association's monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 15, 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:



featuring

- Awesome new products from Oatey.
- Great new technology from Charlotte Pipe.
- The latest and greatest in tankless water heaters from Bradford White.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just in case you didn't make last month's general meeting, and you haven't heard the news, WSSC Commissioners voted unanimously not to renew their contract with HomeServe USA. Seems that WSSC General Manager and Legal Counsel agree with us that the acquisition of CroppMetcalf by HomeServe created a conflict of interest and unfair business practice.

After talking with Francis Coleman, Charlotte found a nice article from "Checkbook.org" (Volume 19 #3 2019) titled "Should You Buy a Home Warranty." (<https://www.checkbook.org/washington-area/home-warranties/>) The article has a lot of good information for sharing with your customers that basically states they are terrible deals and not worth the price. Another piece of information you can share that will back up Checkbook's article is an article I found from "The Times" (dated January 13, 2014) that states UK's Financial Conduct Authority fined HomeServe a record €30.6M for persistent mis-selling to their customers. Go to: <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/final-notices/homeserve-membership-limited.pdf> if you like to view the FCA Notice.

On a good note, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 408, and WSSC Commissioners approved the adoption of a special loan program to help customers pay for on property water service line replacements. We will be sharing more information on this as it gets closer to the July 1st launch date.

Recapping last month's general meeting:

- Sponsor M.J. Friedl & Associates presented a great option for video cameras and locating equipment.
- We can expect to see Joseph Heil attending his second meeting after winning a radio/battery charger (donated by Milwaukee Tool) at his first meeting.

This month's general meeting is being sponsored by long time supporter Northeastern. Alan Cowan has always presented us with great products and exceptional information to help us through the business part of our day. So, come join us on May 15th for a good meal, great company, and outstanding knowledge. This is your last chance to make a meeting before our summer break, so get your smart phone out, open the calendar app, and schedule a reminder for the meeting.

Have a great summer!

Kevin M. Black, 2019 President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meetings



- May 15, 2019
- September 18, 2019
- October 16, 2019
- November 20, 2019
- December 18, 2019

73rd Annual Dinner Dance
"The Plumbers' Ball"
 February 1, 2020

WSMPA 2019 Golf Tournament
 October 18, 2019

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at Hudson Coastal.

WSSC

- WSSC will be closed on the following dates:
- Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day).
 - Thursday, July 4th (Independence Day).
 - Monday, September 2nd (Labor 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 WSMPA's website
www.wsmpa.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

TBA • 7AM – 3PM

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

32-Hr Certification Classes

May 30th – June 1st • 7AM – 6PM

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

For more information visit:

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

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