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# NEWSLETTER

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### **MEETING NOTICE**

**WSMPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019**

Washington Suburban Master Plumbers Association’s monthly general membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 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:



**ON THE AGENDA**  
Empower MD Program  
Gas Line Condensate

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**



Looks like Fall has finally made it here. Cooler weather, leaves to rake, and everything pumpkin.

We had another informative class taught by Jeff Wheat on Combustion Make Up Air. The room was full and Charlotte has received great feedback. Thanks Jeff! I’d also like to thank Ferguson Enterprises “AGAIN” for offering their classroom and supplying lunch for everyone.

We’ve talked about having a Trench Safety Class also known as Competent Person Certification. We did this 25 years ago and had a very information class, but laws and regulations change or maybe you weren’t a member then so it’s time for a refresher. I’ve contacted the same instructor and we are working out the details. Keep an eye out for the notice. If anyone has a suggestion for a class, please be sure to speak up at Wednesday night’s meeting.

This month’s meeting is sponsored by our friends at Washington Gas. They will be touching on the Empower MD Program, as well as gas line condensate. Call a member you haven’t seen in a while and invite them. Or maybe you have an employee that would benefit from our meetings—bring them along. Or how about that plumber at the supply house you promptly answered that question for about code, ePermitting, plan review, products, etc. etc.—next time be sure to let them know that if they were a member of this Association, they would have already learned that and more at one of our meetings.

By the time you're reading this, you should be getting your golf clubs out of the closet and dusting them off for our Third Annual Richard "Ricky" A. Barnes Golf Classic being held Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We've received great support from our sponsors and it looks like the golf course will be full. I'm looking forward to the continental breakfast, hot dogs on the turn, lunch buffet after play, and plenty of beer. As always, we will have plenty of great giveaways. Oh, and I'll be driving my new Chevy Colorado Crew Cab home that I plan on winning at the Hole In One contest.

You should already have your phone calendar app set for cocktails at 6PM on Wednesday, and 8AM registration/9AM shot gun start on Friday.

See you there!

*Kevin M. Black, 2019 President*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



### **General Membership Meetings**

October 16, 2019  
November 20, 2019  
December 18, 2019  
January 15, 2020  
February 19, 2020  
March 18, 2020  
April 15, 2020  
May 20, 2020

**73<sup>rd</sup> 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, November 4<sup>th</sup> at The Greene Turtle.

## **WSSC**

WSSC will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans' Day).
- Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day).
- Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> (Day after Thanksgiving).

## **WSMPA GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**October 18, 2019**

8AM Check In • 9AM Shot Gun Start

Rattlewood Golf Course  
13501 Penn Shop Road • Mt. Airy, MD 21771

## **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](http://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**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> • 7:30AM – 5PM**

Cost: \$250 (Member) / \$325 (Non-Member)  
(Member Cost is Extended to WSMPA Members)

#### **32-Hr Certification Classes**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup> • 7:30AM – 5PM**

Cost: \$500 (Member) / \$600 (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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