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A Publication of The Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester

June 2022

President's Message

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting at The Cabin Restaurant on Thursday, June 30, 2022. This is our last meeting of the summer until we resume in September.

During our meeting we will discuss how our website now includes a confidential email link that will allow you to register illegal work being performed so the IMPW can follow-up. All complaints will be filed by the IMPW and not by you. For more detailed information and direct links, please refer to page 3 of this newsletter.

Your Board of Directors has hired Council and is addressing the 51% rule as well as the stalemate that is holding up Plumbing License issuance and holding up Westchester County Plumbing Board meetings being held.

Do not forget to renew your Operator Qualified status. The qualification is not a lifelong qualification. You must renew and be tested every 3 years. Con Edison will continue to add qualifications and we will keep you up to date. Presently there is a painting task that has been added. This allows you to paint gas pipes. You can take the test again to qualify for this or simply it will be included when you re-test at the time of renewal of your qualification.

We are very excited to welcome our newest Board Members, Frank Nicosia and Mike Ferro. We look forward to working with them!

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING MEETING CALL LETTERS PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION WITH KAREN OR AT THE MEETING. PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN SIGNING IN. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting

Our meeting sponsor:



Restoration
& Cleaning Services LLC.

It is expected to be a very informative and well-attended meeting. Space is limited so please reserve your seat by emailing Karen Dimitriou at: karen.dimitriou@gmail.com to insure your attendance.

Hope to see you on:
Thursday, June 30, 2022
6:30pm

The Cabin Restaurant
1172 Knollwood Drive
White Plains, NY

Sincerely,
Anthony Schiavo, President

The Independent Master
Plumbers of Westchester

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File A Complaint With Westchester Consumer Protection

File a Complaint With Westchester County Consumer Protection

The IMPW represents the Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester to give them a voice on issues and events and to present a unified front for input on the Local and County level. Many of our members have expressed concern for covering and/or unlicensed plumbing work being performed within Westchester County. If you are aware of covering or unlicensed work being performed, contact us via a confidential email on our website IMPW.net. You will find a link on the first page at the bottom labeled “*Have Concerns?*” and we will assist you in completing the complaint and forwarding it to the Consumer Protection Department/Westchester Plumbing Board. It is important that you provide as much information as possible for your complaint.

For more information, please visit:

<https://consumer.westchestergov.com>

Your consumers/customers/homeowners/residents should file a complaint within Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection by one of the following methods:

Click this link:

<https://consumer.westchestergov.com/contact-us/file-a-consumer-complaint>

Email:

conpro@westchestergov.com

Phone:

914-995-2155

GAS OPERATOR QUALIFICATION UPDATE

Dear Westchester County DOT Gas Operator Qualification Participant,

According to our records, your Task 86/87 Operator Qualification expires in **December 2021**. To view your exact expiration date, please login to your OnBoard Learning Management Profile or scan the QR code on your OQ Card.

To renew your Operator Qualification, you must pass a three-part written exam (*80% is the minimum passing score on each part*) and a practical exam that is pass/fail. You are eligible to begin the requalification up to 6 months prior to your expiration date, however exams will be held based on availability and demand on a first come, first serve basis. **The requalification exam cost is \$750 per person.**

To be placed on the waiting list for the next available exam date please email impwoq@nycmpc.org. The written exam will take place at a Prometric Facility in your area (to be determined upon scheduling). The practical exam will be held at the Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center in Bellerose.

Please be advised that prior to taking the exams, you must complete an online refresher course no later than 48 hours before your written exam date. This course must be completed 48 hours prior to the exam date or your profile will be locked out and you will not be able to access the test. Please be advised that if you are locked out of the exam, you must pay a cancellation fee of \$200 and you will be placed back on the waiting list for the next available exam.

In addition, the MPC will be hosting optional 4-hour, in-person Operator Qualification Refresher Trainings at the Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center, adhering to all NYC COVID mandates. To register yourself or an employee, please contact impwoq@nycmpc.org for the next available refresher course.. **The cost per person for this optional 4-hour in person training is \$599.**

Please be advised that currently there is a strict maximum of 12 students per class. Each class will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Regards,
Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester
PO Box 326, Tuckahoe, NY 10707
impwoq@nycmpc.org

Special Announcement!

NYS Backflow Testers Association Announcement

April 11

April 18 – 22

May 9

May 16 – 20

June 20

August 22

August 29 - Sept 2

September 19

October 10 – 14

November 14 – 18

December 12 – 16

December 19

New York State Backflow Testers Association (NYSBTA) will be expanding their teaching staff starting January 1, 2022. We will be adding Three (3) new Instructors to the Backflow Classes who have not only Backflow experience but also Plumbing experience as well. I am happy to announce the addition of:

Chris Casa

Lead Instructor

Josephine O’Grady “Jo the Plumber”

Asst. Instructor

Cornelius Brady

Asst. Instructor

With the addition of these three (3) we will also be having a third teaching location. The Third location will be in Mount Vernon, NY. By having this third location we will be able to reach out to the people in New York City/5 Boroughs better since there will be a train stop not too far from the school.

Besides the new Instructors for the Backflow classes, NYSBTA will be having CPR/AED, OSHA, and other classes in safety.

Additional classes are in the works and will be announced when they are ready in the near future.

John E. Cimino

Founder of NYSBTA

Please do not forget to have your test kits calibrated!

You can also purchase testing equipment on our website.

Applying Paint Type Coatings to Above Ground Gas Piping Now Part of Task 87

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The Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester is pleased to announce that effective Friday, January 21, 2022, those Gas Operator Qualification members successfully completing Covered Task 87 Written Exams AFTER January 21, 2022 will be additionally qualified to prepare and apply paint-type coatings to above ground DOT jurisdictional gas piping that requires corrosion protection coating maintenance. Please note additional questions were added to the Task 87 Written Exam to ensure competency in recognizing proper surface preparation techniques as well as application of paint type coatings. The Task 86/87 Refresher Training Module was also updated to cover pipe surface preparation and paint type coating application.

Note: If you have already re-qualified in Task 87, and you wish to be qualified for preparation and application of paint type coatings, you will either need to requalify by taking the Task 87 exam, otherwise, you may wait until the next requalification cycle.

Background Information:

This program qualifies operators to perform specific tasks that require DOT Operator Qualification. The training and certification program for Task 86/87 incorporates specific parts of existing DOT tasks and combines them with the knowledge a plumbing technician already possesses. This hybrid qualification program benefits the licensed plumber and their employees by allowing them to achieve Operator Qualified status with a minimal amount of expense and time.

Recently the Utilities have determined that under certain circumstances, the persons painting and coating DOT jurisdictional piping will be required to be Operator Qualified. The task for painting and coating is a standalone DOT task. Presently, obtaining this task would require additional training and passing an exam. When we became aware of this new requirement the Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester together with their Gas Working Group Partners requested that this additional qualification be added to the existing Task 87. Thanks to the hard work of our Partners, that mission was accomplished. Our members now have the ability to automatically obtain this additional qualification during the renewal process. For members who are not subject to requalification or have recently requalified and wish to obtain this additional qualification you must schedule and retake the Task 87 exam. If you recently requalified, you will receive a separate email from the Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester within the next week.

Please contact the Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester at impwoq@nycmpc.org with any additional questions.

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2022 Meeting Dates

Mark Your
Calendars

Sponsorships are
available for
2022!

Please contact
Karen Dimitriou for
details @:
karen.dimitriou@gmail.com

~~January 27~~

~~February 24~~

~~March 31~~

~~April 28~~

~~May 26~~

~~June 30~~

~~September 29~~

~~October 27~~

No meetings held in:

July

August

November

December

Space is limited!
Contact Karen to make your
reservation
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INDEPENDENT MASTER PLUMBERS OF WESTCHESTER

IMPW, Inc.,
P.O. Box 326, Tuckahoe, NY 10708
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Quality Plumbing Safely Done + Fair Competition = Free Enterprise

Dear Valued Member and Vendor,

Over last few years the IMPW has grown dramatically, adding many new member plumbing firms and Associate Trade (vendor) members. Our monthly meetings are increasingly well-attended and vendor meeting sponsorships have become a popular and effective method for vendors to reach the targeted audience: Westchester licensed plumbers. The IMPW is dedicated to the support of the Independent Westchester Plumber.

We are writing you today to offer you an opportunity to reach that same audience by advertising in the **2022 IMPW Directory & Buyers Guide**. It contains updated information for all Westchester municipalities as well as vendor, distributor and manufacturer information. The IMPW Directory is used daily, throughout the year, by licensed plumbers. It is the first place plumbers look when locating and selecting vendors to make purchases for their businesses and when searching for municipality & permitting information for Westchester County. For you, this is an excellent opportunity to reach your targeted audience.

Participating in the **2022 IMPW Directory & Buyers Guide** also provides support for the IMPW and the plumbing industry by letting everyone know you are surviving this continuing "challenged economy" and are still ready to do business! (Let's face it, many haven't survived).

We hope you will agree that this is a unique opportunity to reach the audience you desire and support an organization that is so important to your customers.

Enclosed is the Advertising Application and Rate Sheet for participation in the upcoming **2022 IMPW Directory & Buyers Guide**. Please return no later than May 31, 2022 to:

Karen Dimitriou, Executive Director, IMPW
152 Lawrence Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801

We thank you for your support.
For more information or details on these opportunities, please contact:

Karen Dimitriou, Executive Director
(914) 487-IMPW or
via email at karen.dimitriou@gmail.com



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**2022
Directory &
Buyers
Guide
Application**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Name:

Company Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Enclosed please find check in the amount of:

_____ Check Number: _____

Payment by Credit Card:

Type of Credit Card: () Mastercard () Visa () American Express

Name as it appears on card:

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____ CCV #: _____

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ADVERTISEMENT COSTS AND SIZES:

_____ HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT - \$250.00 (4 1/2" x 3 1/2")

_____ FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT - \$350.00 (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")

_____ GOLD PAGE ADVERTISEMENT - \$400.00 (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")

_____ COVER PAGE ADVERTISEMENT (4 1/2" x 7 1/2") (Contact
Karen Dimitriou for pricing/ availability)

We will need camera-ready artwork for all advertisements.

For more information, please contact Karen Dimitriou at:
(914) 487- IMPW or via email at karen.dimitriou@gmail.com



2022 IMPW NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

P.O. Box 326, Tuckahoe, New York 10707



2022 IMPW Newsletter Advertising Application

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The IMPW is dedicated to the support of the Independent Westchester Plumber. Our monthly newsletter provides you with an opportunity to reach every licensed master plumber who does business in Westchester County. In addition it reaches county officials, other related trades, insurance agents, manufacturers representatives, suppliers and vendors.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to reach your targeted audience!

We hope that you will agree that this is a unique opportunity to reach the audience you desire and support an organization that is so important to your customers.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES:

Artwork needs to be submitted by the first of each month in pdf format.

Please note that all ads will be black and white.

AVAILABLE ADVERTISEMENT SIZES & PRICING:

_____ QUARTER PAGE ADVERTISEMENT: (4 ½" X 3 ½")
\$195.00 per month (3 month minimum), a 12 month commitment = 1 month free

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CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **FAX NUMBER:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

TYPE OF CREDIT CARD: _____

NEXT MEETING

DATE:

Thursday, June 30, 2022
6:30 pm
The Cabin Restaurant
1172 Knollwood Road, White
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The Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester Mission Statement

Our Mission:

It is the mission of the IMPW to represent the Independent Master Plumbers in Westchester, to keep them apprised of issues and events that impact their trade and livelihood and to provide them with an opportunity to take part in, provide input, and impact the decision-making process that effects the plumbing trade, and to strive to create and maintain a level playing field for Independent Plumbers. .

History:

In the mid-1990's, a few local plumbing companies got together with a shared vision: They felt it would be to the advantage of everyone in the county (county residents, master plumbers, tradesmen, legislators, etc), if an organization was formed to represent the Independent Plumbers in Westchester County. Up to that point, Independent plumbers were fragmented and each operated with little exposure to their counterparts and competitors and with absolutely no opportunity to take part in the decision-forming processes at the local or County level. In fact, an early catalyst for their vision and the formation of the IMPW, was the impending adoption of a new local law that would establish a County-wide plumbing license. This new 'County' license would replace the 35+ local licenses required throughout Westchester County. Up to that point, Independent licensed Plumbers had absolutely no input into the formation of the initial rules and requirements that were to be adopted and that would ultimately have a dramatic impact on the plumbing trade (and their ability to continue to be a part of it) in Westchester County.

The three initial companies contacted every Independent company listed in the county, held multiple meetings that included all these companies, and ultimately formed the IMPW. From the outset, the first impact of the new IMPW was to provide representation for Independent Master Plumbers at the County level where we found legislators that, literally, had no idea just how many Independent plumbers existed in Westchester. This was understandable since up to that time the only Plumbing representation at that level was by the Plumbing Union(s).

The fledgling IMPW quickly impacted the proposed/impending Plumbing License Law and was instrumental in making last-minute necessary modifications to some of the proposed 'rules' that protected the livelihood of Independent Plumbers and their ability to continue working in Westchester County.

Today:

Since then, the IMPW has worked hard to gain more representation at the County level. The IMPW is currently working with the Westchester County Plumbing License Board to help create a better Plumber's and Journeyman 'testing' system, to provide more training for plumbers, journeymen and apprentices, and to continue to strive for a more level playing field in the legislative and decision-making process at the County level. We have monthly meetings and publish a monthly newsletter. We've worked with other organizations (Like the New York Alliance for Fair Competition) to represent Westchester Master Plumbers at the State level and before the Public Service Commission to stop unfair competition by Utility companies in the plumbing & heating area. Our numbers have grown from the first three companies to over 100 Master Plumbers today. As of this writing, two members of the IMPW are now seated as members of the Westchester County Plumbing License Board and a 3rd seat is available for an Independent Journeyman.