



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Publication of The Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester

January 2023

President's Message

As we welcome this New Year, I wish to thank the outgoing IMPW Officers, Anthony Schiavo and George Bassolino for their work and service to this organization throughout their terms. I am happy to announce that they will continue as Board Members. During their terms, they have grown our membership and worked closely with the Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York and Con Edison to establish the Operator Qualification training system with Con Ed – an important additional certification for our trade. Thank you for your hard work and continuing service to the IMPW and the generous donation of your time!

Congratulations to our new Vice-President, Frank Nicosia. He and I will be working closely to try to improve the IMPW by building on the foundation provided by our predecessors.

Welcome to our new Board Members:

John Royce
Josephine Ogrady
Mike Ferro

And, lastly thank you to the Board Members for your confidence in me as newly-elected President.

As your new President, it will be my goal to work with our Board and all members to:

1. Increase the exposure of the IMPW throughout the County
2. Foster more involvement by our membership with the IMPW offerings and expand those offerings
3. Create informative and educational meetings
4. Provide contractors with the opportunity to share "best practices" for our trade and businesses.

Our organization is an important voice for all Independent Plumbers and we intend to make it grow and be stronger through education and more involvement.

Our next General Meeting will be held on:

Thursday, January 26, 2023

6:30pm

The Cabin Restaurant, 1172 Knollwood Drive, White Plains, NY

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(Presented by Joey Robert)

This 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 you attendance

*Sincerely,
Mario Bruni, President*

The Independent Master Plumbers of Westchester

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Karen Dimitriou

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This presentation will provide an overview of various Resideo thermostat solutions, wireless outdoor reset options and the new L% Water Leal Shutoff Valve

**PHMSA
DRUG
TESTING
UPDATE**

PHMSA Reduces Minimum Random Drug Testing

PHMSA reduces minimum random drug testing rate for covered employees in 2023.

As you are aware, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has announced that the minimum random drug testing rate for covered employees will be reduced to 25 percent in 2023. This change will be effective from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. We will notify you if any other DOT modality makes a rate change.

All National Grid contractors/subcontractors are required to test 5% higher than the required random rate.

The DCM TEAM is in the process of creating an improved contractor/subcontractor verification form that we will require all DER's to initial and complete for each owner/operator. We will be sending out the notification shortly. We appreciate your patience.

You can read the full order here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/23/2022-27906/pipeline-safety-random-drug-testing-rate-management-information-system-reporting-and-obtaining-drug>

NYS
Backflow
Testers
Association

New York State Backflow Testers Association (NYSBTA) will be expanding their teaching staff starting January 1, 2023. We will be adding two (2) 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

With the addition of these two (2) 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.

Depending on the class size, the lead will be John most of the times. There will be times when John is teaching a Certification class upstate on a day of a Re-certification.

Re-certifications will be done by Chris unless more than 10 students are in attendance.

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.

[PLEASE SEE SCHEDULES ON FOLLOWING PAGES ...](#)

NYS Backflow Testers Association NYSBTA 2023 Classes

Portchester, NY

Certification Classes

Feb.27 – Mar 3
Mar 20 – 24
Apr. 3 – 7
May 15 – 19
June 12 – 16
July 17 – 21
Aug. 28 – Sept. 1
Sept. 25 – 29
Oct. 23 – 27
Nov. 13 - 17

Re-Certification Classes

Jan. 30
Feb. 13
Mar. 6
Apr. 10
May 2
Jun. 26
Aug. 1
Sept. 8
Oct, 2
Dec. 11

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NYS Backflow Testers Association
NYSBTA 2023 Classes

Mt. Vernon, NY

Certification Classes

Jan. 16 – 20
Feb. 13 – 17

Re-Certification Classes

Jan. 7
Feb. 11
Mar. 4
Apr. 1
May 15
Jun. 3
Jul. 17
Sept. 2
Nov. 4
Nov. 18
Dec. 2

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NYSBTA 2023 Classes

Waterford, NY

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Certification Classes

Jan. 23 – 27
Mar. 13 - 17
May 8 – 12
Aug. 21 – 25
Sept. 11 – 15
Oct. 16 – 20
Nov. 27 – Dec. 1
Dec. 11 - 15

Re-Certification Classes

Jan. 9
Apr. 24
Jun. 5
Jul. 10
Aug. 7
Nov. 6
Dec. 18

All classes are taught by John and/or David Hahn.

NYS Backflow Testers Association
NYSBTA 2023 Classes

Cortland, NY

NYS

Backflow

Testers

Association

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Certification Classes

Feb. 6 – 10
Apr. 17 – 21
Jun. 19 – 23
Aug. 14– 18
Dec.4 - 8

Re-Certification Classes

Apr. 3
May 22
Oct. 30
Nov. 20

All classes are taught by John and/or David Hahn.

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

**2023
Meeting
Dates**

**Mark Your
Calendars**

January 26

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 18

June 22

September 28

October 26

No meetings held in:

July

August

November

December

**Space is limited!
Contact Karen to make your
reservation**

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



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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 1/2" X 3 1/2")
\$195.00 per month (3 month minimum), a 12 month commitment = 1 month free

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\$100.00 per month (3 month minimum), a 12 month commitment = 1 month free

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CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

TYPE OF CREDIT CARD: _____

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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 a 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.