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WEEKLY WORKFLOW: September 16, 2020

Don't Miss Out on the PCA Online Membership Meeting in September



If you haven't registered yet, do so now to attend our upcoming PCA membership "online" meeting scheduled on **Tuesday, September 22nd** beginning at 4:00 PM. This event (at no cost) is open to all PCA members (and their staff) and PCA Associate members. PCA President Matt Erickson will lead the meeting on many informative industry topics and answer questions from the audience. To register, click the link below.

REGISTER

After registering, the PCA will verify your information and you will then receive a separate email with the meeting link and option to add the event to your online calendar. If you have any questions in the meantime, call the PCA office at 312-563-9526. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you "virtually" on the 22nd!

If you or any of your staff are unfamiliar with the Zoom online service and would like to schedule a "test," please contact the PCA office prior to September 22nd.

Chicago Mayor Lightfoot Launches Lead Service Line Replacement Program



Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot announced on September 10, 2020, an initiative to launch the City's long-awaited Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The City is offering two methods of City-assisted replacement: The Equity Lead Service Line Replacement Program for low-income residents and the Homeowner-Initiated Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

The Equity Lead Service Line Replacement Program will allow qualifying homeowners to have their lead service line replaced all the way from the water main into the home by contractors paid fully by the City. This program requires passage of an ordinance that will be introduced to the City Council for a vote in November. Pending passage, the program will begin accepting applications this fall.

The Homeowner-Initiated Lead Service Line Replacement Program is for homeowners that want to hire a contractor and remove the existing lead service line on their property. Under this program, the City will waive standard permit fees for the project, which could amount to a savings of over \$3,000. The City will connect the new service line to the water main and install a free water meter upon completion of the replacement. This program requires passage of an ordinance that will be introduced to the City Council for a vote in November with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

Information on the Lead Service Line Replacement Program is available at: www.LeadSafeChicago.org.

PCA Wins Top IMSCA Raffle Prize



Our legislative partners at the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA) held their annual PAC raffle on September 11, 2020 and the PCA won the top prize of four tickets to cheer on the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field with parking passes (a \$1,100 value). This prize was donated by IMSCA member Tom Morton of LLD Electric Company. Since no fans are allowed to watch the Bears this season in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the prize will be deferred to next season with the game date to be determined later. Therefore, the PCA will raffle these tickets for one lucky PCA contractor or PCA Associate Member to win at a future membership meeting.

Note: The PCA is a member organization of IMSCA, and our Executive Director, S.J. Peters, serves on its Board.

Visit the Illinois PHCC Virtual Expo

The Illinois PHCC "virtual" Expo, open to all PCA members and anyone interested in the plumbing, heating and cooling industry, is now up and running and will be ongoing throughout the fall with new and updated product information added as it becomes available. Several exhibitors and sponsors will be promoting giveaways during the virtual Expo. To access the Expo, participants will need to download an app from "AgendaPop" on their mobile phones either from the Google Play or Apple Store. For instructions on how to download the app, [click here](#). You can also download the app on your computer or laptop by [clicking here](#).

Note: The PCA is the local chapter of the Illinois and National PHCC.

Register Today for PHCC Connect 2020

The Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC) will present its national convention online this year from **Wednesday, September 30 through Thursday, October 1, 2020**. Registration is now open by [clicking here](#). Both PHCC member and non-member contractor registration includes up to 4 additional staff registrations this year. Additional discounted registration fees are offered for contractors registering more than 5 staff members. This year's virtual event includes over 20 educational sessions; a virtual product and technology showcase; live Q&A with select speakers; and more.

PCA to Resume Full Drug Testing as of November 1, 2020

Please Note: The PCA is planning to resume our random & mandatory drug testing program at full capacity as of November 1, 2020. The mutual decision of the PCA and Plumbers' Local 130 UA to temporarily suspend our drug testing program administered by Screen Safe, Inc. as of March 18, 2020 (with the exception of "Reasonable Suspicion;" Accelerated Testing;" or "Return to Duty") was deliberately instituted in an effort to reduce the risk of infection in our industry of the COVID-19 virus during the worldwide pandemic. The start date of the resumption of our drug testing program may possibly be further delayed depending on circumstances that merit our re-consideration – related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other conditions that may arise prior to November 1, 2020. We will keep you apprised. If you have any questions, please contact PCA Executive Director S.J. Peters at the Association office at 312-563-9526 or 630-280-9307 (mobile); or by email to: sj@plumbingcouncil.org. Thank you.

Industry News You Can Use

The PCA partners with various industry-related associations to bring our affiliated contractors the most current plumbing and mechanical news, legislative updates, and event happenings. Please take the time to read through the latest industry publications by clicking on the links below.

- [CISCO News Briefs](#): September 15, 2020
- [ERS-EAP Webinar on Maintaining & Stretching Our Resilience](#): September 17, 2020 @12:00 Noon
- [MARBA Matters](#): August 31, 2020
- [PCA Website: COVID-19 Resources and Information](#)

Illinois Compliant Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

PCA contractors have several "free" options to provide their employees with required Illinois compliant sexual harassment prevention training by the state imposed deadline of December 31, 2020 (which may possibly be extended due to COVID-19 although no official announcement has been issued at this point in time). PCA contractors should consider registering their employees to sign up for the following

sexual harassment prevention training options:

- [ERS Training](#) (Approximate training time 30 minutes.) You and your employees will need to create your own individual new profile including a username and unique password. The process is simple. Once activated, scroll down to the "Soft Skill Courses" at the bottom of the screen. From there, scroll down to "required training courses" to access the Illinois Sexual Harassment Training course, which includes a quiz and certificate of completion at the end.
- [Construction Education Institute \(CEI\) Training](#) (Approximate training time 10-15 minutes.) You and your employees will need to register on the CEI website for this training course. For detailed login instructions, [click here](#).
- [Illinois Department of Human Rights Training](#)

PCA - UA Local 130 CBA (2020-2024)

The new PCA-UA Local 130 four-year CBA (2020-2024) is now in effect. Please click on the links below for more details.

[PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2024\)](#)

[PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2021\) Wage Sheet](#)

[PCA-130 CBA \(2020-2024\) Synopsis of Changes](#)

[Schedule A for Residential & Light Commercial \(2020-2021\)](#)

[Residential Plumbing Service Agreement \(2020-2021\)](#)

For specific CBA questions or industry-related concerns, please contact the PCA office at 312-563-9526 (during regular business hours) or reach out to Executive Director S.J. Peters at any time by email at sj@plumbingcouncil.org or by mobile phone at 630-280-9307.

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