

Metropolitan Washington Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors (MWPHCC)

# Newsleak - May 2025



A Message from Board President, Dick Rhodes

Your MWPHCC Chapter has had a busy spring with various activities and events going on. In March, The Thomas Edison High School of Technology held its Construction Trades Job Fair. Many students within the Plumbing, Electrical and Masonry trades curriculum met with numerous companies in attendance. There are a number of young students looking to enter the trades upon graduating - that's Great News! If you are looking for interns, summer help or someone right out of high school, please contact either Stan Holcomb w/Montgomery County Schools (240-740-2033) or Hector Morales (240-740-2052).

On April 21st our Annual Golf Outing was held at Norbeck Country Club in Rockville. We had a great turn-out and the weather cooperated. It was a bit chilly, however the course was in great shape and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! Thank you to all the sponsors and participants!

A reminder about our Annual Fishing Event, The Glenn King Memorial Fishing Tournament is to be held on Friday, August 15th in Soloman's Island, MD. We have had great response to this event so far! If you have yet to sign up and are still interested, please contact Sue Thompson as soon as possible as we are nearing a Sell-Out!

This will be unlike any Fishing Tournaments we have had in the past: A Noon Launch (not "early morning"), pre-fishing cookout & prizes! Don't miss out on this event!

Our May Tech Training Session is being presented by Rinnai Tankless Water Heaters! Join us to learn about the latest and greatest innovations in tankless water heating. There will be products on-hand and a breakdown on all the features and benefits. If you are looking to gain additional knowledge about tankless heaters, here's your chance!

If you or your company techs are planning to attend our Technical Session, please be sure to let them know we start promptly at 6pm.

We are very grateful and appreciative to our monthly technical training & dinner meeting sponsors. The sponsors not only provide us with great information, they also cover the cost of our dinner each month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday May 1st



Upcoming Tech Training
Thursday, May 1, 2025 6:00 pm
Holiday Inn, College Park, 10000 Baltimore Ave.



Sponsor: Rinnai; Speaker: Mark Choinski
Participants will experience Rinnai's new Bluetooth setup technology, plus
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### 2025 MWPHCC **Annual Harry O'Meara Memorial Golf Outing**

### **April 21, 2025** Norbeck Country Club, Rockville MD

### Another successful MWPHCC Golf Outing is in the books!

On Monday, April 21st our Annual Harry O'Meara Memorial "Lets Get It On" Golf Tournament was held at Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, MD. With 92 Golfers, the tournament was a great success! We have received numerous positive comments on the course and format of the outing...... comments such as:

What a great tournament you all put on! The new rule of no worse than bogey, not selling mulligans or any other advantages really helped with the pace of play. Norbeck CC was in great shape, and we saw the beverage cart several times on both the front and back nines! We enjoyed the buffet lunch that had many fresh options to choose from. We appreciate all the efforts and planning! We'll definitely be back next year to "Let's get it on"!

A very special thanks to our sponsors this year who help to make this annual event so fun. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Our 2025 Tournament Winning Team: Chesapeake Systems with a score of -11



We look forward to returning to Norbeck in 2026!

See page 7 for photos!



### 2025 MWPHCC TECH TRAININGS



### MAY 1, 2025

**Rinnai:** Rinnai will provide product updates and the latest innovations in its continuous commitment to providing the best hot water solutions. Products will be on-hand for a hands-on experience and breakdown of features and benefits.

### SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

**Duhart Company** will offer Gastite Certification.

### OCTOBER 2, 2025

Special Tech Session on HVAC

## NOVEMBER 6, 2025

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### DECEMBER 4, 2025

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From water heaters, gas fireplaces to boilers, etc., there are a number of offers.

Here are links to the programs offered by Washington Gas and Pepco.

If anyone knows of additional rebate programs offered in the DMV, please contact Sue Thompson (sue@mwphcc.org) and we can continually update the information in our monthly newsletter.

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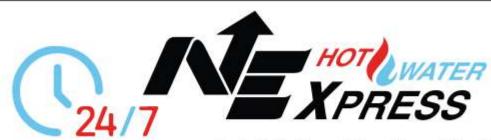


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The spring 2025 **Solutions Magazine** is available now! <u>Click here</u> to start reading the full issue. You can also click on the headlines below to go straight to this issue's top features. Thank you for reading!

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### 2025 PHCC Legislative Conference

May 20-21, 2025

Our 2025 Legislative Conference is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Washington D.C. on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Many PHCC state chapters have been active during sessions of their respective state legislatures. Legislation has been proposed across the country impacting contractors, including bills related to energy choice, licensing, permitting, building codes, heat pump certifications, and even a local ordinance in one western state imposing fees on gas appliance installations. While these bills may not impact all states directly, these are trends of which we need to be aware should they crop up in your state capital, either now or in the future. Join your chapter executive counterparts from across the country on **May 20**<sup>th</sup> **from 8:00am-9:50am** for a roundtable discussion on these issues and how best to activate at the grassroots level.

**REGISTER TODAY** so you don't miss out on this very important discussion!

Contact Mark Valentini at <u>valentini@naphcc.org</u> or (703) 752-9871 if you have any special scheduling questions or requests. We can't wait to see you and your chapter members in D.C.—let's make our voices heard!





### **Future Leader Summit 2025 Apprentice Competition**

PHCC of Virginia and Metro Washington are pleased to invite you! Two-day interactive event designed for the next generation of leaders in the plumbing and HVAC trades. Plumbing apprentice competition takes center stage on May 8 followed on May 9 with learning labs, leadership development sessions and trade show. Listed prices apply only to apprentices, and their employers/sponsors. Overall winners will be designated and participating states may elect to recognize their top finishers. All registrations must be submitted by May 1st along with the basic fee (\$100).



### Apprentice Competition

Price: \$100.00

Competition is limited. Registrations run through your PHCC Chapter. Event runs 6:30 am-4 pm on May 8. Awards will be presented at lunch May 9.

# Summit Access (Includes Meals, Breaks and Hotel)

Price: \$600.00

This registration covers 2 nights, 6 meals, 4 breaks and full event access.

# Limited Access (Includes Meals, Breaks and Hotel on May 8)

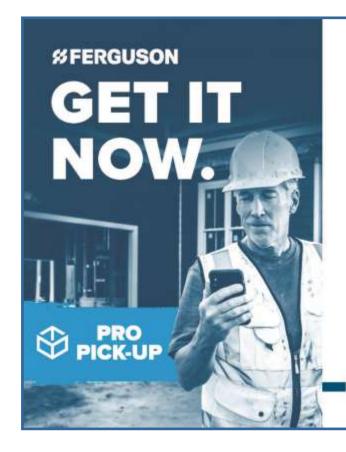
Price: \$325.00

This rate is only available to PHCC chapter staff, and employers/family of apprentices.

# Daily Summit Access for Non-Competitors (Meals and Breaks;

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May 8, 2025

# 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cummins-Wagner Training
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Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
Direct: (240) 542-5504
Breakfast and lunch provided
\$35 charge to attend training

Use the QR Code or link below to register!





Email: hydronicstraining@cummins-wagner.com for more information.

Class size is limited. If you plan to attend, please register online through the QR code or the registration link to reserve your space.



# Lochinvar Service School: Crest & Crest with Hellcat Boiler Training





### Join us for the Lochinvar Service School: Crest & Crest with Hellcat Boiler Training

This training is perfect for HVAC professionals, contractors, and technicians looking to enhance their skills in maintaining and troubleshooting Lochinvar systems.

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Breakfast and lunch provided \$35 charge to attend training

# Use the QR Code or link below to register!





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