

Tennessee Backflow News

Spring 2017



NEXT BOARD MEETING

DATE CHANGE

10:00 AM

April 12, 2017

Murfreesboro Water Plant

5528 Sam Jared Drive

Murfreesboro, TN

For directions Call:

615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

2017

ABPA Annual Conference

April 3 -5

San Antonio, TX

**TBPA 21st Annual
Conference October 18 -20
Gatlinburg, TN**

TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 AM

July 12th - Murfreesboro

5:30 PM

Oct. 18th - Gatlinburg

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TBPA Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association is to protect drinking water quality in the State of Tennessee by providing for education, statewide training, standardized certification, technical assistance and resources to our membership and the general public.

President's Message

Hello Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association members! Spring is just around the corner, which means swimming pools will be getting filled, and irrigation systems will be back in service. It always seems to be the busiest time of the year for cross connection surveys and backflow testing. The number of new above ground pools seems to go up each year. This is a good time to watch for the new pool owners who have their hose thrown into the pool.

Now is the time to educate the public about filling these above ground swimming pools. Last spring my local newspaper did an article on filling a swimming pool and staying in compliance with local rules and ordinances.

Don't forget to check out the TBPA web site for all the latest news and training opportunities that are available throughout the state. Other opportunities for our members include the annual TBPA Conference. This year it will be held in Gatlinburg, TN on October 19th and 20th with the board meeting the evening of the 18th. This is a great time of year to bring your family and enjoy all the fall events that take place in Gatlinburg. Go ahead and make plans now to attend. More details are in this newsletter or just go to www.tnbackflow.com to register.

The ABPA Annual Conference will be in San Antonio, TX on April 3rd - 5th. You can get more information by going to their web site www.abpa.org.

Our next Board meeting date has been moved to April 12th but it will still be held in Murfreesboro. We would like for you to join us.

If you need more information on any of the above, please contact me or any board member. We will be glad to help with any questions you may have.

Wayne Osborne
TBPA President

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The Tennessee Backflow News is published quarterly by the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the TBPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Tennessee. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Tennessee.

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For newsletter advertisements contact:
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Pre-payment of dues required to process application.
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Tennessee Training Calendar

The Fleming Training Center: FTC offers Basic and Renewal and Cross Connection Classes to water systems and personnel throughout Tennessee. FTC is located at 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone: (615) 898-8090, fax: (615) 898- 8064. Hours of operation: Weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time. For more information and a registration form visit: www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/. Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Mar. 15-17 May 10-12 July 19-21

Apr. 5-7 June 14-16 Sept. 20-22

Alcoa **Chattanooga** **Kingsport**

Apr. 19-21 Aug. 2-4 June 28-30

Aug. 30-Sept. 1

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110 *(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Mar. 14 May 9 June 13 Aug. 8

Apr. 4 May 25 July 18 Sept. 8

Alcoa **Chattanooga** Sept. 19

Apr. 18 Aug. 1 **Kingsport**

Aug. 29 **Jackson** June 27

Oct. 12

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125 **Murfreesboro**

May 26 Sept. 15

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD): Offering classes for utilities, municipalities and other industry related businesses and contractors. Classes include Cross Connection Renewal and Basic, Confined Space Entry, CPR/ First Aid, Flagger Safety, Trench Excavation and many others. Customized classes are also available. For more information please visit the Training Page at www.taud.org or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro **Memphis** **Chattanooga**

Apr. 3-5 June 14-16 July 12-14

June 28-30 **Kingsport** **Knoxville**

Sept. 13-15 Mar. 15-17 Apr. 19-21

Jackson Oct. 11-13 Aug. 30 -Sept. 1

Sept. 27-29

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro **Memphis** **Chattanooga**

Apr. 7 June 13 July 11

June 27 **Kingsport** **Knoxville**

Sept. 12 Mar. 14 Apr. 18

Jackson Oct. 10 Aug. 29

Sept. 26

Backflow Troubleshooting & Advanced Testing

Jackson **Knoxville** **Chattanooga**

Mar. 8 Mar. 14 Mar. 16

Memphis Light Gas & Water

For information and to register for classes contact David Wright at 901-528-4449 or dwright@mlgw.org

Fleming Training Center Notice

All registrations forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment.

Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542
225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207
- **Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT:**
Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- **Knoxville Plumbers & Steamfitters, LU #102 JATC:** Knoxville, TN Contact Wayne Summers, 1218 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 - (865) 525-6305 or lu102jatc@bellsouth.net
- **Plumbers Local Union #17:** For information on classes contact Howard Burgess at (901) 368-9099 or howard@ua17.org - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training and Certification Classes for Mississippi, Alabama & Tennessee. Contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 -262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659

To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 4, 2017

Treasurer's report

Account Balance \$ 3,352.79

Kim will send the annual financial report to ABPA. Final total for the 2016 Conference: we made \$176.20.

Kim has not received the third & fourth quarter dues from APBA. She has emailed them and will try again. Looks like the new company is just like the old one.

TBPA made a \$300 donation to the Dolly Foundation to help the victims of the Gatlinburg fires.

TBPA 2017 Conference

Discussion was held about whether or not to have a Conference in 2017 or skip a year. The Board decided to have a conference and chose Gatlinburg as the location. Kitty will contact Hotels in the area with possible dates of October 18th - 20th.

Speakers were discussed along with a possible Aquarium tour. Assignments were made for contacting speakers. We will try to have all speakers set by the April board meeting.

Bradley will be the point of contact and will be in charge of speaker contacts and information. Kim will send him a current membership list.

Ryan Robeson has been updating the TBPA web site. He is doing a great job. Everyone needs to visit the site and let him know of any changes or updates that need to be made.

Liba will email Michael and ask him to send an email asking for topics /speakers. If the members idea is chosen they will get their conference registration paid. Deadline January 31st. Information will be sent to Bradley.

East and Middle Directors

David Risner will remain as the Middle TN Director and Kent Bowman will be our East TN Director. Welcome back Kent!

2017 ABPA Conference

April 3rd - 5th, 2017. Who from TBPA will be able to attend was discussed. Wayne will complete the PACE information and submit.

Next Board meeting:

Murfreesboro - April 5th - 10:00AM

Board Meeting Date Change - April 12th

Not official minutes



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TBPA West Section News

Hello everyone, spring is knocking on the door early this year. This year during Irrigation season try to take just a few minutes to educate your customer of the importance of testing the backflow device on spring startup.

Doing so ensures the device is performing properly. A leaking device can cause a very high water bill for your customer. It has been my experience that educating the customer lets them know you are looking after their best interest, the safety of their family's drinking water.

As we are preparing for the spring rush of irrigation season please take a look at the TBPA's web site and all of the new updated information at <http://www.tnbackflow.com/index.html>. Hope you will find the site to be a great addition to the tools that make your job easier.

David Wright
West Section Director

All Members

In order to keep our membership informed in a timely manner we need an email address for everyone.

If you have not given TBPA an email address please do so as soon as possible. Email Michael Robeson at mrobeson@musfiber.net.

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TBPA Middle Section News

Greetings from Middle Tennessee

I would like to start off by thanking the membership for letting me serve as Middle Tennessee Director for another term.

Well, it seems that spring is upon us. Although the calendar still shows winter the weather does not. That means before long we will be starting up irrigation systems. As always be mindful of underground leaks on your sprinkler systems. These leaks sometimes go unnoticed.

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the annual conference this year in Gatlinburg. As always, the Board is really working to make this a

great conference. Check this newsletter and the TBPA web site for more details.

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

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East Tennessee Director

Many of you may remember Kent Bowman who served as our East Tennessee Director for many years.

We are delighted to welcome Kent back as part of our Board to once again serve as our East Director.

Kent can be camera shy but we were able to get a photo of him with Kitty at a conference a few years ago. Great to have you back Kent!



New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest Members. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

Ben Rodriquez	TDEC
Dave Gossman	Datam Backflow Testing
Jake Bennett	City of Franklin
David Cox	City of Kingsport
Mary Wilbanks	Independent

Gatlinburg Here We Come

TBPA Conference October 19-20, 2016

Courtyard Marriott 865-436-2008

Room Rates \$179/night

Weekend \$199/night

Reservations must be made by Sept.17th

For more information or to register visit
our web site - www.tnbackflow.com.

Past TBPA Conference Attendees



See anyone you know? This is the group of attendees from the 2008 TBPA Conference in Chattanooga. We would love to have a group this large or larger for our conference this year in Gatlinburg. Come join us in October. It's a great time to visit the mountains!

BACKFLOW LINKS

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the American Backflow web site:

www.abpa.org

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