

Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2017



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM

July 12, 2017

Murfreesboro Water Plant

5528 Sam Jared Drive

Murfreesboro, TN

For directions Call:

615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

2017

**TBPA 21st Annual
Conference October
19th & 20th**

**Courtyard Marriott
315 Historic Nature Trail
Gatlinburg, TN
865-436-2008**

**TBPA Board Meeting
5:30 PM Oct. 18th
Courtyard Marriott
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! We are already half way through this year and it will be time for the TBPA conference before you know it. This year's conference promises to be one of our most informative yet. It's being held in Gatlinburg, TN October 19th-20th at the Courtyard Marriott. Attendees will take a guided tour of the aquarium to see how they use their water. Plus, we will have a great line up of speakers and vendors. Please plan ahead and register now by going to our web site www.tnbackflow.com. Hotel reservations must be made by September 17th for a special rate. It's a great time of year to bring your family to Gatlinburg.

In April, at the ABPA conference our association received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence in San Antonio, Texas. David Birkholz from Loudon, David Wright and Chris McCormick from Memphis, Region 3 Director Kathy Riley, and myself attended this informative convention.

The TBPA also participated at this year's TAUD Expo in Lebanon in May. A big thank you to David Risner and Matt Justice for assisting with our booth.

We need your nominations for our annual TBPA awards. If you would like to recognize a member for their service in the field of backflow or a Company / Water Purveyor please do so. You will find the explanation and qualifications of each award in this newsletter. Send your nominations to David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov before October 1st.

The TBPA will have an election this year for the West TN Director and Vice- President positions. If you or someone you know would like to be nominated, these should also be sent to David Risner. This is a chance to get involved with your association.

Our next Board meeting is July 12th at the Water Plant in Murfreesboro. Please come if you can - Everyone is welcome.

Wayne Osborne
TBPA President

2018 ABPA Conference Orlando, FL
April 23rd-25th

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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.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the TBPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice.

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Includes ABPA quarterly e-newsletters and quarterly TBPA Newsletters. Prepayment of dues is required to process application. Membership is non-transferable. ABPA membership required for TBPA membership.

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

June 14-16 July 19-21 Sept. 20-22

Nov. 15-17 Dec. 13-15 **Kingsport**

June 28-30

Chattanooga **Alcoa**

Aug 2-4 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

June 13 July 18 Aug. 8 Sept. 8

Sept. 19 Oct. 17 Nov. 14 Dec. 12

Chattanooga **Alcoa** **Kingsport**

Aug. 1 Aug. 29 June 27

Jackson

Oct. 12

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Murfreesboro - Sept. 15

Fee: \$125

Fleming Training Center Notice

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

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**

June 28-30 June 14-16 July 12-14

Sept. 13-15

Nov. 15-17 **Kingsport** **Knoxville**

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

Jackson

Sept. 27-29

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro **Memphis** **Chattanooga**

June 27 June 13 July 11

Sept. 12 **Kingsport** **Knoxville**

Nov. 14 Oct. 10 Aug. 29

Jackson

Sept. 26

Memphis Light Gas & Water

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

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 - April 12, 2017

Treasurer's report

Account Balance \$ 3,778.95

Kim is checking on the refunds from ABPA. The amounts sent were very low according to Kim's records. Wayne said this problem was addressed at the National Conference.

TBPA 2017 Conference

Gatlinburg - Marriott - October 19th - 20th

Board Meeting the 18th

Room rate \$179/night & \$199/night for the weekend

Deadline for reservations is September 17th

Call 865-436-2008 (Mention TBPA)

Conference Registration:

Members \$150 / Non-members \$235

Vendors \$300

Kitty will mail the Vendor letter. Deadline Sept. 25th to have company name on the T-shirt.

Speakers were discussed along with the tour of the Aquarium. Assignments were made for contacting speakers to be finalized by the July 12th Board meeting.

David Risner needs nominations for the annual Awards. Board members will submit names.

West TN and Vice-President Elections this year. David Wright will run again for West Director. Michael will put on the site and send an email.

Ryan Robeson doing a great job updating the TBPA web site. His data shows the site is being used frequently by people across the State.

Newsletter: Liba is retiring from JEA Dec. 2017 and she questioned about continuing the newsletter. She will check into the program and see what a cost would be to add it to her computer. She will also ask the printer to use a different color paper.

TAUD Expo: May 18th - Lebanon, TN. TBPA will be a vendor. Wayne and David will try to attend and hand out reminders about the conference. Two \$25 gift cards will be given as prizes.

2017 ABPA Conference

Wayne reported on the conference. We won the 2017 PACE Award.

Next Board meeting:

Murfreesboro - July 12th - 10:00AM

Not official minutes



Wayne & Dave accepting the 2017 PACE award from Kathy Riley



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TBPA West Section News

Hope this summer finds everyone doing well. It's hard to believe the year is already half over.

With that being said, October will be on us before we know it. This is a good time to make plans to attend the TBPA Conference in Gatlinburg this year (October 19th and 20th) with the Board meeting on the 18th.

For many of us our kids will be on fall break and with the many sites to see in Gatlinburg, it will be fun for the whole family.

We have planned several special speakers and a tour of the aquarium which should be very interesting.

Please check the TBPA site for more details.
<http://www.tnbackflow.com/conference.html>.
Hope to see you there!

David Wright
West Section Director

WEST TN DIRECTOR & VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!! It is election time for the West Tennessee Director and Vice- President of TBPA. Please submit all Nominations by email to David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov. Submit before November 1, 2017

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TBPA Middle Section News

Congratulations to TBPA for winning another PACE award at this year's National Conference. We have one of the most active associations in the country.

Make your plans now to attend this year's TBPA Conference in Gatlinburg on October 19th and 20th. We have some great things in store for the conference this year.

Two things I need to remind you of and the Board needs your help with. One is nominations for Awards that will be presented at the conference and the other is nominations for West Director and Vice-President of our association. You can send your nominations to me at: drisner@murfreesborotn.gov or call me at 615-642-3267.

Remember the Board meeting July 12th. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

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Roger Crane
Instrument Technician

TBPA East Section News

Hello everyone!

It is great to be back as your East TN Director for the TBPA again. I hope everyone has been doing well. As some people know I left the Utility in Knoxville last year and started my own Backflow Company so that I could have the flexibility to take care of my elderly mother.

When I was on the TPBA board before, I noticed most members were from the utility side of the business. I wondered how we could get new members from outside the utilities but never really pursued it. Like the saying goes "You don't know until you walk in the man shoes". Well, I'm in those shoes now and I would like to get new members from independent companies and their employees.

So, as I work on that through the TBPA Board, I would like to hear from anyone else who might have suggestions on how we can reach out to contractors and companies to become involved in our association.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to the Board meetings so come to Murfreesboro with your ideas. If you can not make the meetings and have any ideas I can be reached at (865) 258-2800 or kentbowman@comcast.net

I hope everyone has a Great Summer. Enjoy each day.

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL TBPA AWARDS

Nominations should include a brief explanation stating the qualifications of the person / company being nominated.

1. Individual Award (Robert Lashlee Award): Must have excelled over a number of years in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry. Recipient will be given a lifetime membership to TBPA.
2. Individual Award: Must have contributed outstanding work within the TBPA organization in the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.
3. Company or Water Purveyor Award: Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

If you know of someone who meets these requirements please nominate them for an award. We are proud of our state and the contributions our members have made to the field of backflow and want to recognize their hard work.

Send nominations to:

David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov or
Please submit nominations before October 1, 2017

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.

Matthew Justice	TN American	Chattanooga
Bob Hendry	Backflow Pros	Collierville

BACKFLOW LINKS

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the American Backflow web site:
www.abpa.org

Check Out Our Website!

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ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2017 Topic: To be announced at a later date. Watch the ABPA web site for information.

The Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31st and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! It can be used for any type of advanced education.

Essays must be submitted based on the required topic with an official application form and be 700-1200 words. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners of under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is 11:59 CST on January 1st. Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information



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