

# Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2022



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

**January 4th,  
2023**

**Last meetings  
minutes attached  
below - Octobers  
meeting.**

## Upcoming Events

**Next board  
meeting: January  
4th, 2023 - 10am  
in Murfreesboro**

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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.

Hello members of the TBPA,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the conference and helped to make it successful this year. It was nice to finally get back together and start putting faces with names. Some of you were not able to attend this year and I look forward to hopefully seeing you at next years conference.

We are closing in on the end of 2022 which is hard to believe seems like we just started the year. Everyone is probably winding up irrigation testing and hopefully the homeowners are winterizing systems. We have completed our testing for the year except for retest on failed devices, so it is time for me to get my surveys for the year done.

I am looking at putting together a repair class with Lloyd from Mid America Marketing sometime in the near future depending on what his schedule looks like. The class will be in Jackson. If you are interested, please let me know so I can have an idea of how many to nail down a room at our Training Center.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the next couple years and I encourage each of you to encourage people to become members for the future of our association. If you or anybody you know would be interested in getting involved with the association, we are looking for a new Treasurer. With that being said I would like to thank Mrs. Kim for everything she has done over the years to help the association.

Jared Gowan, TBPA President

### A Note from the Vice President

Happy Fall to all our members and welcome to our new members. We are getting close to winter weather moving in and staying for a while as Summer has come to an end and Fall always seems short too. In addition, that means that the irrigation systems will soon be shutting down and hopefully no one forgets to do. And with these shutdowns, many of you will see some devices being damaged because the customers forgot or didn't know they needed to winterize their irrigation systems. I suppose they do not understand that when the temperatures drop below freezing that water will turn to ice and cause damage to those backflow devices left exposed to the elements. I would suggest to all of you to direct your customers to install unions on the water lines where the backflows connect so that they can be removed and stored inside their garage/basements for winter storage. If they do this repeatedly, maybe this will remind them to winterize every Fall to avoid these costly repairs in the future.

I would like to also thank all of you who attended our conference in Gatlinburg in early October. We were excited to finally be able to have the annual event again. And we are looking for suggestions on next year's conference too. We want to make this conference that everyone wants to attend again.

I would like to thank all of our TBPA members in the pursuit to keep all of our drinking water free of contamination from cross connections.

Thank you,  
Bill Jennings  
TBPA Vice President

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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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# 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/](http://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: \$335

November 2-4th

November 15-17th

November 30 - December 2nd

December 14-16th

## **3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal**

October 14th

November 29th

December 13th

## **Fleming Backflow Repair Workshop #3300 \$125**

November 18th

**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](http://www.taud.org) or contact TAUD (615)898-8283.

## **Basic Cross Connection Class**

Duration: 3 days Class Fee:

\$350 member \$370 non-member

Murfreesboro - November 15th -  
17th 8:30am - 4:00pm

## **Renewal Cross Connection Class**

Duration: 1 day Class Fee:

\$215 member \$245 non-member

Murfreesboro - November  
14th - 8:30am - 4:00pm

## **Fleming Training Center Notice**

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

## **Memphis Light Gas & Water**

For information and to register for classes contact David Wright 901-528-4449 or [dwright@mlgw.org](mailto:dwright@mlgw.org)

## Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542  
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- **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  
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Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training and  
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To list or update your training classes contact  
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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 5, 2022

- **Treasurer's report:** Account Balance \$14,804.96 including savings (\$25.30)

• **Roll:** Brent O, David R., Kim P., Josh R., Angel G., Jennifer R., Michael R., Kathy R., Mark S., Catie W., Jared G., David W., and David R.

## Old Business:

TBPA conference Oct. 5th-7th - Gatlinburg, TN.

Determined which Directors up for re-election.

Treasury Job Discussion - Filling position need to fill by end of year

Next year's meeting dates

## New Business:

Finding someone for Treasury job.

Dates for meetings - January 4th, April 19th, and July 19th are dates determined so far.

Re-election coming up.

Need to be thinking of ways to get people/vendors more interested to get numbers up.

- **Web site:** Ryan and Michael are continuing to make updates to the TBPA web site. Thank you Ryan and Michael for all of your hard work.
- **Facebook:** Make sure to stay up to date with our Facebook page! Thank you to Bill Jennings for acting as our social media ambassador. <https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow/>
- **Newsletter:**  
All newsletters are being posted to our website. If you would prefer a physical copy, please contact a board member. Please direct any questions regarding changes or adjustments to editor, Kim Pritchett, [kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com](mailto:kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com)
- **Next Board meeting:**  
January 4, 2023

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# East Tennessee News

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoying the changing of the leaves and if you are like me and having to mow them twice a week to keep up with them on the ground.

I hope everyone had a great time at the conference in Gatlinburg and sorry I did not get to make it this year but a company I test for needed things done by a timeline.

I have noticed in the last month that new installs are not being put in correct or a leaded backflow assembly is put on a domestic line, and some that is inside does not have a floor drain or even a drain that is not thru a wall. In the past I have seen when a floor drain is not available that the backflow assembly is over a mop sink or a 3-bay sink.

I know buildings are being built like crazy now days but not sure what is going on with this? Maybe they are so busy they don't take the time to think what they are doing or not doing

I was told about a place being remodeled and the owners would be in touch with the utility or me when it came time for the backflow assembly, and I got an email today that a company was called to do the test and when they went there it is not in a good place for repairs so now the utility or myself will have to go look at it and maybe they will have to move it to code. To be continued, I guess.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun fall and by the end of November I will be ready for spring!

East TN Director

Kent Bowman

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TBPA president Jared Gowan representing TBPA at the TAUD operator expo in Lebanon, TN in May 2022.



Dave Birkholz-from Loudon TN ,Kathy Riley Region 3 Director , Wayne Osborne Shelbyville. Not pictured but was at the conference was Josh Rau and Bennie Yarbrough both from Clarksville. Receiving the 2022 PACE award for TBPA.

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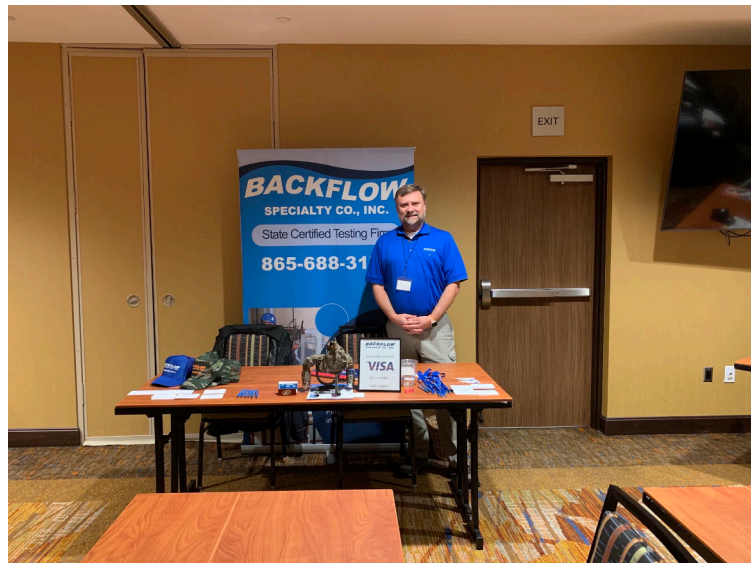
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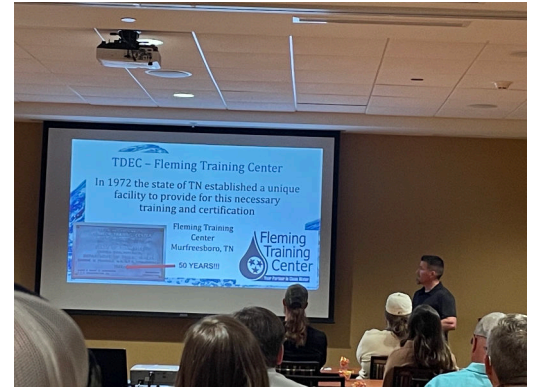
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# 2022 TPBA CONFERENCE - GATLINBURG, TN - SPEAKERS



Gatlinburg Utilities - Dale Phelps



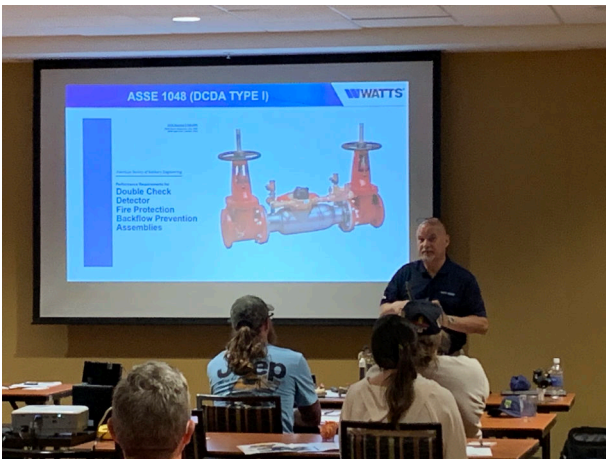
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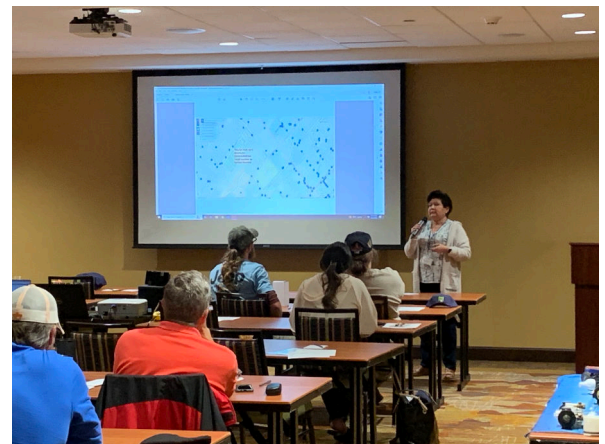
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