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WELCOME TO GENERAL PACIFIC, INC

ORPHCC welcomes General Pacific, Inc. as our newest Associate member! Here is a link to their website:
<http://www.generalpacific.com/>

WELCOME TO AMERICAN HEATING, INC

ORPHCC welcomes American Heating, Inc. as our newest Contractor member! Here is a link to their website:
<http://www.americanheating.net/>

IT'S CONVENTION (AND GOLF) TIME!

ORPHCC's annual convention is just weeks away. **You need to be there!** We're going to have a great time, learn a lot, play golf, visit with old friends/business partners and make new friends/business partners. We will be at Salishan on the Oregon Coast from Fri, Oct 28th through Sun, Oct 30th. If you can't stay for the whole event, plan a day trip and join us on Saturday! To register, just click on this link and download the registration form:

<http://www.orphcc.com/>

2011 PLUMBING SPECIALTY CODE CHANGES EDUCATION

ORPHCC is close to final approval from the Building Codes Division on our 2011 Plumbing Specialty Code Change continuing education classes. The live and online versions each will cost only \$20. **We are tentatively planning our first class on Saturday, Oct 29th at Salishan.** Assuming state approval soon, our tentative classroom schedule is:

Nov 9th & 10th in Salem (evenings)

Nov 12th in La Grande (all day)

Nov 16th at 17th in Bend (evenings)

Nov 19th in Medford (all day)

Nov 21 & 22 in Eugene (evenings)

Dec 3rd in Portland (all day)

Details coming soon!

WILLAMETTE (SALEM AREA) CHAPTER MEETINGS

The next meeting is **Tues, Oct 11th at 6 pm / Rudy's at the Salem Golf Club.** Sarah Mazze from Green Shares will discuss energy efficiency issues at the Oct 11th meeting. After the presentation, the Willamette Chapter members present will discuss the future direction of the Chapter and its organizational structure during a business meeting.

The Willamette Chapter meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Rudy's at the Salem Golf Club. You do not have to be an ORPHCC member to attend. Each person pays for their own meal. Mark your calendar: Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

COLUMBIA (PORTLAND AREA) CHAPTER MEETINGS

The next meeting is **Tues, Oct 18th at 6 pm / Wilsonville Holiday Inn.** Terry Swisher, Oregon Chief Plumbing Inspector will be our guest and he has important information to share, so plan to be there!

The Columbia Chapter meets the 3rd Tues of each month at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. You do not have to be an ORPHCC member to attend. Cost is \$30 per person. Mark your calendar: Nov. 15 and Dec. 20, 2011.

STATE PLUMBING BOARD MEETING

The State Plumbing Board will meet Thurs, Oct 20 at 9:30 AM in Building Codes Division Conference Room A.
<http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/boards/plumbing/boardpack/2011/20111020.html>

NEWLY ADOPTED REACH CODE RULE

This newly adopted rule, effective Oct 1st Amends the 2011 Oregon Reach Code by Adopting Residential Provisions.
http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/notices/Adopted_Rules/2011/20111001_ResReachCode_PR.pdf

NEW RULE: ESTABLISHING SPECIALIZED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

ORPHCC is closely monitoring this process which includes trends toward the same kind of changes in plumbing and mechanical trades inspections. ORPHCC welcomes input from members on how these potential changes will impact your business and the work you do.

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/notices/Adopted_Rules/2011/20111001_HB3462Elec_PR.pdf

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROGRAM ASSUMPTION: AURORA

The City of Aurora is having a City Council meeting regarding program assumption on October 11, 2011. For more information please contact Kelly Richardson at 21420 Main Street, Aurora, OR 97002 or 503-678-1283.

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/jurisdictions/AssumptionNotice_Aurora.pdf

A MESSAGE FROM JIM NICKS / INSPECTION SERVICES MANAGER FOR PORTLAND

It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion about staffing or areas of responsibility within our Plumbing Program, so I am writing to provide clarification.

As you may know, Ken Carlson was our Commercial Plumbing Inspections Section Manager for many years. Ken retired in 2009, and about that time BDS was faced with an approximate 50% reduction in revenues due to the recession. We were compelled to make deep staffing cuts of about 50 %, including management positions. Upon Ken's retirement his position was cut, however the role of Chief Plumbing Inspector was assigned to Hank McDonald [503-823-9258]. Feel free to contact Hank with any plumbing related questions, either residential or commercial. We recognize the importance of having a designated Chief and we plan to continue to do so.

Another change resulting from the staffing cuts is three formerly distinct sections [Commercial Plumbing, Electrical and Structural/Mechanical sections] were merged, and one section manager was assigned to the newly combined section. That section manager is David Roshak [503-823-7273], who is also BDS's Chief Electrical Inspector. Our plumbing inspectors report to David for administrative purposes but have full access to Hank for any code or technical plumbing questions.

BDS currently has three Senior Plumbing Inspectors; Wes Cooke in the Facility Permit Program, John Sisk in Residential Inspections, and McKenzie James in Commercial Inspections. McKenzie handles the bulk of our commercial plumbing plan reviews, though we have cross trained and begun assigning some plan review work to our three Commercial Plumbing Inspectors [District Inspectors] as needed to improve turnaround times.

To recap, we have one designated Chief, three Senior Plumbing Inspectors, three Commercial Plumbing Inspectors, and three Combination Inspectors [Residential] who hold A level plumbing certifications.

Feel free to contact Hank or I with any questions you may have.

Jim Nicks, Inspection Services Manager / Bureau of Development Services / City of Portland, Oregon / 503-823-1054 / Jim.Nicks@portlandoregon.gov

A NOTE FROM TAMARA BOYD / BOLI APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE

This article that just appeared in The Skanner gives some good insight into the operation of Constructing Hope and some positive changes they have made to their program. I enjoyed learning more about the changes they are making.

<http://www.theskanner.com/article/Constructing-Hope-A-Jobs-Training-Program-That-Works-2011-09-29>

BCD's MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER

Here is a link to BCD's most recent "Local Building Department Newsletter." If you do not receive this email, click on the link at the bottom of the page and sign up. This information is valuable and timely.

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/bldg_newsletter/index.html

VALUABLE INFO AT NATIONAL PHCC WEBSITE

This link will take you to the all-new National PHCC website. Take a few minutes to look around!

<http://www.phccweb.org>

CALENDAR

October

- 11: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)
- 18: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)
- 20: Oregon State Plumbing Board meeting, BCD office, Conf Rm A (9:30 am)
- 20: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting, Salem office (10 am)
- 28-30: ORPHCC Conference, Salishan Resort (please register TODAY)

November

- 08: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)
- 15: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)
- 17: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting (10 am)

December

- 13: Willamette Chapter meeting, Rudy's at Salem Golf Club (6 pm)
- 15: ORPHCC Executive Committee meeting (10 am)
- 20: Columbia Chapter meeting, Wilsonville Holiday Inn (6 pm)

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