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Chicago Chapter General Meeting Thursday, September 17, 2020

The Chicago ASPE Chapter will once again be hosting a virtual meeting this month!

MAIN PRESENTATION BY:



VIRTUAL AGENDA

12:00pm Virtual Cocktail Hour Sponsored By:



12:00pm—1:00pm Main Presentation: Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing by Mike Stach with EVAC North America (0.1 CEUs Available!)

Registration/ Meeting Link:

Note: You MUST sign into the ASPE Education website first if you want to obtain CEU credit. This will also provide access to the zoom meeting:

https://education.aspe.org/products/chicago-chapter-introduction-to-vacuumplumbing-sept-2020

Please see VP Technical, Scott Jagodzinski's article further in this newsletter for additional information on the speaker and registering for our virtual meeting!!

VIRTUAL MENU





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2020-2021 Preliminary ASPE Chicago Meeting Schedule							
Date	Technical Presentation & Manufacturer Spotlight	CEU	Location				
Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing Speaker: Mike Stach EVAC North America Mfr Spotlight: TBD	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https:// education.aspe.org/ upcoming				
Thursday, October 15, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Speaker: TBD Presentation Topic: Booster Pumps/Systems 101 Speaker: Reece Robinson Grundfos Mfr Spotlight: TBD	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https:// education.aspe.org/ upcoming				
Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Speaker: TBD Presentation Topic: Engineered Infection Prevention Speaker: Carmen Gonzalez FRANKE Commercial Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https:// education.aspe.org/ upcoming Virtual Zoom Meeting Register at https:// education.aspe.org/ upcoming				
Thursday, December 17, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Presentation Topic: Valves 101 Speaker: Jason Slott & Joe Wolff Aalberts Integrated Piping Systems Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	N/A					
Thursday, January 21, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD				
Thursday, February 18, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD				
Thursday, March 18, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.4	TBD				
Thursday, April 15, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1 TBD					
Thursday, May 20, 2021 Time: TBD	Presentation Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD Mfr Spotlight: TBD Speaker: TBD	0.1	TBD				
June 18, 2021	Annual Golf Outing N/A		Hilldale Golf Club 1625 Ardwick Drive Hoffman Estates				

If you would like to present any of these topics or become a meeting sponsor, please contact Scott Jagodzinski at aspe.chicago.vptech@gmail.com.

THE CHICAGO ASPE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS MONTH'S MAIN TECHNICAL PRESENTATION BY:



Mike Stach – Presenter National Sales Manager – Building Division Education: BS degree from Devry University

Mike has 30+ years working in the construction industry. Experience includes master carpenter, contractor, project manager, and sales. Also included are 11 years in the semiconductor industry.

He has been with EVAC NA for two years focusing on building the brand as well as expanding the building segments EVAC works in. We are very deep in correctional, supermarket, military, and the cruise industries. Our current focus is on healthcare and all other commercial buildings.

THANK YOU!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is quickly winding down here in the big city. The Chapter had its summer board meeting where we discussed the future of the chapter. The overall intent is to keep things virtual and increase the number of technical presentations. We are also looking to get some shorter 'How to' virtual presentations for some of our younger members.

The board is here to serve you, so if you have some ideas on presentations please reach out to us. Please refer to our VP Technical section of this newsletter for some questions he has related to the virtual meetings we have held so far - your feedback is important to us!



July Virtual Meeting Recap

The Chapter held its second virtual meeting in July. We had 50 virtual attendees for the Water Treatment presentation provided by Jonny Seccombe from Aqua Rex. Thanks to Johnny for presenting and all who attended.

Virtual Meetings for the rest of 2020

The Chicago Board has decided to continue with virtual meetings for the rest of 2020. The current intent is to keep these virtual meeting on the 3rd Thursday or each month, over the lunch time. The Members Appreciation/Booster Night has also been cancelled. Please refer to our VP Technical section of this newsletter for more information.

The Passing of Founding Member Donald Johnson

I made it out to Donald Johnson's funeral service to pay my respects, and of course give thanks for all of Don's contributions to the ASPE Chicago Chapter. The ASPE Chicago Chapter donated \$250 to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Don.

2020 ASPE Digital Experience

ASPE national ended up pulling the plug on the 2020 Convention, but they are currently planning a 2020 ASPE Digital Experience. An exciting and vibrant array of educational sessions will be part of the 2020 ASPE Digital Experience taking place December 1st-3rd 2020. This will of course be a good way to ensure you CPD's and CPDT's can get your ASPE approved CEU's, (joining our monthly meetings is of course an avenue for such CEU's).

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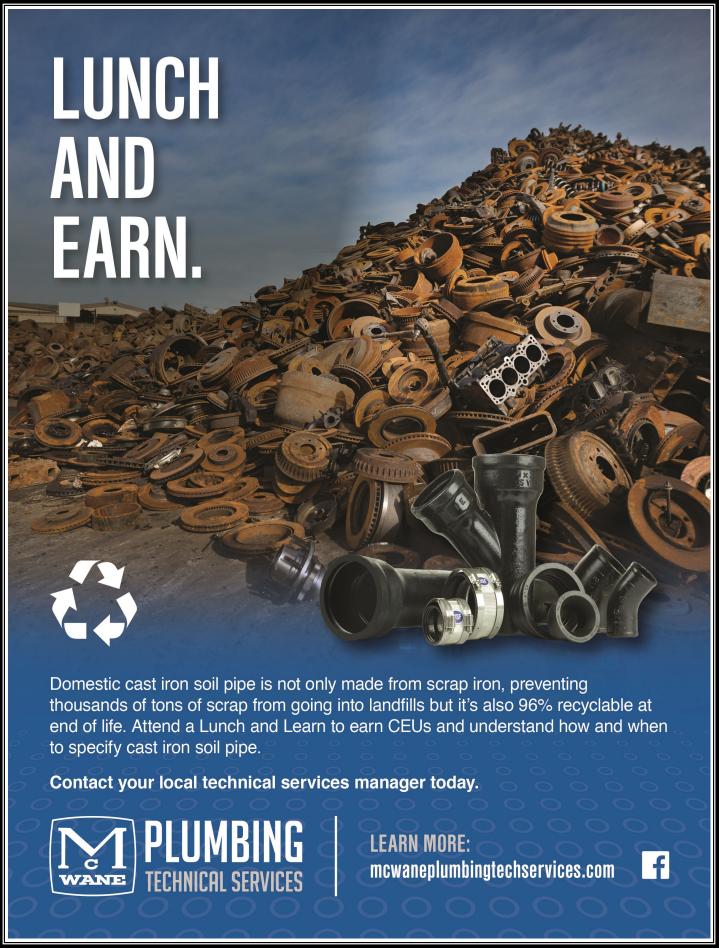
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<u>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...</u>

Code updates

Certain members of the Chicago board reviewed the proposed Chicago Plumbing Code changes. We provided the City of Chicago some comments on these changes. Hopefully our comments do not fall on deaf ears or blind eyes. Please refer to our VP Legislative section of this newsletter for more information.

Congratulations to our Chapter's newest CPD's:

Donovan Aguirre Rivas, CPD, Chicago Chapter Yanyan Jiang, CPD, Chicago Chapter Daniel Rudnicki, CPD, Chicago Chapter

2020 CPDT Exam to Be Held Via Remote Proctor This October

For those of you interested in taking the Certified Plumbing Design Technician (CPDT) exam, it will be held during the period of October 5-18, 2020. Candidates can take the exam from the comfort of their home or office.

Thank You,

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Hello ASPE Chicago Chapter Members.

I must tell you that I kind of missed summer. With all the Covid-19 stuff happening, the working from home (this one I was already doing, fortunately), all of the mask wearing in public, and the cancellation of the annual ASPE Golf Outing, summer just felt unreal and surreal and kind of like it didn't really happen. The board met on Saturday Aug 29th to discuss this upcoming year and how our approach

would go, not same old, same old, unfortunately. As your VP Technical I had a lot I needed to get done. Summer has not been typical for sure. We also discussed some new ideas for presentations to keep providing our members special benefits. More on that coming soon.

Our last technical presentation was in July, and it was a great one. We had about 50 people on the call and Jonny Seccombe from Aqua Rex knocked it out of the park. It was amazing. There were a lot of good questions and it was a meaty subject matter. A great way to finish our year of presentations, although technically we stretched it into this year.

Now that the new season is officially upon us once again, we are going to be loaded with presentations. Unfortunately, this season already has started off with some disappointing news. As the pandemic is still moving strong ASPE has officially cancelled the Convention in New Orleans originally scheduled Sept 11-16. I have not been back there since 2000 and was looking forward to seeing the sights and the people. We will be holding the delegates meetings this Saturday, September 12th to vote on bylaw proposals and vote in the new board. However, ASPE has recently announced that there will be a digital experience in December from the 1st to the 3rd. Nothing has been posted on cost or what it will entail but we will keep you informed as we are.

You can be notified when registration opens by accessing the website here. https://expo.aspe.org/

For the Chicago Chapter I have been busy working on getting some great and hopefully informative presentations for the year. As we are still in the unknown at least up through the end of year all of our presentations will be virtual. It will follow a similar format of the prior two zoom webinar presentations, however, there are some changes. I will get to the changes in a minute. My main goal this season will be a Plumbing 101 look at topics. I have been looking to find presentations that will cover more of the intro of fixtures, systems, designs, and selections to expand your knowledge of the plumbing world. The what and the why of how things are done. Perhaps some of the seasoned veterans will learn a thing or two as well. In addition, a couple time appropriate subjects are thrown into the mix.

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VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, CONTINUED...

On to the show.

Title of presentation: Introduction to Vacuum Plumbing by Make Stach from EVAC North America

- Our meeting time will occur at 12:00 PM, Thursday September 17th. I have the duration of the meeting set for 75 minutes to allow for the presentation, our Chapter items for the year as well as questions following.
- You will still need to register to access the meeting. And CEU's will be provided for anyone who desires, and this
 will automatically show up on your account.
- If you are an active ASPE member please register for the meeting by going to https://education.aspe.org/products/chicago-chapter-introduction-to-vacuum-plumbing-sept-2020. You will need to sign into the ASPE Education website first.
- If you are having trouble logging in to the meeting or if you are not a current member of ASPE, please use the link below. You will need to create an account, so this must be done at least 3 days in advance of the meeting, to ensure you are able to get your account set up and we can assist if there are any issues. https://education.aspe.org/moreinfo
- All attendees are required to complete a program evaluation in order to receive your CEU. If you do not fill out the
 evaluation you will not be credited, and I will not be able to help you.
- The meeting will not be recorded so please be present and on time.
- You can test your computer, or phone, beforehand to check if your device is compatible with Zoom software following this link. Please note that you will have to download software/app for best results. https://zoom.us/test
- When you enter the meeting, you will be automatically muted. A Q & A box will be available to type any questions you have, and I will moderate to pass questions along to the speaker. But new to this season the ZOOM Webinar we were using is changing to ZOOM Meeting format. Each member will actually be allowed to unmute and speak for themselves rather than being required to type out their questions, but I do hope that people attending will take care to not remain unmuted. You may continue to type questions if you feel more comfortable and I will relay to speaker on your behalf.
- You can log into the meeting as early as 15 minutes in advance.
- Primary login are now required to go through the ASPE Education links above to bypass all the zoom login requirements as there will no longer be a Zoom ID option available to limit outsiders from accessing the meetings.

I wanted to ask our members a few questions. Please feel free to send your responses to my email below.

- Did you attended any of our virtual meeting; how did you think it went?
- Was lunch hour a good time frame to have it?
- If you did not attend but wanted too, what prevented you from being able to join?
- What time would work best for you?
- Has anyone attended any other chapter's virtual meetings? In case you didn't know that all meetings set up through Society are available for any ASPE member to attend. You just log into your ASPE Education account at this website here: https://education.aspe.org/upcoming and you can see all the upcoming webinars. It is a good opportunity to earn CEUs but also good to see what they are providing members in other chapters around the country.

It is never too early to think about the 2021 portion of our 2020/2021 season. If you have an idea for a technical presentation you want to see, or you have a great technical session you want to present, please reach out to me and we can look to get you or your topic on the list for next season. Slots will fill up quickly. We are still also looking to lock in Manufacturer Spotlights and Cocktail Hour sponsors as well just in case we can move out into the real world again.

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<u>VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE</u>



Greetings Chicago Chapter Members!

Hard to believe fall has arrived already, does not feel like it, but here we are. I hope everyone is staying safe and well, and good luck to any of you with children trying to e-learn right now while working from home! If it were not for my bad hair genes, I'm sure e-learning would have been a leading contributor to my follicly challenged self.

Although we are all adjusting to the current reality, after our summer board meeting, I am excited about this upcoming year. I'm looking forward to the day we can all meet face to face again, it is great to see the good that can come out of unfortunate situations as we adapt.

City of Chicago Updates

<u>Chicago Building Code:</u> As of August 1, 2020, the Chicago Building Code (Title 14B) became mandatory. All the current codes can by found here https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs/provdrs/bldg_code/svcs/chicago_buildingcodeonline.html

Pay close attention to Chapter 9 of Title 14B "Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems," as this is where you will find significant changes to fire sprinkler and standpipe requirements as documented in previous newsletters. The Interim Chicago Fire Prevention Code (Title 14F) references both Title 14B and Title 15 of the old Chicago Municipal Code, which includes provisions from Chapter 15-16 including Sections 15-16-190, 15-16-200, 15-16-210, 15-16-220, 15-16-260, 15-16-680, 15-16-690, 15-16-700, 15-16-740, 15-16-750, 15-16-1150, 15-16-1160, 15-16-1170, 15-16-1230, 15-16-1360, 15-16-1480, 15-16-1490, and 15-16-1500. Some additional noteworthy changes are as follows:

- 200 Foot Travel Distance for Standpipes in fully sprinklered buildings
- 100 PSI required at the top of the standpipe
- Manual Dry Standpipes required for all new construction buildings greater than 55 feet in height and do not exceed 80 feet in height
- Automatic Wet Standpipes required in Group R-2 thru R-5 Occupancies more than four stories above the grade plane.

The old Chicago Plumbing Code (Chapter 18-29) is still the adopted code until the International Plumbing Code is adopted sometime in 2021. Until that time, the Chicago Building Department may present amendments to the City Council for approval. Per the Chicago Deputy Building Commissioner, Grant Ullrich, proposed amendments are largely based the goals of the current mayoral administration and lists submitted directly to the office by the public, including members of ASPE. Some of the amendments include additional DWV material and fitting options, water hammer arrestors, additional venting options, updates to minimum fixture requirements, and items related to water conservation. As information becomes available, I will keep the Chapter updated.

Our Chapter is making an impact, so please continue to be part of the development of the future Chicago Plumbing Code. Grant Ullrich continues to ask that members submit the Top 5 items you like about the current code and the Top 5 items we would like to see changed in the code along with your reasoning. Please submit those comments and any other suggestions you may have to the DOBCommissioner@cityofchicago.org.

<u>Alternate Plumbing Materials Pilot Program:</u> The Alternate Plumbing Materials Pilot Program has been extended to December 31, 2020. This program allows the permit applicant to propose specific alternate drainage and vent pipe and fittings authorized for such use by the Illinois Plumbing Code in lieu of the restricted list of materials allowed by Section 18-29-702 of the Chicago Municipal Code. The eligible projects are as follows:

- 1. New construction of buildings exclusively residential occupancy, not more than four stories in height.
- 2. Any work in an existing building (constructed prior to 2010) of <u>any occupancy</u>, and not more than four stories in height, including additions to such buildings.

For more information and application forms, please go here https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs/supp_info/Alt-code-approval.html

<u>Lead Service Pipe Replacement Program:</u> Mayor Lightfoot is expected to announce a plan in the near future to replace the approximately 400,000 lead pipe water services within the City of Chicago. Prior to 1986, Chicago mandated the installation of lead water until Congress stepped in to stop the practice. As an alternative to replacing the services, the City of Chicago has been testing a relining system for the last year.

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VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE, CONTINUED...

It is expected that the costs to replace the services could be around 10 billion dollars. As more information becomes available, I will provide updates, but please keep this in mind if working on older buildings.

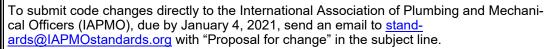


2024 International Plumbing Code & Uniform Plumbing Code

If you are interested in proposing code changes for the 2024 International or Uniform Plumbing Codes, the code development cycle has begun. This year, ASPE is accepting code change proposals that will be reviewed by the ASPE Society Legislative Committee and Board of Directors to determine whether INTERNATIONAL ASPE will be included as a proponent on the submitted proposal. Code change submissions are due to CODE COUNCIL® ASPE on October 1, 2020 and ASPE will respond to the submissions by December 1, 2020. This schedule gives the submitter more than a month before the January 2021 deadlines for each organization.

To submit a code change proposal to ASPE, look for the "ASPE Code Change Submittal Form" on ASPE's website under membership forms https://www.aspe.org/membership-global-community/membership/members-only/

To submit code changes directly to the International Code Council (ICC), due by January 10, 2021, register for free or login to your "cdpACCESS" https://www.cdpaccess.com/login/ and use the online templates.





Illinois Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting

The Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting that was scheduled for September 2, 2020, was cancelled with no future meetings on the calendar at this time.

The cancellation of the meeting does not mean you cannot stay involved. If you have any Illinois Plumbing Code revision proposals for any section of the code, you may direct those proposals to Brian Cox, the IDPH Plumbing & Water Quality Program Manager via email to brian.cox@illinois.gov, or by phone (217) 524-0791. If you want to keep tabs on IDPH calendar and all future meetings, please go here http://www.dph.illinois.gov/events

Please reach out to me if you have any code questions, code updates, ideas for topics of discussion, or you are looking for any interpretations and I will try and include pertinent information in future newsletters.

Stay safe, healthy!

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VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP / PRODUCT SHOW CHAIRMAN

Greeting Members,

All of the Line cards have been updated on the Chicago ASPE website that have been provided to me. If you would like to have your line card updated please send them to me and I will get them updated.

The MS Outlook database for vendor contacts is now live and available for you to download via the website. If you are a vendor and wish to be added to the site please send me your .VCF cards. Instructions have been emailed to you. This will allow engineers to search for a piece of equipment in their outlook search bar and direct them to what manufacture sells this equipment and the contact information of the representative of that company.

Stay Healthy,

Justin Wroblewski, CPDT

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Greetings Affiliates, Engineers, and all ASPE Members.

I hope this month's newsletter finds everyone safe, healthy and staying Sane!

As we continue to deal with this Covid 19 pandemic, things continue to keep us apart, however your ASPE board is working to make the most of any and every opportunity we can to keep some kind of

normalcy going.

Unfortunately, we continue to have to cancel events like Booster Night, one of the best ASPE Meetings of the year. We are also very proud of the contributions we are able to make to Toys for Tots. We are working on a way to continue to make that contribution, especially now during these difficult times.

Please remember, that I am your voice to the ASPE Board. Anything on your mind, anything we can be doing better? Just reach out and let me know!

Thanks!

Stay safe!

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Greetings Members,

As we all wind down from our summer activities and start to move into the Fall I am happy to report that the Chicago Board Members conducted the summer board meeting and we had a great discussion on how our future meetings will be conducted and it looks as though we will continue with the virtual meetings until further notice.

The ASPE National Convention Business Meeting will be conducted virtually on 9.12.2020 and we hope that it runs as smooth as possible.

Thank you for reading and I hope you and your family members stay safe and healthy.

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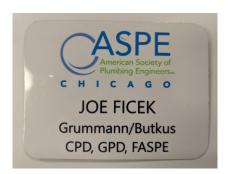
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As our Summer ends, a lot of questions are still circling as we see our annual events cancelled one by one. Hopefully everyone is staying safe and sane during this lovely year of 2020. I for one appreciate any opportunity to get together with you all if we are doing it safe!

There are quite a few Virtual events going on and as the AYP Liaison I hope to put together a fun event here soon with a handful of healthy individuals. Perhaps a few smaller events make the most sense!

If there is any opportunity or desire to see others around the industry for a change of pace, please reach out! PhilT@HSAREP.com

As for our industry partners, please take a look for the other events going on

American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE)

(http://www.asse-plumbing.org/chapters/region04 il.html)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area No Online Trainings posted

Illinois Chapter of ASHRAE

(http://www.illinoisashrae.org/)

Chapter Meeting

Sept 15, 2020 — September ASHRAE Webinar

Time: 5-7 PM
Details: HERE

Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (ILPHCC)

(www.ilphcc.com)

Virtual Product Show – Going on Now

Instruction: <u>HERE</u>

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

(https://www.nfpa.org/Training-and-Events/Resources/Events-

calendar)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)

(http://www.chicagosfpe.org/)

COVID-19 Occupancy Changes - Online Town Hall Meet-

ing

Date: Sept 15, 2020 Time: 12-1PM Info: <u>HERE</u>

Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA)

(http://www.ilrwa.org/)

Northern Conference - CANCELLED

National Rural Water Association (NRWA)

(http://www.nrwa.org/)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Details: (https://nrwa.org/about-us/future-nrwa-

events/)

American Water Works Association (AWWA)

(www.awwa.org)

Many FREE Webinars

INFO: <u>HERE</u>

Water Environment Federation (WEF) Illinois Chapter

(http://www.iweasite.org/)

Collections Systems Seminar

<u>Date</u>: Nov 4, 2020 <u>Time</u>: 8 AM – 2 PM

Location: Gone Virtual this Year

Details LINK

Illinois Fire Prevention Association (IFPA)

(www.ifpanet.org)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois (HESNI)

(http://hesni.org/index.php)

Helpful Article- Re-opening facilities

HERE

USGBC - Illinois Chapter (LEED)

(https://illinoisgreenalliance.org/news-and-events/calendar/)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

PCA (Plumbing Contractors Association of Chicago and

Cook County)

(https://plumbingcouncil.org/pca)

No Events in Chicago-Land Area

If there are any other organizations that you would like to stay current on, please send me an email and they will be added to the list for our next newsletter.

Enjoy the nice weather as it lasts,

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