

February 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Hi Group,

The February meeting was held on 2/15/23 at 10:00 AM. Those in attendance were Paul Molisani, Dennis McLaughlin, Wednesday Smith, Carla Snyder, John Anderson, Courtney Little, Jeff Kobylk, Josh Pantzke, Tim Cantwell, Katarina Hirai, and Kathy Caldwell.

Since everyone was curious, Kathy described the details of the ongoing City of Snohomish Boil Water Notification. If you would like more information, I am sure she would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Most of our meeting was spent planning for the upcoming BAT Forum next month. We are inviting all members to a lively discussion regarding electronic test filing. What do you like and dislike about the various software programs? Please take the time to complete our survey on this topic prior to the meeting next month. It's important to hear from the BAT's regarding the choices purveyors are making in choosing a program.

Access the survey by clicking the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L8K5MP3

During the meeting, we discussed issues regarding BATs not following correct testing procedures. Who can or cannot repair inside a building and what type of licenses are required? We are hoping to get more clarification on these issues. The rules have changed again! Thanks L&I.

Our next meeting will be the Annual BAT Forum scheduled on 3/15/23 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. This event will be hosted online using Zoom for all the current group members.

Please verify you're 2023 Dues have been paid. You can visit our website at https://backflowgroup.org to double-check your dues are up to date. Otherwise, you WILL NOT receive the Bat Forum Meeting special meeting link. Payments MUST be paid no later than March 10th. The link will be sent on 3/13/23 to all current members.

You can use this <u>link</u> to access the membership form or go to The Groups webpage at https://backflowgroup.org/2018/02/22/553/ to download and fill it out. If you plan on paying by mail, please have your payment in by the 1st week of March to ensure time for processing. You can also to pay electronically through our treasurer Dennis McLaughlin. Just email him your form and call to process your payment. (Note credit card payments will require a \$5 fee so it may be best to pay for multiple years.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33