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The WWCCPP GROUP HELD IT'S ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 21ST 2013 AT PERRIGO PARK IN REDMOND. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

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Our Chair, Dennis McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. There was a quick round of introductions, and he immediately turned the meeting over

to Deni Gray & Terri Notestine from the Department of Health Office of Drinking Water. They presented every one with the opportunity to review the Proposed Operator Certification Rule changes. With some detail, they explained the process, time line and some of the changes that will affect Cross Connection Specialists as well as Backflow Assembly Testers.

They are encouraging all certified operators to read through the purposed changes and are actively seeking questions and comments.

If you haven't received the email from the State I am including the information you will need to access all the information:

The Office of Drinking Water invites you to comment on proposed changes to the Waterworks Operator Certification Rule (chapter 246-293 WAC). The public comment period ends September 27, 2013.

The proposed rule changes and related information are on our [website](#). The proposed changes affect certified operators, Group A public water systems, Cross-Connection Control Specialists, and Backflow Assembly Testers.

A public hearing on the proposed rule changes is scheduled for:

Friday, September 27, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Department of Health, [Point Plaza East, Room 152/153](#)

310 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501

Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by:

Fax: 360-236-2254

Internet: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/>

Email: brad.burnham@doh.wa.gov

Mail: Brad Burnham, Washington State Department of Health,
PO Box 47822, Olympia, WA 98504-7822

For questions about the rule-making process, please contact Brad Burnham at 360-236-3158 or brad.burnham@doh.wa.gov. For questions about the rule, please contact Theresa Phillips at 360-236-3147 or theresa.phillips@doh.wa.gov. With the business out of the way, and the smell of great bar-be-que in the air, we turned the meeting over to Chef Dominic:



CHEF DOMINIC EXPLAINS TO LINDA MCMURPHY THE FINER TECHNIQUES OF COOKING A BURGER TO A NICE MEDIUM



THREE MEN AND A DOG; SOLOMON & JAMES SALTER (POPS BACKLFW) & RON KING (ABAT), UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SUGAR



LINDA PFEIFFER & TERRI NOTESTINE (USUALLY A LITTLE CAMERA SHY)



LOVABLE MAC (MCLAUGHLIN TESTING)



CHAIR DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN WITH PEGGY BARTON



OUR NEWEST MEMBER TRAVIS GRANT WITH HIS PRETTY LITTLE ASSISTANT, OLIVIA
(SEE HIS INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE)

Travis comes to us with a background in the construction field. He owns, maintains, and tests backflow assemblies. He then rents them out, and delivers them onsite to contractors for hydrant use, truck filling, and whatever else the Cities or Districts require. If you are a CCS and having difficulties with your contractors in getting them to comply with your backflow requirements, have them contact Travis. His contact info is on the attendance list.

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A message from Terri Notestine:

FYI – to share with members of The Group and other interested parties...

Here’s a notice about State Building Code Council (SBCC) public hearings scheduled for Spokane later this month and for Olympia in October.

The public hearings are on proposed amendments to the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code.

To look at the proposed changes, click on the following link:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/apps/SBCC/Page.aspx?cid=943>

Scroll down to the section called “Proposed Rule Changes” and click on “Plumbing Code”.

DOH proposed the:

- Lead content changes for compliance with revised federal standards for safe drinking water.
- CCC-related changes for consistency with existing Department of Health statutes and regulations as well as backflow prevention industry terminology.

Interested persons can submit written comments to the SBCC by **October 25, 2013** or can present verbal testimony at the public hearings.

If you have questions about the proposed UPC amendments or the SBCC amendment process, call Krista Braaksma at the SBCC at (360) 407-9278.

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As some of you already know, Judy (Jones) Carter from the Department of Health will be retiring soon. After years of dedicated service to all of us she has announced that the date of our annual seminar will be her last official working day. In the past, the Group always offers a plaque or something for friends and officials that we have worked with over the years.

This time, we are thinking out of the box. We are going to present Judy with just a simple retirement card. The cool thing is that we would like all of you to “sign” it. Please just send your thoughts and best wishes, addressed to Judy of course, **to me (not her!!)** or just simply send your name and where you are from. Your addition to the card can be as long or as brief as you want. I will attach all of your comments to the card and we will present it to her at the seminar. This will create a more personal level of appreciation, and the more folks that “sign” the card, the better it will be. I think she would love it! Please get your message to **me** soon. (kcaldwell@redmond.gov) Also, spread the word around to your coworkers and friends, you don't have to be a Group member to sign the card!

Speaking of the seminar, I have attached the final draft of the agenda and the registration form, so sign up soon. I will also be sending the registration out to all of the CCS's & BATs from the State email list, so you may see it numerous times.

I have no information regarding the next meeting on September 18th, but will send it as soon as it comes to me. There are still details to be worked out. We should know any day.

Signing off,

Kathy Caldwell

Group Sec.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CROSS CONNECTION PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS

*****ALL GROUP MEETINGS START AT 10 AM AND CLOSES AT 12 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
*****THE FIELD TRIPS WILL START AT 10 AM BUT THE TIME FINISHED IS UNDETERMINED

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CONTACT
16-Jan	FINAL DRAFT OF CALENDAR COMPLETION OF OLD BUSINESS/BI-LAWS, ETC	CITY OF ISSAQUAH 1775 12 TH AVE NW, 98027	TODD FREEMAN 425 837 3400
20-Feb	INSTALLATIONS: GOOD, BAD AND UGLY	CITY OF EDMONDS-SHOPS 7110 210 TH ST SW, 98026	LINDA MCMURPHY 425 771 0235
20-Mar	ANNUAL BAT FORUM 9 AM – 1 PM	CITY OF BELLEVUE 2901 115 TH AVE	TYLER HIMMELMAN 425 452 5208
17-Apr	FIELD TRIP/WSP FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY- SITE SURVEY 10 AM - ?	50810 GROUSE RIDGE RD NORTH BEND, WA	DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN 425 364 9531
15-May	FIRE SUPPRESSION –SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEED TO VERIFY	6737 CORSON AVE S, SEATTLE, 98108	CHIP BROOKS 425 359 6475
17-Jul	FIELD TRIP/ HUSKY STADIUM 10 AM - ?	DETAILS TBA	DALE BAXMANN 206 221 3127
21-Aug	ANNUAL PICNIC 10 AM-?	PERRIGO PARK-REDMOND 9011 196 TH AVE NE	KATHY CALDWELL 425 556 2847
18-Sep	FIELD TRIP/ BILL AND MALINDA GATES FOUNDATION/ GREEN BLDG	500 5 TH AVE N SEATTLE, 98109	BOB EASTWOOD 206 233 2635
23-Oct	ANNUAL SEMINAR 7 AM – 4 PM	LA QUINTA INN-TACOMA 1425 E 27 TH ST, 98421	ALL OFFICERS/ DENNIS 206 364 1939
20-Nov	ELECTIONS	CITY OF EVERETT 3200 CEDAR STREET, EVERETT	TIM MARKHAM 425 257 8833
18-Dec	2014 PLANNING ADGENDA	NORTHSHORE UTILITY DIST. 6830 NE 185 TH AVES, KENMORE	CARL LUNAK 425 398 4400