



# Newsletter

## Western Michigan Chapter

### February 2024

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**This months meeting info:**

**Grand Rapids Meeting:**

**Kalamazoo Meeting:**

**Dates:**

**February 14th & 15th**

**Location:**

**Canopy by Hilton - Grand Rapids Downtown  
131 Ionia Avenue SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Location:**

**Park Club of Kalamazoo  
219 W. South Street  
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

**Speaker:**

**Bob Taylor**

**McWane Plumbing Group**

**Time:**

**11:30 Social  
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

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**Subject:**

**The History Of Cast Iron**

**Cost:**

**\$30 per person**

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### **Important Information:**

**The ASPE Golf Outing is back!!!**

Once again this year we will be heading back to StoneWater Country Club for the ASPE Golf Outing. The outing will be help on Monday, May 20th. Registration will be opening soon, so keep an eye on your email.





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First, I'd like to thank Kevin Bauer with Flow Tech for our informative presentation on water treatment. Hendrick Associates has provided lunch and leans in the past about using flow Tech for water tower treatment but using it for domestic water systems was new to me. As we all struggle to find the right water temperatures and pipe distribution methods, along with scheduled system flushes, this non-chemical system seems like a great potential solution. With the only requirement being a 120-volt outlet, applying to existing systems seems too simple. Learning something new, getting a nice lunch, some CEU's, a great reason to attend our monthly meetings. Also, thanks go out to Thad Kuzma with Hendrick who was able to present the program for our Thursday Kalamazoo meeting.

How many of our members made it to the AHR Expo in Chicago this past week? I've been many times over the years and always enjoy the experience. Good chance to see mechanical and plumbing equipment up close. Many vendors have wonderful cut aways to better inspect the equipment. And we all got our steps in that day. If you've never been, I do recommend checking it out, but not sure when the next visit to Chicago might be. The next two will be in Orlando then Las Vegas.

Another reminder, the CPD exam is coming up.

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**VP Technical—Nick Von Myhr**

Hello all,

This month I am pleased to introduce Bob Taylor, with the McWane Plumbing Group. Bob will be taking us through the history of cast iron dating back to over 4000 years ago. Bob's bright personality makes this presentation insightful and a lot of fun. If you engage in plumbing design on a regular basis, this presentation is for you. Please join me in making Bob feel welcome to the West Michigan engineering community. Bob is a fantastic resource to have.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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**VP Education—Tom Kingshott**

Happy early Spring!!

As a joint ASPE AYP/Education event, we are working on a 1.1/2 hour Plumbing 101 on-line event for April.

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## **VP Membership—John Cassady**

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We are currently at 92 members in the West Michigan chapter.

If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out. All new members will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you who have a membership expiring by the end of March, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well. Many of you renew memberships on the calendar year, so please be sure to double-check your membership.

When you are renewing your membership, please be sure to select West Michigan as your “home chapter”. Any “at large” members may miss out on communication from the chapter.

You can also update your chapter affiliation by logging in to [ASPE.org](https://ASPE.org), following My Account > My Profile, and editing your information.

If you have a coworker interested in joining our chapter, please have them contact me with questions about membership.



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PFOS exists in 37 counties in Michigan. A contamination level has not been exactly determined for the maximum contaminant level (MCL). Most states are regulating around the mark of **14 parts per trillion**. That's about the equivalent of six contaminated water drops in an Olympic size swimming pool!

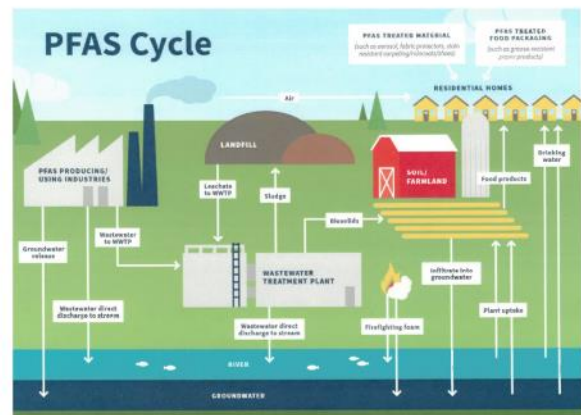
As we progress with the ability to test down to levels that were never dreamed of before, the issue will be, is there enough contaminant in the water to cause a health risk?

Scientists are still learning about the health effects of exposures to mixtures of PFAS. Although more research is needed, some studies in people have shown that certain PFAS may:

- Lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant
- Increase the chance of high blood pressure in pregnant women
- Increase the chance of thyroid disease
- Increase cholesterol levels
- Change immune response
- Increase the chance of cancer, especially kidney and testicular cancers

The best way to treat PFOS is with **Activated Carbon Filtration followed by Reverse Osmosis** (which also removes most other contaminants) with post carbon for drinking water. It starts with proper testing (a critical step) and how the grab sample is acquired. The process is expensive with most labs charging \$300–\$600 for a certified test. Then a plan for treatment is proposed based on the amount of contaminants in the raw water. The System will be designed and installed using NSF, ANSI, and WQA gold standard guidelines. Certifications apply to filters and systems.

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*PFAS Cycle Infographic by EGLE, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. September 2020.*

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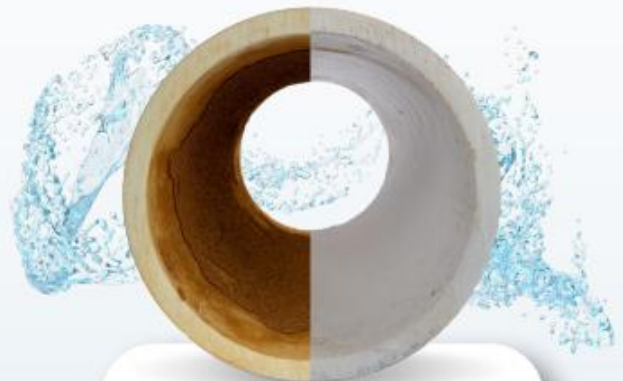
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## VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo

Did you know that the State of Michigan is adopting new mechanical, plumbing, and electrical codes? These changes are set to take effect on March 12, 2024 and mark a significant step forward in aligning Michigan with the latest standards in construction and infrastructure.

The revised codes cover three crucial aspects: electrical, plumbing, and mechanical. Each plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and functionality of buildings and structures. Here is an overview of the updated codes:

### Part 7. Plumbing Code:

In the plumbing arena, Michigan is keeping pace with modern practices by incorporating the 2021 Second Printing of the International Plumbing Code (MPC 2021). This code covers a wide range of plumbing-related aspects, including system design, materials, and installation. By adopting the MPC 2021, Michigan aims to enhance the durability and sustainability of plumbing systems across the state.

### Part 8. Electrical Code:

Michigan is embracing the latest advancements in electrical safety with the adoption of the 2023 Second Printing of the National Electric Code (NEC 2023). The NEC 2023 sets forth comprehensive guidelines for the installation and use of electrical systems, ensuring they adhere to the highest standards of safety and efficiency.

### Part 9.A. Mechanical Code:

The adoption of the 2021 International Mechanical Code (MMC 2021) under Part 9.A. demonstrates Michigan's commitment to ensuring the safety and performance of mechanical systems. This code addresses various aspects of mechanical installations, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. Compliance with the MMC 2021 is expected to result in more efficient and environmentally friendly mechanical systems.

To learn more about each of these new codes, detailed information is available through the links below:

- [Part 7. Plumbing Code - MPC 2021](#)
- [Part 8. Electrical Code - NEC 2023](#)
- [Part 9.A. Mechanical Code - MMC 2021](#)

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Schier Products  
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December 14th (Christmas Party)  
Cody Mack  
Caleffi North America  
Mixing And Balancing In Domestic  
Hot Water Systems

March 13th & 14th  
Stadium Design  
Julius Ballanco

October 11th & 12th  
Josh Pedraja  
Patton's Medical  
Medical Gas 101

January 10th & 11th  
Thad Kuzma and Joe Hancock  
Flow-Tech Systems  
Legionella Filtration

April 3rd & 4th  
Marco DeAngelo  
Arkema Inc.  
Codes And Standards In The  
Plenum With Corrosive Waste  
Drainage

November 8th & 9th  
Dawn Cole  
Quality Water & Air Inc.  
Siphonic Storm Drainage Systems

February 7th & 8th  
Bob Taylor  
McWane Plumbing Group  
The History Of Cast Iron

May 20th  
ASPE Annual Golf Outing

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## Western Michigan Chapter

Help promote your business and support your local ASPE chapter by advertising in the 2023/2024 Western Michigan ASPE Society Newsletter which reaches local plumbing and mechanical engineers as well as local wholesale members. Choose the advertising level that best suits your needs. This increase in publicity for your company will be an asset for all parties involved.

**Business card: \$150**

**Manufacturer Ads:**

**1/8 Page \$260**

**1/4 Page \$475**

**Full Page \$880**

Included with your fee:

(9) issues of the newsletter

(9) inserts of the Business Card Ad in the newsletter

**ASPE will once again be allowing you to rotate your advertisement throughout the year!** If you wish to change your ad during the 2023/2024 session, email the new ad to me, and it will be changed in the following newsletter.

**Advertising space can be purchased on the West Michigan ASPE website:**

[Click here to purchase advertising space in the 2023/2024 newsletter](#)

Please send a copy of your ads and/or business cards to Jonathan Burke:

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Thank you for supporting your local ASPE chapter.