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TECH TALK NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Summer time, summer time, sum sum summer time. Be sure to stay cool and remember to drink a lot of water. Keeping hydrated is always important, but it's extremely important when you're working or playing in the hot sun.

With construction on the rise, sometimes people's stress levels are also on the rise. Everyone wants things done quickly so they can move on to their next project or have some extra time off. You never know what is going on with the person sitting at your desk or standing at your counter so you should always put your best foot forward.

Sometimes just stepping back and reassessing the situation can help you look at things differently - making it easier to be able to help the person achieve what ever they are trying to get done.

Have a fantastic summer—hope to see you at the August CAPT meeting in Black Hawk.



Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning.

~ Bill Gates

AUGUST CAPT MEETING—CITY OF BLACK HAWK

**Friday, August 23, 2013
City of Black Hawk**

Historic Buildings and The Code – Dealing with the Difficulties

Building codes contain requirements that are difficult or impossible for old and historic buildings to meet. Most model codes recognize this difficulty and contain provisions for easing their requirements where historic buildings are concerned. Gary Pringey, Colorado Code Consulting, will discuss these provisions and how they can be applied to ensure preservation and safety go hand in hand during rehabilitation of historic structures.

Tour of Historic Restoration

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**November 20, 2013
City of Wheat Ridge**

**Annual Business Meeting
Luncheon
Election of Officers**

**Don't forget to RSVP FOR
THE AUGUST MEETING**

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Registration Fee: \$35.00 Cash or Check Payable to CAPT at the door (Registration Fee Includes Breakfast, Breaks, Lunch, Instructional Materials, Light Rail and is Non-refundable)

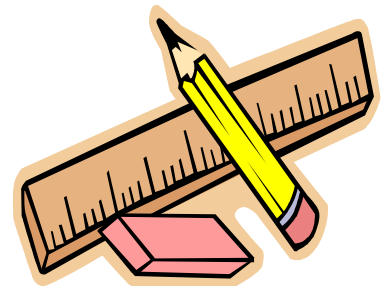


CAPT's Community Service Project

The CAPT board will be collecting school supplies at the August meeting. Please bring any or all of the listed school supplies to the meeting for distribution to those in need.

12"-rulers
boxed crayons
spiral notebooks
compasses
pink erasers
glue or glue sticks
blue or black pens
filler paper
packaged color pencils
packaged #2 pencils
protractors
blunt tip scissors
yellow highlighters
pencil bags

**Annual School
Supply Drive**



HOW TO SURVIVE A WILDFIRE

Wildfires can spread rapidly, causing loss of property and life.

Wildfires may start unintentionally by not disposing of ashes properly or not putting out a campfire.

Something as simple as a spark from a car or a thrown cigarette can start a wildfire.

Lightning and arson also may ignite a wildfire. Prevention is essential, especially for those who live in densely wooded areas.

If a wildfire does start there are steps to take that can help you survive.

Create defensible space around your home. If a wildfire is burning defensible space can reduce the risk the fire will spread to your home. Remove dead trees, shrubs and leaves within 30 feet of your home. Hanging tree branches low to the ground should be removed.

Listen to reports about the status of an existing wildfire. Local television and radio will provide updates for people living in the area of a wildfire. Be prepared to evacuate

if ordered. Never travel into an area where a wildfire has started. Fires spread fast and you could become trapped. If an evacuation is voluntary, it still is best to leave. Remember property can be replaced, human life can not. It is better to be cautious than be caught in a deadly situation.

Shut off the gas and turn off the propane tanks. Close vents and turn on sprinklers before you evacuate. Don't forget to bring your pets with you.

Wear protective clothing. If you are leaving an area where there is a wildfire, protect your skin by wearing long sleeves and long pants. Use a handkerchief to filter out smoke. If you live in an area with a high threat of wildfires, consider buying an emergency escape hood.

If you live in a densely wooded area, have an evacuation plan. Knowing in advance the route to take out of your home and the area, will increase your chances of surviving a wildfire.

Lie face down. If you are outdoors in the middle of a wildfire and unable to escape, lie down in a ditch. Clear away anything next to you that can catch fire, such as branches and leaves. Cover your face with your hands.

CAMPFIRES

A campfire should never be built in a hazardous site or with hazardous materials. Always look for an existing pit or fire ring. Never build a fire near a tent, trees, low branches or any flammable material.

FIRE FACT

Four out of five wildfires are caused by people and negligent behavior. A large wildfire can produce its own weather conditions.

HOT/DRY WEATHER

During periods of extreme heat and dry weather, it is imperative to be especially careful and watchful for wildfires. A tossed cigarette that has been stubbed out may still be hot enough to start a fire.



TALK OF THE TRADE

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY CAPT MEETING

The May CAPT meeting started off with the business meeting - President, Darla Brooks presiding.

Becky Baker gave an informative outline of current ICC business.

Jerri Paulison—Jeffco Human Resources - presented an interactive presentation titled "Groupthink" -

"Groupthink" is a phenomenon that occurs when the desire for group consensus overrides people's common sense desire to present alternatives, critique a position, or express an unpopular opinion. The causes and solutions often inherent within teams was explored. We learned the ramifications of too much group

cohesiveness, how to identify when a group is in the midst of "Groupthink" and what to do if it does happen.

The explosion of the space shuttle Challenger was used as an example, complete with a video and scenarios that left us all thinking of better ways to express ourselves as a team.



THE LIGHT RAIL EXPERIENCE



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What's Happening

COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

Next Meeting Date

Date: August 8 & 9, 2013

Location: Estes Park, Colorado

Visit: www.coloradochaptericc.org for meeting agenda, map and information.

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS

Next Meeting Date

Date: September 19, 2013

Location: Jefferson County

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Annual Conference and Expo
September 29—October 2, 2013

Group B Public Comment Hearing
October 2—October 10, 2013