



# MONTHLY BULLETIN



## South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association

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### **Cooper River Boathouse – Camden County- A Jewel in South Jersey**

Congratulations to SJMCA member, and BCASJ President, Stan Thompson of TNT Construction, Inc. who was the General Contractor on the Cooper River Boathouse project. Dedication ceremonies were held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The building looks spectacular and Stan will always be known as the “**builder of the boathouse**”.

Camden County Freeholder Jeff Nash recently bought a copy of a Camden County planning guide from eBay. The document, from 1927, included a discussion of putting a boathouse on the Cooper River. It took the better part of a century, but the boathouse is here. The \$6.3 million structure was built to capitalize on Cooper River's popularity among rowers. The facility is as much a function hall as it is a sporting facility. Natural wood and vaulted ceilings frame a banquet hall that can seat 200 and overlooks the river. Two meeting rooms are designed with business events in mind. One is a conference room designed to seat 26, while the other is set up like a classroom. Nash anticipates the county would receive \$9 million to \$10 million in revenue annually from the boathouse. Rowing events alone have typically produced about \$6 million in revenue each year for the area.

### **Residential Warranty Program Prepares for the Heating Season Launch**

Discussions continue with residential contractor members on possible options as we pursue a 10 year HVAC warranty program. Residential contractor members of SJMCA and residential signatory contractors would receive a fixed amount to offer a homeowner a 10 year parts and labor warranty if the equipment was purchased and installed by a signatory contractor. The South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association would administer the process after the installation is complete. Final details are being reviewed with an official launch for the heating season.

### **Pilot Program Underway to Help Office Staff of Contractors**

The much anticipated pilot program for the office staff of contractors to participate in the Residential Health Care program thru Local 322 has started with the employees of SPS Mechanical. Another contractor is also slated to participate in the pilot. If successful, then contractors will have another option to control health care costs by enrolling in the same health program offered to the residential division of Local 322.

We anxiously will monitor the pilot and remain optimistic this will be available to all contractors in the future.

### **Health Insurance Coverage – New Law**

Effective May 12, 2006, a new law requires employers who provide health insurance to their employees to offer health insurance coverage for employees' adult dependents up to 30 years of age. Employees are required to pay the full premium for their covered adult dependents. Employers must provide notice of extended dependent coverage immediately before the dependent reaches the age limit, before each open enrollment period, and immediately after the initial effective date of extended dependent coverage under the plan. The law applies only to health insurance purchased in the State's regulated market. To qualify, adult dependents must be under 30 years of age, unmarried, have no dependents of their own, have no insurance coverage of their own, and reside in New Jersey or be full time students. Contact your Plan Administrator or Insurance broker for further information

### **SJMCA WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- Lochinvar Corp., 801 Willopenn Drive-Unite R-100, Southampton, PA

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Wed-August 16<sup>th</sup>-SJMCA Industry Fund Board Meeting-Tomatoes- Margate
- Wed-September 13<sup>th</sup>-SJMCA General Monthly Meeting-Scotland Run
- Wed.-October 18<sup>th</sup>-SJMCA/BCASJ “Can We Talk”-Scotland Run
- Wed-November 15<sup>th</sup>-SJMCA General Monthly Meeting-Scotland Run
- Fri-December 15<sup>th</sup>-SJMCA Annual Meeting-Bally's, Atlantic City