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## 2009 GIPHCC Trimming Budget Expenses

As 2009 begins, GIPHCC, just like individual businesses, is looking at its budget to see if there are ways to trim its expenses.

One possible way in which we can begin to trim our expenses may be to sending the majority of our Ventstacks electronically rather than mailing them; this will cut down on both the printing and mailing costs. Postage is scheduled to go up again in 2009; as it is, \$1 only buys approximately 2 1/3 stamps. We mail out approximately 130 copies a month. Our printing costs vary as well, depending on inserts.

Since nearly everyone has email now and GIPHCC has put up the web site, [www.giphcc.com](http://www.giphcc.com), members can be reminded electronically to go on line and read the news. If you agree to receive the newsletter this way, please make sure that Ann has your current email address. (Does she currently send you emails now?) If you want to make sure GIPHCC has your current email, send Ann an email at [mabooth@att.net](mailto:mabooth@att.net), fax her at 577-4574, or call 579-5040.

We will try this out starting in April. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

**Wed., Feb. 18th GIPHCC luncheon**

**Primo's South**

**2615 National Ave.**

**11:30 registration**

**12:00 noon: lunch**

**12:30 speakers**

**Bill Ciriello, Ciriello Plbg.**

**And**

**Mark Fasel, Fishers Inspector**

**Topics: Licensing and Code Changes**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

**Fax your reservations no later than Friday, Feb. 13th to 577-4574 or call Ann at 579-5040 or email her at [mabooth@att.net](mailto:mabooth@att.net). Thank you for your cooperation so that we can verify our numbers with the restaurant.**

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## News of Note

**Our condolences go to Dennis (Bucket) Mehringer and his family** on the death of his son, Luke A. Mehringer, on 12/21/08. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Luke A. Mehringer Endowment Fund, c/o the Dubois County Community Foundation, 323 E. Sixth St., P.O. Box 269, Jasper, IN 47547-0269.

**Condolences also go to the family of James Seamon** on his death January 3, 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to the DePauw Memorial United Methodist Church, 925 Vincennes St., New Albany 47150 or to Brandon's House Counseling Center, 1618 Beeler St., New Albany 47150.

**Condolences as well to the family of Tom Barry** on the death of his father-in-law on January 14th.

### Calling for GIPHCC Plaques & Awards for Mechanical Skills

In an effort to get apprentices to learn about GIPHCC, Mechanical Skills has graciously agreed to supply us with wall space on which to display some of our members' plaques and awards. Some of you may have awards which were won many years ago by your family members, and this may be a way for them to be proudly displayed in a meaningful way. This will become, in a way, an Archives for GIPHCC in addition to a way to educate new members of the trade. If you have plaques which you are willing to donate to this cause, please bring them to the February meeting or give them to a GIPHCC board member or drop them off at Mechanical Skills. Thank you..

### Calendar for 2009

#### Feb. 18—code and licensing changes

**March 18 luncheon, Primo's South—Speaker: Jewell Dubouis, lobbyist.** Ferguson Engerprises will be the March table top; products on display will be Zurn pex, Rinnai heaters, Trac pipe, and Wirsbo pex. Sign up for certification classes will be available at that time. To drive attendance there will be a raffling off of a flat screen HD TV. In addition to Ferguson, the other local vendors are M-M & Assoc., Battersby, Danielson & Assoc, and Aspinall Assoc.

Thank you to the 97 who braved the snow Jan. 14th to attend the **Gene Shahan Nite**; it was wonderful.

### A Warm Response to the Wheeler Mission Coat Drive

Thank you one and all for your response to the 2008 Wheeler Mission Coat Drive. Through the donations in November at the GIPHCC Vendors Expo and through Indy Winnelson's efforts, we delivered 156 coats and jackets, 12 hats, 15 pairs of gloves/mittens, 2 sleeping bags, and 8 blankets to Wheeler Mission. This was one of the best responses we've had in the 5 years we've been donating. This, coupled with the \$200 donation to Mayor Ballard's request for money to stock Wheeler Mission and Salvation Army's food pantries, is a highly worthwhile charitable cause to support in such depressed times.

### 2009 Contractors Class—Fishers

February 25, 2009, 2009 Contractors Class, Town of Fishers Town Hall Auditorium, Sign in begins at 8:30 am; class starts at 9 am and will end at approximately 12 noon.

You must pre-register for this class; only the first 100 will be accepted. To register please contact Mark Fasel @ 317-595-3136 or email him at [faselm@fishers.in.us](mailto:faselm@fishers.in.us). You will need to leave your company name, number of attendees and a return phone number. You will only receive a return phone call or email if the class has been filled prior to your request.

Topics included: Indiana Residential Building Code Amendments, presentation by Simpson Strong Tie on proper deck to house connections, Top 10 Most Cited Violations, Contractor of the Year presentation, new inspection requirements for residential and commercial permits, same day inspection request program. We will also have an open forum q & a session at the end of the class.

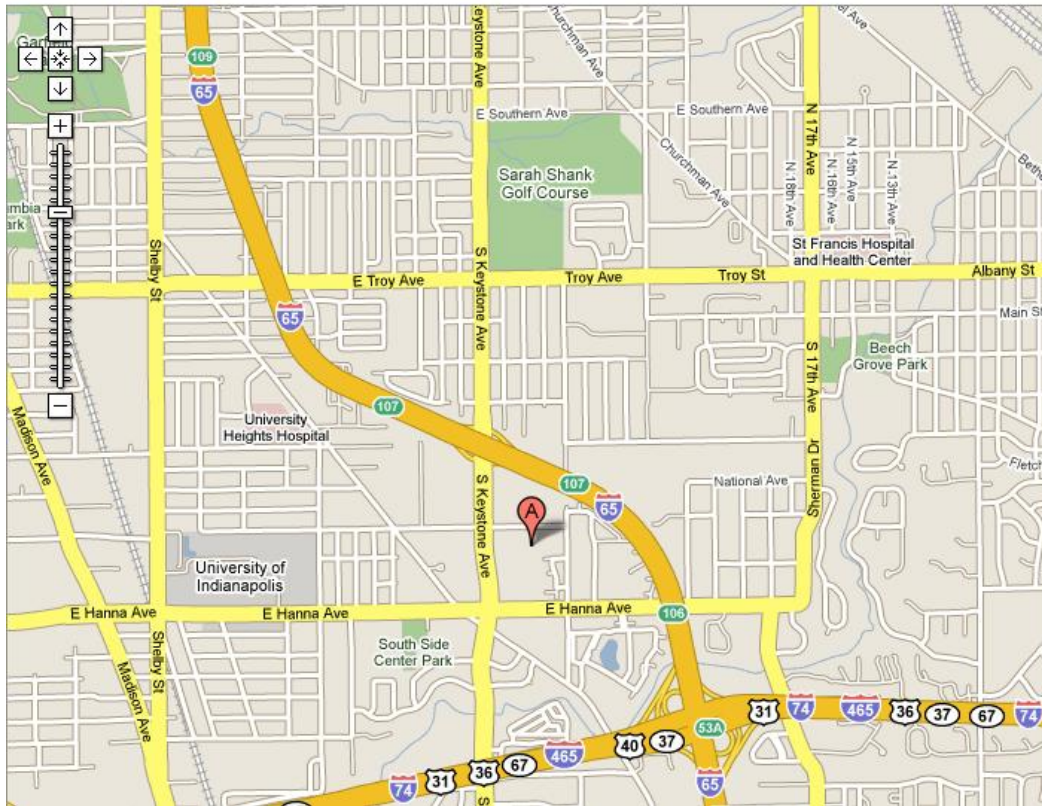
Parking signs will be up directing those attending to park in the BMV/Train station parking lot and entering the doors on the NE corner of Town Hall. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided prior to the start of the class in the sign in area.

### P-M & Associates Announces New Specialist

P-M & Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce the addition of Ms. Chris Foster to the position of "Kitchen & Bath Specialist." Chris brings her experience in Interior Design and Marketing with her degree from Ball State University, as well as previous experience as a plumbing showroom sales consultant. Chris will be responsible for Sales and Marketing efforts in the Plumbing Showrooms, Designer/Architects and Fabricators. She will be covering the state of Indiana in the appropriate territories for Elkay Manufacturing, Praxis Companies and Symmons Industries.



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**RSVP FAX FORM for the Feb. 18th luncheon Fax 577-4574**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, we are attending the Wednesday, Feb. 18th luncheon.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$25 per person.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are bringing a potential member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we are not attending

**Please respond either by fax 577-4574 or phone Ann at (317-579-5040) or email her at mabooth@att.net no later than noon Friday, Feb. 13th. Thank you.**

My updated email address is \_\_\_\_\_.

**P.I.P.E., Inc.**

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Friends,

Happy New Year! After the roller coaster ride that was 2008 , I think that we are all looking forward to starting a fresh new year. The past has passed, and the future is what you make of it. Don't let the media affect your business with its selective reporting. While it may not be business as usual, there are lots of opportunities out there if you keep your eyes open and use the resources that are available to you as members of the PHCC. Use your connections within our industry to make this the best year ever for both your business and yourself. Make it work for you.

Thanks,

Mark

