

Lehigh Valley Insights

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**Join us for a
Membership
Promotion night at our
annual Iron Pigs game**

April Meeting Details

Wednesday April 11th at 5:30 PM

Iron Pigs Game

Location:
Coca Cola Park
1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

Schedule:
5:30 PM YEA and Friend of YEA Happy Hour
6:15 PM Food & Drinks
6:45 PM Game Starts

RSVP Details:
\$32 cash or check to LV ASHRAE
\$36 By credit card at the door or on our website
<http://www.lvashrae.org/store/p/ironpigsgame>

This is an MP night which means you can bring another guest with you at 50% off for the second ticket

Food buffet and drinks are covered as well
Please rsvp for dinner to Doug Cowan at c098sec@ashrae.net or on the chapter website by paying for the meeting in advance.

President's Message

Dear Lehigh Valley ASHRAE Chapter members,

This month's discussion with Distinguished Lecturer Julia Keen regarding Recruiting Gen Z hit very close to home for this Millennial. There were some great takeaways, understandings, and discussions regarding how to best engage this new generation.

Get ready for my favorite meeting of the year! I'll be bringing my husband and kids along to the ball game and I hope you can bring your family, friends and coworkers as well! Tickets are buy one get one half off for Membership Promotion night.

This past weekend I sent out the final round of the election ballot. The only changes are more ideas for meeting topics have been included. Please take a look at the options and let us know what interests you!

We are lucky enough to have volunteers that sign up year after year, but if you'd like to get more involved, please reach out! We are always looking for new ideas to give back to those that support ASHRAE. We will be hosting the Chapter Regional Conference for all ASHRAE chapters throughout PA all the way down to Virginia next August and will need as many people as we can to help!

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CHAPTER REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Board of Governors and Committees are always looking for members to get involved. If you may be interested in getting involved in ASHRAE in a new way, reach out to:

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Date & Time	Location	Topic	Theme
September 6 th , 2023	Hops Fogelsville Evening Meeting	<i>High Efficiency Infrared Heating</i> Timothy Steel	Donor Recognition Night
September 27 th , 2023	Green Pond Country Club	<i>Golf Outing</i>	
October 24 th , 2023	Horsham Evening Meeting	<i>2023 Refrigerant Changeover</i>	Combo meeting with Philly Chapter
November 15 th , 2023	Hops Fogelsville Evening Meeting	<i>Tackling the Climate Crisis</i> Tracey Jumper	

December 14 th , 2023	Seven Sirens Brewery Evening Meeting	<i>Holiday Meeting with a Brewery Tour</i>	MP Night
January 17 th , 2024	RPA Engineering Evening Meeting	<i>HVAC Design of Laboratories and Clean Rooms</i>	
Feb 15 th , 2024	Penn State LV	<i>Combo Meeting with ASME</i>	GA Meeting
March 19 th , 2024	Hops Fogelsville Lunch Meeting	<i>Recruiting and Retention of the next Generation - Gen Z by DL Jullia Keen</i>	
April 11 th 2024	Coca Cola Park	<i>Iron Pigs Tour and game</i>	MP Night
April 17 th 2024	Delta Hotels - Allentown	<i>Greater Lehigh Valley's CSI Expo</i>	
May 8 th , 2024	TBD	<i>Distinguished Lecturer</i>	
Aug 15 th -17 th 2024	Hotel Bethlehem	<i>Chapter Regional Conference</i>	
Aug 30 th , 2023	Green Pond Country Club	<i>Golf Outing</i>	

Government Activities

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$180 Million Investment in School Energy Infrastructure

Last week, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) opened applications for the [2024 Renew Americas Schools Prize](#) which will award \$180 million to districts across the country engaging in strategic partnerships to build capacity and implement energy upgrades in their schools. Eligible submissions will lower utilities costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments across a portfolio of 10 or more school facilities. Competitors submitting proposals should be organizations or teams with the capacity to aggregate and manage projects across a portfolio.

The initiative is funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure law and is the second round of funding from the \$500 million [Renew Americas Schools Program](#). DOE is now accepting [applications](#) with submissions due on **Thursday, June 13 at 5PM ET**.

HUD Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

The U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide funding for direct loans and grants to fund projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality, implement zero-emission electricity generation, building electrification, or address climate resilience. Eligible owners primarily include owners receiving HUD rental assistance under Multifamily Section 8 project-based rental assistance, Section 202 Supportive Housing for Low-Income Elderly, and Section 811 Supportive Housing for Low-Income Persons with Disabilities.

Check out the [GRRP Grants and Loans](#) site for more information on the requirements and how to apply.

Dear Chapter Members,

We are entering new state and federal legislative sessions.

On April 16th, 2024, we will team up with ASHRAE Central PA Chapter and have our annual “Day on the Hill” proceedings in Harrisburg PA. All are welcome to attend!

So, why join the Government Affairs Committee at this event?

- You will learn more about our local, state, and federal government and how it operates.
- You will directly help educate our elected officials and their staff about topics of interest to you and to them, so they are prepared to address industry issues as they arise through legislation.
- You will meet other ASHRAE members from our chapter and beyond who are interested in ASHRAE policy issues.
- You will meet with your elected representatives at least once during a Spring meeting when the ASHRAE GA Committee goes to Harrisburg.
- If you would like to know more, please contact me. I can answer any questions you may have.

Thanks,

Patrick Villaume
Government Affairs Chair, Lehigh Valley

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