

December 2024 Newsletter

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Bluegrass ASHRAE Technical Tour 2024

This year's Bluegrass ASHRAE Technical Tour will visit Keeneland Racetrack to see the ongoing construction of its exciting new Administration Office and Paddock Entrance! Please join us for a happy hour holiday party at Sedona Taphouse in Palomar immediately following the tour!



Keeneland Racetrack

4201 Versailles Rd, Lexington, KY 40510

When: Thursday, December 12th at 2PM

Where: Tour @ Keeneland Racetrack* (4201 Versailles Rd)
Holiday Party @ Sedona Taphouse (3600 Palomar Centre Dr)

*For recommended parking at Keeneland, enter Gate 2 (Old Clubhouse Lane) and stay to the left as you go towards the Grandstand South Gate area. The Clubhouse Parking Lot will be on your left in this area next to the racetrack. We will meet for the tour at the large Rolex Clock which can be found as you make your way towards the Paddock through the Grandstand South Gate Entrance.

Required PPE for the tour: Hard hat, high visibility vest, and safety glasses



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November Chapter Meeting Recap

M. Dennis Knight, P.E., BEMP, Fellow Life Member ASHRAE! President Knight presented the theme for the 24-25 Society Year, Empowering Our Workforce: Building a Sustainable Future, where he discussed his background in the industry and the crucial importance of shaping the engineers and building scientists of the future.



And a special shoutout to our CTTC Chair, Abby Hoovler for planning a great event at Pasta Garage, as well as to the other volunteers who helped make the event a success! We were thrilled to see several new faces who we hope to see again at the upcoming Technical Tour next week and the exciting events we have planned in 2025.

Technical Features and Government Affairs News

ASHRAE President Knight Meets with Governor of Tennessee

ASHRAE President Dennis Knight met with Governor Bill Lee of Tennessee to discuss issues facing the HVAC-R and engineering industries, with a strong focus on workforce. Governor Lee, a mechanical engineer who served as President and CEO of his family's engineering and facilities company from 1992 to 2016, has made workforce development a central issue to his governorship. Among other topics, President Knight and Governor Lee discussed new and existing mechanisms for funding HVAC training, policy recommendations to stimulate the HVAC workforce, and active ASHRAE student branches at community colleges in Tennessee.



UC Professor Turns Building Decarbonization Into a Game

Amanda Webb, associate professor of architectural engineering, has dedicated much of her research efforts to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from existing buildings. Earlier this fall, Webb debuted a workshop at the 2024 Decarbonization Conference hosted by ASHRAE. Webb wanted to use her time with attendees to its full advantage by getting them actively involved, so she made a game out of the workshop. Her session was titled "Let's Decarbonize! A Hands-on Building Decarbonization Assessment Workshop." Following the initial success of the workshop, Webb and her colleague Barry Abramson continue to develop the game and plan to share it with additional audiences. [Read more](#)

December 2024 Digital Journal

In case you missed it - This month's issue of ASHRAE Journal includes topics such as rethinking VAV hot water terminal unit design, a guide to accurate and precise building pressurization and a case study on IAQ in a construction education lab.

[Click Here to Read the Journal](#)

ASHRAE Society Announcements

ASHRAE Journal Podcast Episode 42

[Becoming an ASHRAE Fellow](#): The College of Fellows of ASHRAE is composed of society members who have been awarded the Membership Grade of Fellow and serve as ambassadors both within and outside of ASHRAE. In order to qualify as a Fellow, you must be a full member in good standing for 10 years and have substantial contributions to the field of HVAC. Join Fellows Tom Lawrence, Mike Pouchak and Filza Walters as they discuss the formation of the

ASHRAE Jobs Board

Check out the [ASHRAE Jobs Board](#) for useful career tips and tools, relevant job postings in the industry, and to quickly find the right professionals for your open positions.



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Steps for updating your biography:

1. Log into www.ashrae.org by selecting 'Join or Login' in the upper right corner. Enter your email address and password then select 'Sign In.'
2. Hover over the 'Membership & Conferences' tab and select 'My Membership.'
3. Under 'Manage Personal Information,' select 'Change Your Address/View or Edit Your Profile.'
4. Select the 'Edu. Pro. Reg' link located in the blue font above your name. Add all of your educational history, relevant professional licenses and work history.
5. Confirm that your contact information is current by clicking on 'Contact Info.'

For information on what experience qualifies for advancement, please see Section 2.7 of the [ASHRAE Bylaws](#).

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