

International Code Council Government Relations New Updates – October 2018

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Going to Richmond for the ICC Annual Conference and Group A Code hearings? Download the app!

One of the best time management tools for Code Council Members attending the 2018 ICC Annual Conference is the [ICC Conference App](#). It features conference and expo schedules, speakers, session handouts, maps, floor plans and events. And it's accessible from all devices: smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktops and is available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices. It's also available on the [web](#). Find the App quickly in stores by searching for: *iccac*. You can use the Mobile App to:

- Create your own schedule
- Search for classes and events
- Stay up-to-date with event announcements
- Locate sessions and exhibitor booths with ease
- Learn about speakers and exhibitors
- See who else is attending and network
- Access speaker presentations and documents and local hotels, dining and attractions

ICC Members looking forward to the issues, hearings, meetings and tourist sites at Richmond, Va.

The 2018 ICC Annual Conference is this month! Here's a quick list of [highlights](#):

- The Annual Joint Membership Councils Meeting Sunday morning, October 21.
- The Nominating Committee Candidates Forum at 1 p.m. Sunday in the convention center.
- ICC Region Chapters meetings at assigned rooms in the convention center, 2-3 p.m. Sunday.
- Grand opening at 2 p.m. Sunday of the [2018 Building Safety & Design Expo](#).
- Annual Conference convenes 8 a.m. Monday, October 22.
- 2018 Networking Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the convention center.
- 2018 Government Relations Forum 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, in Room B15 C of the Greater Richmond Convention Center.
- 2018 Members Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the convention center, featuring [Matt Paxton](#), a top hoarding expert and a featured cleaner on the hit television show HOARDERS.
- 2018 Annual Reception and Banquet, starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the convention center.
- [Global Connections Day](#) at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, in the convention center.

[Click here](#) for the Group A Public Comment Hearings Schedule, October 24-29.

ICC offers incentives to bring your plumbing officials to the Group A Public Comment Hearings

As this year brings the *International Plumbing Code* (IPC) to the Public Comment Hearings, we'd like to ask you to bring your Plumbing Official(s) with you. Their perspective, expertise and experience are exactly what the hearings need to make sure all communities benefit. To encourage your Plumbing Officials to join us before and during the hearings, we're offering **complimentary entrance to the [PMG educational track](#)** on Tuesday, October 23. This is a great opportunity to expand their knowledge and get their CEUs for the year. To take advantage of this offer, your Plumbing Official can click on either [Member](#) or [Non-Member](#), enter the code **PMGAccess** and then complete the registration process.

The new ICC Annual Report shows accomplishments and robust financial growth despite challenges

The Code Council's program year is coming to an end. Normally around this time we send out the [ICC Annual Report](#) with an in-depth overview of our recent accomplishments and major initiatives. But in 2019, we will be releasing a revamped annual report with a new look that presents information in an easy-to-read, visual format. For now, here's an update on the past year. Despite challenges, our continued excellent financial performance has allowed us to build cash reserves, maintain a robust package of member benefits, and provide improved and expanded programs. [Read more.](#)

High performance buildings and mitigation get the focus at the 2018 ICC Government Relations Forum

Officials from the State of Wisconsin and FEMA are among the keynote speakers at the ICC Government Relations Forum during the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond. It will be 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, in Room B15 C of the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Topics and speakers include:

- **Engaging code officials early in the process to achieve high performance buildings** - Henry Kosarzycki, Director, Office of Plan Review and Inspection, State of Wisconsin.
- **Mitigation investment of current building codes** – Angela R. Gladwell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Risk Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Other topics include an update on ICC's new Military Families Career Path Program and the High School and College Technical Training Program. ICC Members will be eligible for ICC CEUs for attending. A speaker from HUD is expected to discuss recent federal regulations requiring the use of ICC-certified Residential Combination Inspectors (RCI) or Combination Inspectors (CI) inspectors for new construction as well as structural repairs and renovations of existing properties where the local jurisdiction does not provide building code enforcement and requisite documentation. Additionally, the **ICC Military Families Career Path Program will be the subject of a one-hour update** in Room B17 of the convention center starting at 1 p.m. Monday, October 22.

2018 Hurricane Season: ICC members are signing up for the Code Council's Disaster Response Network

Now that Hurricane Florence has passed, our work is just beginning. Communities across North and South Carolina were severely affected by the storm, and the recovery process will surely be long and arduous for many. Code Council staff are in contact with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will work with our members in those communities to help as needed. For on-the-ground information from the affected areas, download the following reports: University of Florida Wind Hazard Damage Assessment Group's [Preliminary Damage Report](#). Structural Engineering Extreme Events Reconnaissance (StEER) Network's [Early Access Reconnaissance Report](#) with assessment team members from North Carolina Sea Grant, Auburn University and Clemson University. If you are interested in adding your name to the International Code Council's Disaster Response Network to help communities after a major disaster, contact Kelly Sadler at (888) 422-7233, ext. 5566, or ksadler@iccsafe.org.

Public Comment Hearings in Richmond provide an opportunity to help shape the 2021 I-Codes

The 2018 code development process continues immediately after the ICC Annual Conference with the Public Comment Hearings which provide an opportunity for participants to influence the 2021 I-Codes. At the hearings, Governmental Member Voting Representatives vote on hundreds of proposed code changes on behalf of their respective jurisdictions. [Click here to access the schedule for the Group A Public Comment Hearings in Richmond](#). The 2018 Group A International Codes include:

- International Building Code® (IBC®)—IBC-E, IBC-FS, IBC-G
- International Fire Code® (IFC®)
- International Fuel Gas Code® (IFGC®)
- International Mechanical Code® (IMC®)
- International Plumbing Code® (IPC®)
- International Property Maintenance Code® (IPMC®)
- International Private Sewage Disposal Code® (IPSDC®)
- International Residential Code® (IRC®)—IRC-M, IRC-P
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code® (ISPSC®)
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code® (IWUIC®)
- International Zoning Code® (IZC®)

For details about the code development process, download these infographics: [How It Works](#) and [By the Numbers](#).

Education options offered to participants attending the 2018 ICC Annual Conference in Richmond

Grow your knowledge and expertise with the most comprehensive building safety educational sessions available. Your participation in ICC's conference training sessions, [building tours](#), [Expo Education Pavilions](#) and code hearing attendance, could earn you the following CEUs to help maintain or move forward to your next certification:

- In-person participation or attendance at the code hearings can earn up to 1.0 CEUs
- Sunday Preconference Tours – 5 hours or .5 CEUs
- Monday Enrichment Education – 3.5 hours or .35 CEUs
- Tuesday Conference Education Program – 6 hours or .6 CEUs

Education sessions take place **Monday, October 22** and **Tuesday, October 23**. Education sessions will be on a first-come first-serve basis. [Click here for a schedule of education options](#).

GOT PULSE? ICC Podcast spotlights Boise, Idaho, student's quest for adoption of new building codes

Recent Boise High School graduate [Therese Etoka](#) is featured in this month's Pulse episode to discuss her advocacy for code adoption in Boise, Idaho. Through her student leadership, Etoka discovered a passion for building safety. This led her to testify at the Boise City Council meeting to advocate for the adoption of new building codes. Her advocacy encouraged Boise to adopt the 2015 International Building Code. [Click here to listen](#) to the episode and be sure to subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#) and [Spotify](#).

FEMA, APA and ASFPM offer free quarterly webinar series on hazard mitigation planning strategies

FEMA continues to partner with the American Planning Association (APA) and the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) to offer a free quarterly webinar series to share challenges, best practices, and evolving methods and techniques in hazard mitigation planning. The next Planning Information Exchange webinar will be **October 9 at 1 p.m. Eastern**, titled "Current Research Topics in Disasters, Hazard Mitigation and Resilience." The purpose of the webinar series is to encourage peer-to-peer learning and the exchange of information among a national and international audience. To learn more or register for this webinar, or to view recordings of previous webinars, visit the [APA website](#).

'The Dude' shall abide at Green Builder Media's annual Sustainability Symposium in February

Jeff Bridges – yep, THAT Academy Award winning actor Jeff Bridges, a.k.a., The Dude from the film “The Big Lebowski” – will give opening remarks at Green Builder Media's annual [Sustainability Symposium](#) February 18 at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The event, which includes a show floor on February 17 for Design & Construction Week, draws an influential national audience of esteemed sustainability professionals, business executives, building professionals, elected officials, city planners, students and national media. Other speakers at the Symposium will be:

- General Wesley Clark (ret.), four-star general, former Army Chief of Staff, Presidential advisor
- Bill Walton, NBA All-Star and passionate sustainability enthusiast
- Ron Jones, Founder/President Green Builder Media and industry provocateur
- Gwen Migita, Social Impact & Inclusion Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, Caesars Entertainment
- Andrew Beebe, pioneering venture capitalist, Vice President at Obvious Ventures
- Susan Kucera, award-winning Director, Cinematographer, and Producer of eco-films including "Breath of Life" and "Living in the Future's Past"

Click [here](#) to register for the **Sustainability Symposium 2019 and Sustainability Awards gala**.

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, webinars, etc.

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **October 10** – IPC Webinar series – [Vents and Traps, Inceptors and Separators](#).
- **October 31** – IPC Webinar series – [Storm Drainage, Special Piping and Storage Systems, Nonpotable Water Systems, Subsurface Landscape Irrigation Systems](#).
- **September 13** - [Load Paths in Buildings](#).
- **September 25** - [Wood Shear Wall Seismic and Wind Design Example per 2015 WFCM and SDPWS](#).
- **September 27** - [Design of Cold-Formed Steel Exterior Wall Connections](#).
- **October 17** - [Single Family Homes from Application to Occupancy](#).
- **November 1** - [Procedures for Officers and Inspectors](#).
- **November 15** - [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 6** - [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **October 9** in Country Club Hills, Ill., [2015 Means of Egress](#) with Doug Thornburg.
- **October 29-November 2** at Arlington, Va., [Residential Inspection Institute](#).
- **November 5-8** at the ICC office in Country Hills, Ill., **64 Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector Certification Test Academy**.
- **November 15** at Focal Point Academy, Columbia, Md., [Inspector Skills](#).
- **December 3-4** at Atlanta, Ga., [Permit Technician Institute](#).
- **December 6** at MicroTek in Chicago, [Report Writing for Code Officials](#).
- **December 10-11** in Orlando, Fla., "[When Disaster Strikes](#)" Institute.

Certification Test Academies feature interactive and question-based review for the exam. Students will receive a voucher to take the exam at a later date. Upcoming Academies:

- **October 9-12**, [66 Fire Inspector I](#) in Brea, Calif.
- **November 5-8**, [64 Property Maintenance](#) in Country Club Hills, Ill.
- **November 5-8**, [B1 Res. Building Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.
- **December 11-14**, [B2 Com. Build. Insp.](#) in Brea, Calif.