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News & Quick Links

Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners will govern Plumbers until 2021

Heading off the prospect of everyone in Texas being able to call themselves plumbers, Gov. [Greg Abbott](#) extended the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and its licensing law until 2021 Thursday via an executive order.

The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners was on track to shut down by Sept. 1, 2020, after the Texas Legislature **failed to extend its life** during the 86th legislative session that ended last month. [Read more HERE](#)

Previewing the top six requirement changes from the NEC 2020 code review

Every three years, members of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) meet to review, modify and add new National Electrical Code (NEC), or NFPA 70, requirements to enhance electrical safety in the workplace and the home. This year's code review is well underway: the second draft of NEC 2020 is complete and the annual [NFPA Conference and Expo](#) is scheduled for late June.

Thomas Domitrovich gives his opinion of the most significant code changes on track to pass. The first discussed in this article is GFCI Protection. He will explore the reasoning for each change and the future steps the NEC may take beyond 2020 regarding the top six requirement changes listed [CLICK HERE](#).

New Austin camp encourages girls to consider construction careers

AUSTIN (KXAN) Click for story — Thirteen middle-school-age girls are spending the week learning valuable skills as a precursor to possible careers in the construction industry.

The group will build and wire their own lamps, pour concrete and build a free library stand over the course of the week in a bid from the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) to recruit more girls into the industry early.

"There's just not a lot of talk about what opportunities are out there, and that's kind of our goal is to show the kids what else there could be," said Jordan Moore, a specialist at plumbing supplier Ferguson Enterprises and board member at NAWIC's Austin chapter.

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Texas Tech celebrates funding, legislative approval for School of Veterinary Medicine

Texas Tech University System officials recognized all who played a part in helping secure funding from the Texas Legislature that will help establish the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine, a first for the State of Texas in more than a century.

On Saturday (June 15), Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law the state budget for the next two years, which includes \$17.35 million appropriated for the School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo that will go toward operational needs in order to get the school up and running. The appropriation included language directing Texas Tech to use funds to initiate curriculum design and development, faculty recruitment and other processes necessary to attain accreditation of the program.

Donors and civic leaders already have pledged \$90 million toward infrastructure and construction of the School of Veterinary Medicine on the site of [Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center](#) (TTUHSC) in Amarillo. **Click [HERE](#) for complete article.**

Drug Impairment Training for Texas Employers (DITTE)

Free training from *Our Driving Concern* through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

- **Thursday, Aug. 8:** [Webcast training from 8:30 a.m. to noon.](#)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24:** [Webcast training from 8:30 a.m. to noon.](#)

Training participants can expect to learn how to:

- Identify the signs and symptoms of impairment, including alcohol, illicit drugs and prescription drugs
- Educate their employees on traffic safety to help reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related injuries and fatalities on Texas roads
- Develop (or improve) company drug policies, programs and practices.

Webcast Training provided with two training options:

Webcast training consists of three 45-minute sessions, each followed by a 15-minute break, and then one 30-minute session. Upon completion of all four sessions, participants will receive a certificate via email and will be sent a flash drive of the curriculum (Texas employers only).

West Texas AGC, in partnership with ONEDIGITAL, is proud to announce the launch of its latest member benefit - a cost-saving group medical plan.

Benefits of the Group Medical Program include:

- Potential savings on medical premiums
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