



Winners of the 2021-22 Eugene Cardoza Memorial Scholarship



From L to R: ACP President Rob Greenberg, Scholarship Winners Evelyn Sullivan and Elizabeth Vasylets, and ACP Board Member Raymond Cardoza

The 2022 winners of the Eugene Cardoza Memorial Scholarship Program have been determined. Further information on the scholarship program can be found on the Association of Contracting Plumbers' website (acpcny.org). Five recipients will receive \$5,000 a year towards a collegiate education. As a reminder, all scholarship applications are reviewed by an independent panel of educators and selections are based upon academic achievement, community service, and extracurricular activities.

The Trustees of the Promotion Fund and the ACP Executive Board are happy to announce the following 2022 winners:

Evelyn Sullivan
Elizabeth Vasylets
Luke Tozzo
Hailey Coger
Celia Little

Congratulations to all the winners, we wish you luck on your future endeavors!

NYC DOB Enforcement of Gas Card for Test, Rough, & Finish Inspections

Please be advised that the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) has ramped up enforcement of gas cards for gas tests and rough and finish inspections. While these types of inspections have been covered by Local Law 150 of 2016 DOB Gas Qualification requirement, it seems only recently that enforcement has been active. There is an April 2021 Service Notice outlining enforcement of the law, see below.



INDUSTRY NOTICE GAS WORK QUALIFICATION

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Follow-Up #2 – [Local Law 150 of 2016: Gas Work Qualification Requirement](#)

As of January 1, 2020, all gas work, as defined in NYC Fuel Gas Code and including the installation, testing, and maintenance of fuel-gas piping systems, appliances, and related accessories must be performed by a Licensed Master Plumber or by:

- a person who holds a Gas Work Qualification issued by the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) working under the direct and continuing supervision of a Licensed Master Plumber; or
- a person who holds a Limited Gas Work Qualification issued by DOB working under the personal and immediate supervision of a person who holds a Gas Work Qualification or a Licensed Master Plumber.

Persons qualified to perform gas work must carry their Department issued Gas Work Qualification Card and a government issued photo identification at all times while engaged in gas work and must present the card and identification upon request of any authorized enforcement officer.

Gas work performed by a person who does not possess the required qualifications will result in enforcement action, which may include but not be limited to issuance of the following:

- a violation carrying a penalty of \$5,000 pursuant to 1 RCNY § 102.01;
- an order to remove and reinstall the appliance/system;
- a Stop Work Order.

Use the License Search on the Department's website to ensure the professional hired to perform gas work is a Licensed Master Plumber.

Congestion Pricing Details Underway

A long awaited analysis on the proposed congestion pricing plan for New York City was released on August 10, 2022. The lengthy [analysis](#) includes seven scenarios evaluated by the MTA which propose prices from \$9 to \$23 per vehicle entering the zone. As a reminder, the 2019 law defines the zone as Manhattan at and below 60th Street with exemptions for the FDR Drive and West Side Highway.

The only exceptions proposed in the analysis include certain vehicles carrying people with disabilities and authorized emergency vehicles. In addition, people whose primary residence is inside the district and whose income is less than \$60,000 would be eligible for a state tax credit equal to the amount of their tolls. But 24/7 service vehicles (e.g., plumbers answering emergency calls) are not a proposed exemption.

Hearings on the analysis began in late August. The Plumbing Foundation plans to submit feedback and a request for a service vehicle exemption or discount and will keep the industry apprised of its efforts. Please check back in the Fourth Quarter *Pipecaster* for an update on the congestion pricing plan.

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In Memoriam: Louis L. Buttermark

The Plumbing Foundation remembers Louis L. Buttermark, founder of Louis L. Buttermark and Sons, Inc., a family-owned and operated plumbing company out of Staten Island which has been in business for over 60 years. Mr. Buttermark passed away on July 26, 2022 at the age of 94. He is the father of Plumbing Foundation Board Member Louis J. Buttermark.

A licensed master plumber not only by trade but blood, Mr. Buttermark was the son of a plumbing contractor and married Mary Frances Burns, who also was the daughter of a plumbing contractor. Starting his own company at the age of 33, Mr. Buttermark's business quickly grew—especially following the opening of the Verrazano Bridge. His company has done work on major NYC landmarks like the Lincoln Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mr. Buttermark held positions as a Trustee and as President of the Richmond County Plumbing Contractors Association, counterpart to the former Plumbers Union Local 371 before it merged into Local 1. During his term with the association, he co-chaired a high school scholarship program, was involved in negotiations with the plumbers' union, and co-chaired the association's annual Richmond County benefit golf outing for the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. He worked closely with his son Louis on each committee. He was an honorary member of the Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York, Inc. (ACP).

Mr. Buttermark retired 20 years ago and left his company to his three sons, Louis, Paul and David. The youngest generation of Buttermark plumbers includes grandchildren James Buttermark, Mario Naccarato, and Nicholas Naccarato.

Mr. Buttermark was married to Mary (predeceased, 2020) for 68 years, a father to five children and a grandfather to six. He was a veteran and an avid golfer. Mr. Buttermark was also a member of the New York City Homebuilders Association and the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. He received the Louis B. Miller Business Leadership Award from the Chamber of Commerce in 1997. He was a longtime resident of Staten Island.



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UPDATE FROM CITY CALIBRATION ON PS200 LMP DEVICE

On August 26th the Plumbing Foundation issued a notice to all Gas Operator Qualification Members regarding the sales and service of the PS200 LMP combustible gas indicator device used for inspections. The flier associated with that notice is included in this Quarter's *Pipecaster*.

As a follow up, please refer to the following notice from City Calibration:

Please be advised that regardless of the Heath Consultants taking over the sales and repairs of the LMP200 devices, at the time City Calibration remains vigilant in fulfilling our obligation to the NYC plumbing industry and will continue our calibration services and data storage. All calibration locations and City Calibration contact information remains the same and is:

516-267-7100

info@citycalibration.com

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Please contact the above mentioned for any follow up questions.

THE PLUMBING FOUNDATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Since its establishment in 1986, the Plumbing Foundation has worked diligently to ensure the plumbing industry has as little a "carbon footprint" on New York City as possible. The plumbing industry has historically utilized environmentally friendly materials such as recycled cast-iron and copper piping/fittings. The Foundation will continue in its role of protecting New York City as well as being an advocate for the environment by strengthening its water/sanitary regulations and thereby reducing wasteful water consumption in the City.



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PS200-LMP (LMP200) Update

Designed Specifically for Licensed Master Plumbers

Heath Consultants is pleased to announce we will be taking over direct sales and support of the LMP200 device designed by the plumbing community for their use to meet NYC Local Law 152. LMP users will now have the option to purchase the Auto Bump & Cal (ABC) stations, allowing for more freedom and autonomous control over calibration and record keeping. If you prefer not to do your own calibration, Heath offers an on-site service which includes a provided calibration certificate.

The LMP200 was created specifically for Local Law 152 by ConEd, National Grid and the New York City Licensed Master Plumbers as a fit for purpose device that meets the evolving needs of plumbing technicians. With three modes of operation, this gas detector can be used by LMPs and their technicians to conduct regulatory compliant leak surveys of gas piping inside buildings. Results from leak surveys can be transferred, via Bluetooth, to applications running on tablets or other smart devices allowing the survey data to be visualized and stored in the cloud for regulatory reporting purposes by an LMP and/or Utility. The LMP200 is a multipurpose tool designed by the plumbing community for the plumbing community in conducting daily duties including purging of interior piping and atmosphere monitoring for both flammable gas and carbon monoxide (CO).



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