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CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

NASHVILLE MUSIC CITY CONVENTION CENTER LESSONS LEARNED: 10 YEARS LATER

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CSI Knoxville November Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th, Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)

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In-Person Meeting Location:

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Address:

[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3306+Ragsdale+Ave+NW,+Knoxville,+TN+37909)

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The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Guests are Welcome!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2022

- 01** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, November 1st
 Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
MBI Companies Inc.
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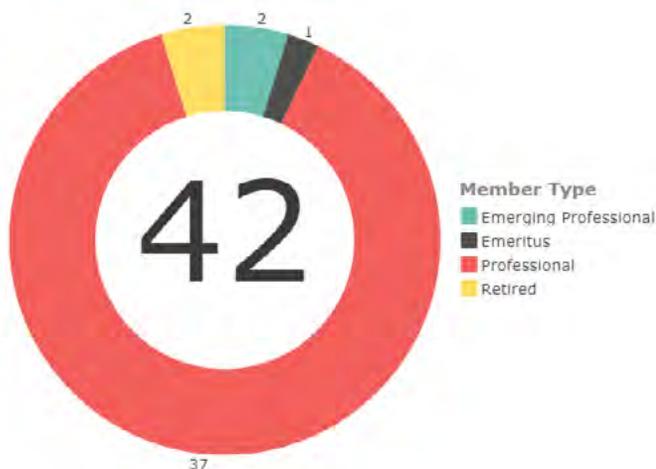
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- 06** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, December 6th
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- 13** **CSI Chapter Holiday Celebration Party** - Tuesday, December 13th
Time: To Be Determined
Location: To Be Determined

Anniversaries

JOINED THIS MONTH

Kevin Stevens	1 year ago
Danielle Hemsley	1 year ago



CSI NEWS

CSI Knoxville Chapter Implements New Meal Policy

Due to rising costs, the CSI Knoxville Chapter will be implementing a new meal program in January 2023. Please watch *The Speck* and www.CSIknoxville.org for more detailed information.

Meal costs starting January 2023:

- Members: \$10 with RSVP \$15 without RSVP
- A discounted annual meal pass will be on sale in January (\$70/yr)
- Guests – FREE for first time guests. \$20 for returning guests

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS, CSI KNOXVILLE!

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You are all invited to our next lunch n learn on Tuesday November 8th at Noon!

This month's program will be provided by John Robinson of Sika Corporation. His topic will be "Nashville's Music City Convention Center Lessons Learned: 10 Years Later."

See you at AGC of Tennessee on Ragsdale Ave. next Tuesday for this enlightening and educational presentation.

The annual golf tournament at Egwani Farms was a HUGE success, and we owe a great deal to Wes Crow, CSI Knoxville's Golf Tournament Chair. Thank you for sponsoring and participating in this fundraiser that helps us provide construction education to students and professionals alike! Save the date for next year's tournament on Friday October 20, 2023.

Decompression hour, on the 4th Thursday of the month, will be suspended until January due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. I'm sure everyone will be decompressing with their families!

Several members attended CSI's National Conference in Denver. Stacy Colbaugh earned the Communications Award, AGAIN! Gary Bergeron became a Fellow (I call him a feller 'cause I'm a farm kid). CSI Knoxville also earned the Outstanding Chapter Commendation. We have a lot to celebrate, so stay tuned for upcoming party announcements.

Come join us – remember, we are the COOL CSI!

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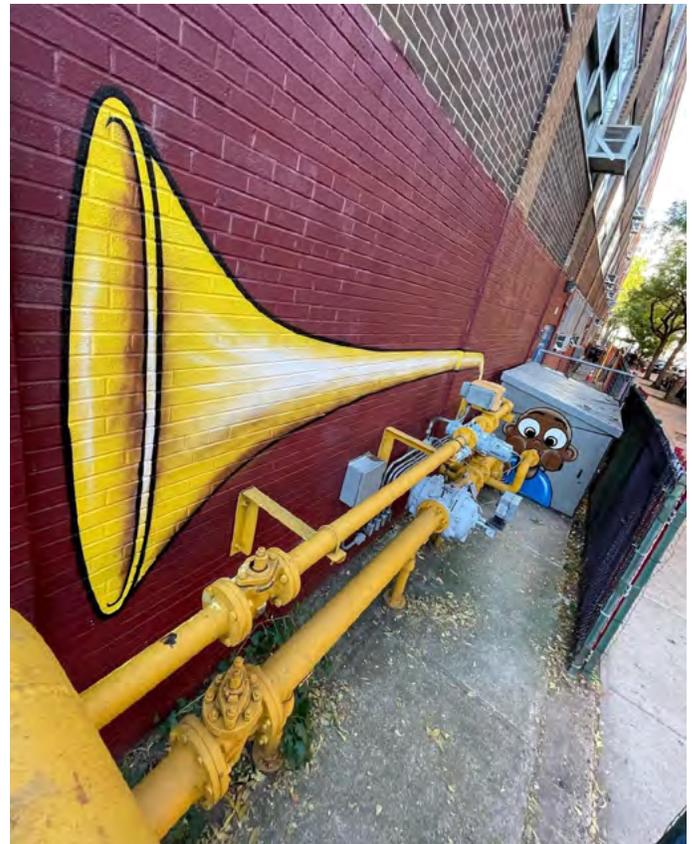
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CSI HIGHLIGHTS

Summary from Tuesday, October 4th Board Meeting

The board met via Zoom online conferencing to discuss the following CSI events:

- Planning for the October Golf Tournament at Egwani Farms is underway and we are seeking sponsors and volunteers!
- Planning for CSI Holiday Party was discussed.



TROMBONE PLAYER by Tom Bob in New York USA

NOVEMBER 2022 PRESENTATION

Nashville Music City Convention Center Lessons Learned: 10 Years Later

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John has over 35 years of experience in the roofing and waterproofing industry and has held sales and technical positions with both national and regional firms. John is an active member in many organizations including IIBEC, CSI, A4LE, and GRHC. He resides in Metro Atlanta GA with his family.



Installation Photos

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Aerial photo of Music Center green roof

<https://www.sempergreen.com/us/references/music-city-center>

Closeup photo of Music Center green roof

A prior recording of John's seminar is at

<https://usa.sika.com/sarnafil/en/resource-center/continuing-education/webinar-library/green-roof-the-good-the-bad.html>



WHAT I LEARNED FROM CSI...

BIDETS AND BIDET TOILET SEATS (OR HOW TO CLEAN YOUR NETHER REGIONS BETTER)

What was one item in short supply at your grocery store when the Covid 19 pandemic started? If you answered, “toilet paper”, please read further for ideas on limiting your consumption of this precious resource.



Bidets are a very common restroom item in the remainder of the world outside of the USA. Bidets are cleaner and more environmentally friendly than toilet paper. They are also more common in senior living buildings, especially in nursing homes and hospice facilities. Bidet fixtures first appeared in France in the 1700's. A separate bidet fixture is similar to a low toilet bowl with different controls and is usually adjacent to the toilet. The bidet was first observed by many American soldiers during WWII in European brothels, so they became associated with sex work.

Several other countries have made bidets more sophisticated. A toilet seat bidet is one of the “new” options available to US consumers. Toto is a manufacturer of bidet toilet seats in Japan which include electric options and can provide a night light, a toilet seat warmer, warm the water, and the air dryer. Using a bidet consumes about 1/8 of a gallon of water and toilet paper is not required. You can reduce your use of toilet paper by about 75%.



<https://www.us.kohler.com/us/Kohler-Bidet-Seats/article/CNT130200001.htm>



<https://www.faucetdepot.com/resources/customizing-your-toilet.asp>

If you have been to plumbing accessory aisle in your local home improvement store, you might observe several toilet washing devices. There is a simple hand held cold water hose and nozzle arrangement that connects to the toilet water supply, but who wants to use cold water and then use toilet paper to dry off. There are many manufacturers who offer several different Bidet toilet seat options. If you have rotator cuff, wrist problems, or any other mobility issues, a bidet toilet seat can offer you some personal freedom. The night light option makes the toilet “glow in the dark”. A warm toilet seat is a welcome addition in the winter months. The electric water heater in most bidet toilet seats includes a temperature adjustment. The air dryer temperature is also adjustable. The water spray position has both anterior and posterior settings. The strength of the water spray is adjustable along with an oscillating movement which is available on some models. Some bidet toilet seats have a seat side mounted controller, but the controller is difficult to observe while using the fixture. Other models include a separate remote wall mounted controller that is much easier to use. One issue with an electric bidet toilet seat is the availability of a 120-volt receptacle. Some users utilize an extension cord plugged into the lavatory receptacle and use coaxial cable staples to route the power in a neat manner to the 3' long cord usually provided with the seat. Other homeowners back-feed the bidet receptacle through the shared wall cavity from an adjacent receptacle in the next room. Just make sure the receptacle is Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) rated.

On another note, washing with a bidet can help with cleanliness, which may lead to fewer instances of rashes, hemorrhoids, urinary tract infections, and other medical issues. And if you're worried about using toilet water to clean your rear end, you shouldn't be. The bidet

uses normal tap water which is just like the water from your sink. You might give a bidet toilet seat a trial run. Because, in the end (no pun intended), it's just washing yourself without hopping into the shower!

If you want to learn more about the finer points of building construction documents, specifications, and construction observations, please come the next local CSI meeting to meet fellow construction industry members and broaden your knowledge.

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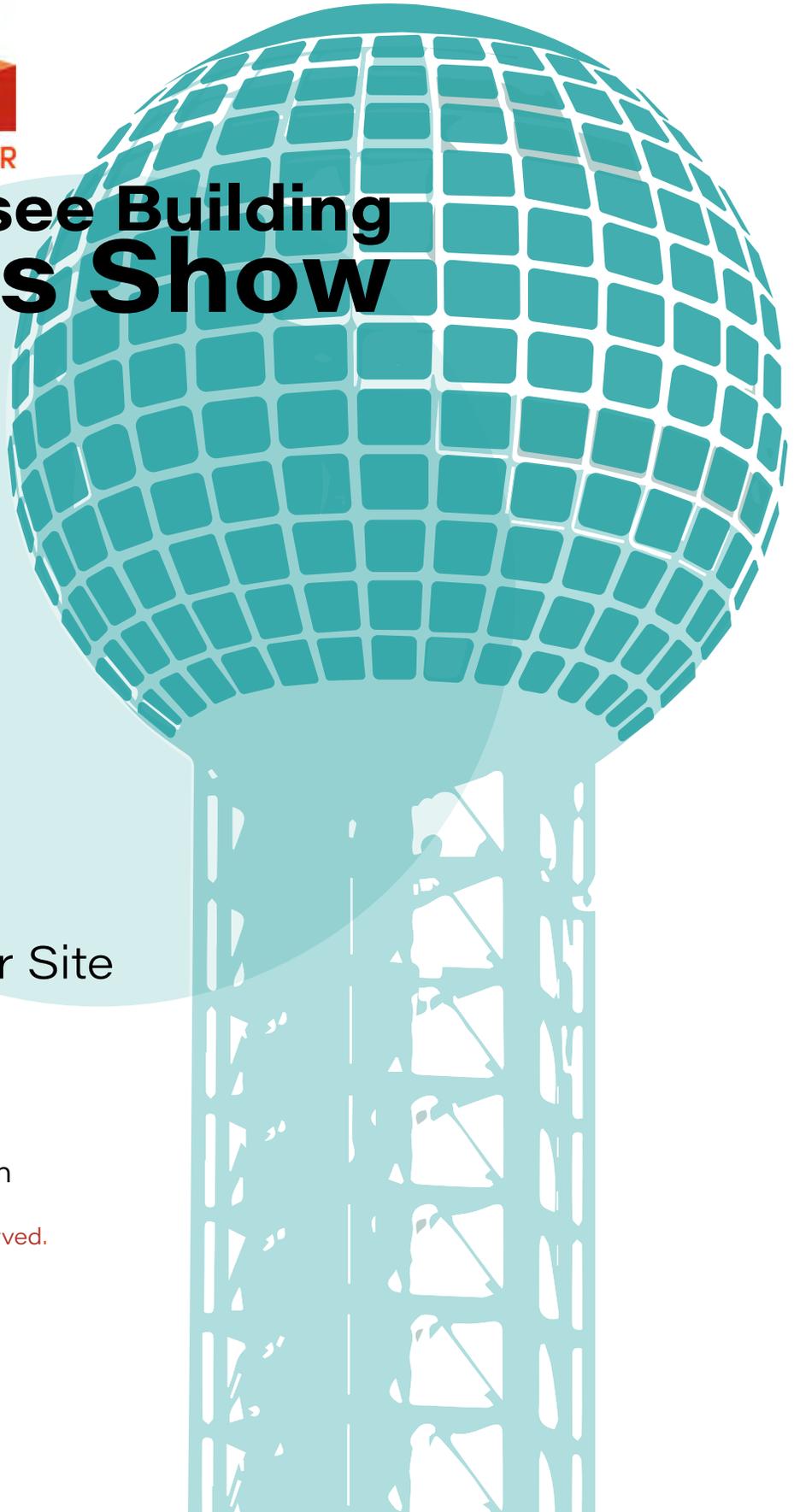
March 21, 2023
4:00 - 7:00PM

Foundry on the Fair Site
747 Worlds Fair Park Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37902

Special Event

Fire Marshal Panel Discussion
2:00 - 4:00PM
Free Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres will be served.

Everyone in the Design and
Construction Industry is invited
to this free event.



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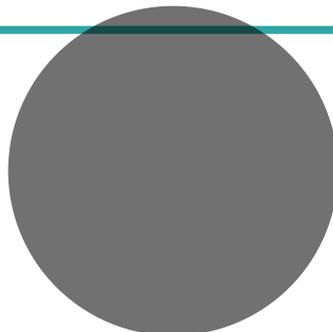
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For more information about the panel
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