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IMPORTANT Dates to Remember

- **Safety Awards Program -** Reporting forms Due April 1st
- **Membership Meeting**—April 18, 2019
- **M&M Sporting Clay Event**—April 26th—Flyer to follow
- **Safety Awards Program**—May 16th— Information to follow



2019 BCA/SJ Scholarship Program

Information outlining eligibility requirements for the 2019 Scholarship Program have been e-mailed to all BCA/SJ Members.

This membership service is offered to put greater emphasis on all aspects of education, not exclusively the construction industry.

Request an Application by contacting the Association Office—856-235-6950, or you may access the same on our website www.bcasj.com, click on the education tab.



BCA/SJ SPORTING CLAY EVENT Friday, April 26th

Come and join us and experience the fastest-growing shotgun sport in America—M & M Sporting Clays, Pennsville, NJ.

Originally designed to simulate hunting, sporting clays is now often described as “golf with a shotgun.”

Clay targets are presented in a variety of unique woods and open field situations on a course that is challenging and fun.

M & M's courses are the nation's finest, and considered by many to be among the best clay-target facilities in the world.

M & M offers a novice course and an advanced course to ensure fun for shooters of all experience levels and abilities.

Instruction and orientation is included to review safety requirements and basic skills before the event. Information to follow.

Beginners are welcome!



Tool Box Safety Talk

Winter Hazards/ Precautions

Work Zone Traffic Safety

Workers being struck by vehicles or mobile equipment lead to many work zone fatalities or injuries annually. Drivers may skid or lose control of their vehicles more easily when driving on snow and/or ice-covered roads. It is, therefore, important to properly set up work zones with the traffic controls identified by signs, cones, barrels and barriers, to protect workers. Workers exposed to vehicular traffic should always wear the appropriate high visibility vest, so that they can be visible to motorists.

Clearing Snow from Roofs and Working at Heights

Employers must evaluate snow removal tasks for hazards and plan how to do the work safely. Workers should be aware of the potential for unexpected hazards due to the weather conditions, for example, layers of ice can form as the environmental temperature drops, making surfaces even more slippery. A surface that is weighed down by snow must be inspected by a competent person to determine if it is structurally safe for workers to access it, because it may be at risk of collapsing. Snow covered rooftops can hide hazards such as skylights that workers can fall through. Electrical hazards may also exist from overhead power lines or snow removal equipment.

Employers can protect workers from these hazardous work conditions, for example, by using snow removal methods that do not involve workers going on roofs, when and where possible.



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South Jersey Labor Unions Poised to Build Offshore Wind Farm:

The South Jersey Building and Construction Trades Council – 23 unions and 25,000 members – signed a memorandum of understanding with Orsted, the Danish company that has proposed a 1,100-megawatt wind farm 15 miles off the coast of Atlantic City. Orsted says the project, called Ocean Wind, would create more than 1,000 construction jobs and take two to three years to complete. Orsted and the other firm that proposed a wind farm will hear from the state in July which company will receive ratepayer subsidies to proceed.

Special School Construction Vote Schedule for March in Florence:

A \$24.1 million referendum question for school construction in Florence (Burlington County) will come up on the March ballot. The two-part question will ask for voter approval of \$21.5 million in HVAC, roof, flooring and bathroom upgrades and repairs, parking lot improvements, and new security vestibules and interior doors at Roebing Elementary and Riverfront Middle schools. In addition, the elementary school (1330 Hornberger Avenue, Roebing), would get a new nurse’s suite, new fire alarm system and reconfigured main office. The middle school (500 E. Front Street, Florence) would have its home economics and wood shop areas converted into five classrooms, along with a renovated auditorium, media center, gym and locker rooms. Florence Township Memorial High School (1050 Cedar Lane in Burlington) would get a bus transportation center, A/C and bathroom upgrades, and parking lot improvements. The second part of the ballot question, worth \$2.6 million and contingent upon passage of the first part, proposes construction of pole barns for storage at the elementary and high schools and improved irrigation systems for athletic fields at the middle and high schools.

New OceanFirst HQ Approved in Toms River: The Toms River Planning Board approved construction of a seven-story (97 feet tall), 79,000-square-foot OceanFirst Bank headquarters building, just south of but on the same (Cont.)

property as the existing HQ, 975 Hooper Ave. The new site is undeveloped and will get 200 new trees and 875 new plants, plus have an existing tree barrier shored up. The building project includes reappportioning the existing parking lot to add more spaces; 2,700 square feet of retail banking space; 13,000 square feet dedicated to a cafeteria and an employee gym with lockers and showers; and new lighting. Variance was granted to allow the bank’s logo on the facade above the top floor.

March 10th Daylight Saving Time Begins

What Is Daylight Saving Time?

The DST period in the United States begins each year on the 2nd Sunday in March, when clocks are set forward by 1 hour. They are turned back again to standard time on the 1st Sunday in November as DST ends. As DST starts, the Sun rises and sets later, on the clock, than the day before. Today, about 40% of countries worldwide use it to make better use of daylight and to conserve energy.

When Did DST Start in the USA?

In 1916, during World War I, Germany became the first country to adopt DST to save energy for the war effort. Many countries across Europe soon followed suit. In the US, “Fast Time”, as it was called then, was first introduced in 1918. The initiative was sparked by Robert Garland, a Pittsburgh industrialist who had encountered the idea in the United Kingdom.

Only 7 months later, DST was repealed. However, some cities, including Pittsburgh, Boston, and New York, continued to use it.

“War Time” and “Peace Time”

In 1942, at the height of World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reintroduced the measure, instituting year-round Daylight Saving Time in the United States. Referred to as “War Time”, DST was in force continuously from February 9, 1942 to September 30, 1945. During this time, the US time zones were called “Eastern War Time”, “Mountain War Time”, “Central War Time”, and “Pacific War Time”. After the surrender of Japan in mid-August 1945, the time zones were relabeled “Peace Time”.

Remember ...Spring Forward...Fall Back!

