

OPMA JANUARY NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I would like to thank everyone for a great winter meeting with so many new faces. We hope to see everyone our training shows and would love any feedback on what we are offering to our members.

Happy New Year!

BJ Gall

Frame's Pest Control, Inc.

President, OPMA

A.C.E.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to those that attended our

December Board Meeting.

[VIEW MEETING MINUTES](#)

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Virtual Training Road Show

February 20, 2024

NPMA Legislative Day

March 10-12 2024 | Capital Hilton
Washington, D.C.

OPMA Board Meeting

March 22, 2024 | Virtual

NPMA Executive Leadership Forum

June 11-13 2024 | New Orleans, LA

OPMA Summer Meeting

July 11-14, 2024 | Salt Fork State Park
Lore City, OH

OPMA Board Meeting

July 12, 2024 | Salt Fork State Park

Recertification Training

September, 2024 | Ohio Department of Agriculture,
Reynoldsburg, OH

OPMA Board Meeting

September, 2024 | In Person and Virtual

NPMA PestWorld

October 22-25 2024 | Denver, CO

A.C.E. Preparation & Testing

December 2024 | Columbus, OH

OPMA Winter Meeting, Training and Trade Show

December 2024 | Columbus, OH

OPMA Board Meeting

December 2024 | Columbus, OH

Things to watch for:

Pest ID Virtual Training
And other educational events!

[Click here](#) for printable PFD of events!

2023 WINTER MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended OPMA's 2023 Winter Meeting.



[Click here](#) to view more pictures!

Thank you to our 2023 Winter Meeting Sponsors!

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Save the Dates!

2024 LEGISLATIVE DAY

**The Future of Pest Management Takes
Center Stage!**

March 10 - 12, 2024



March 10-12, 2024

Hill visits: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Join NPMA in Washington, DC, March 10 - 12 for Legislative Day!

This annual event is your opportunity to meet with Legislators and Hill Staff to share the vital role pest management plays in protecting public health, food, and property. Present a united front with your peers from across the country to ensure that pesticide preemption is passed at a federal level so only state-wide agencies, and not localities can regulate the sale and use of pesticides.

Your efforts will bring forth the change needed to effectively serve your local customers and communities through the safest and most consistent approach to pest management.

[Click here](#) for more information

OPMA VIRTUAL ROADSHOW

OPMA Virtual Roadshow
February 20, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Categories: CORE, 7, 10 a, 10b, 10d and FUME CEU will be applied for.

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[VIEW TENTATIVE AGENDA](#)

* The meeting will take place via Zoom. You will receive the link once you register. *

2024 SUMMER MEETING



July 12-14, 2024
Salt Fork State Park and Lodge
R-3, Cambridge, OH 43725

Room Block is OPEN!
Call 1-800-AT-A-PARK
Mention OPMA Summer Meeting Room Block at Salt Fork State Park

This year's theme is Wild West!

Country Wild West Party

Be ready to line dance and two step all weekend!

Cornhole tournament, costume awards, best vendor booth award, kids costume awards,

Junior Olympics, and a fun-filled weekend with great OPMA family and friends.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

OPMA Legislative Update- November 2023

City of Bexley Proposes “Mosquito Control Treatment” Registration and Notification-UPDATE

Background from previous update

An OPMA member informed OPMA that the City of Bexley is considering an amendment to the city ordinance that would require a “mosquito control contractor”, defined as “any person or firm in the lawful application of airborne pesticides intended for mosquito control” to obtain a registration from the city before doing work. It would also require “mosquito control contractor” to provide 48 hours advance written notice to all adjacent property owners of the subject property prior to treatment. The notice shall also provide the time of the application, chemicals used, method of application and “any additional information deemed relevant by the contractor”.

OPMA, through its OhioPLANT lobbyist, sent a letter to the city council explaining that such an ordinance is not enforceable as the state has training and license laws in place for pesticide applicators. OhioPLANT’s lobbyist also testified at the Sept. city council meeting.

Update

The Bexley City Council held a third reading of the proposed "Mosquito Contractor" ordinance at their October 10th meeting. When the measure was called, the city attorney informed the council members that OhioPLANT's legal arguments, provided in testimony at a prior council meeting, were correct and that the ordinance was preempted by the state's pesticide law. The council then moved to withdraw the ordinance and no longer consider the measure.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full report.

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PWIPM

The Professional Women in Pest Management (PWIPM) is an affiliate group of the NPMA whose mission is to attract, develop & support women in the pest management industry through educational programs, resources & peer networking. Contact Carlita Skok, Adrian Culpepper, Heather Alonso, & Allie Allen (info@ohiopma.org; adrian.culpepper@basf.com; heather.alonso@target-specialty.com; pwipm@pestworld.org). We will notify you when local events are happening.

OPMA NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to give a warm welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!!



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Barb's Consulting, Bees and Trees
Lucas Pest Management Company**

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What is a PAC (political action committee)?

A PAC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization formed to raise voluntary contributions to use in supporting candidates for state elective offices who share the beliefs and concerns of the members of the PAC. PACs serve to raise and contribute money to the political campaigns of individuals whose platforms agree with the aims of the PAC.

Does the Ohio Pest Management Association (OPMA) have a PAC?

OPMA does have a PAC – the Ohio Pest Control Association Political Action Committee (PAC) is a separate entity established by OPMA. The PAC is formed in accordance with Ohio Law. It is a voluntary, non-profit political organization and is not affiliated with any political party.

How Do I Contribute to the OPMA PAC?

Voluntary contributions to the OPMA PAC must be made in the form of cash, credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) or personal checks. Cash, checks and credit cards from individuals, limited liability companies and partnerships are permitted. Ohio Law prohibits a political action committee from accepting any donations from corporations.

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