

# HRUHCA Happenings 1<sup>st</sup> Half of January, 2016

## Happy New Year! Check out our new website!

Happy New Year from HRUHCA.

I am very happy to welcome you as the new HRUHCA President for 2016.

I wanted to extend a huge "thank you" to 2015 President and my good industry friend Danny Johnson for his outstanding leadership and service. He is a great guy and a great leader.

I look forward to serving with him again this year as he moves into the Past-President position on the HRUHCA Board.

I look forward to continue the progress that Danny made last year with the help of the board to grow the association and make it a valuable resource for everyone. I also look forward to work with you and your firm to provide the support that it needs to grow and prosper.

In case you have not yet gone to [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com), I wanted to announce to the membership that we have a brand new website. I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit our website frequently and take advantage of some of our programs, dinner meetings, industry training classes, and news.

The new website has been a year in the making, and Executive Director Jim Stepahin has developed it using the popular web hosting program WIX. The website will now be maintained in-house to assure that we can "turn on a dime" to provide you with the most up to date industry news and "happenings" in the Tidewater Region.

I hope to see you all at our first networking event of the year on Wednesday, January 20th at the Yard House Bar and Grille in Virginia Beach. We had a great time there last year and everyone enjoyed catching up with their industry friends after the holiday in a very relaxed atmosphere, so we decided to do it again. The yard house has a number of nice craft beers and IPO's to whet your whistle.

Also, take advantage of our new safety training classes and we are going to be offering more scheduled OSHA classes this year (OSHA 10, Confined Space, and Excavation). Some of our firm's safety directors will be involved in the teaching of these classes, and they hold a great deal of direct experience in identifying potential hazards that affect our firms on a daily basis. You can't get a better instructor than a HRUHCA safety director.

Sincerely,

John Saintsing  
Tri-State Utilities  
2016 HRUHCA President



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President John Saintsing  
Tri-State Utilities

# HRUHCA Announces New Website



HRUHCA is proud to announce the launch of it's new website at [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com). The new site has much more information about the association. There is a detailed introduction to our Board of Directors and our staff.

There is also a nice history of the association as well as our college scholarship foundation.

We have expanded our safety training offerings, and will soon announce our upcoming lunch and learn series, our golf tournaments, and our 2016 holiday gala theme and venue.

We hope to provide you with more industry news on a regular basis, and we are working to interface our website with our facebook page.


So check us out at [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com) and give us some feedback as to whether you like the site and perhaps how we can make it better. Just email Executive Director Jim Stepahin and let him know what you think.

## Come Join Us at the Yardhouse in Virginia Beach on Wednesday, January 20th

We had so much fun that we decided to do it again! HRUHCA invites you to attend our first event of 2016! Come out to the Yard House bar and grill and catch up with your industry friends after a long holiday break and enjoy delicious appetizers and 2 complimentary pints of craft beer of your choice.

Go to [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com) to learn more about this event and to register or click [HERE](#) to go directly to the event registration page.

**HRUHCA January Dinner Meeting**



3105 Western Branch Blvd., Unit 5C  
Chesapeake, VA, 23321, Ph (757) 484-7500

**Social  
Networking Mixer**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**  
**5:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**The Yard House**  
Virginia Beach Town Center  
4549 Commerce Street, Virginia Beach, VA

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*Dress is casual and there is no formal program.*

**REGISTRATION**

**Early Registration (By close of business, Friday, 1/15)**

Member	\$32.00
Member-Guest	\$32.00
Non-Member	\$34.00

**Late Registration (After close of business, Friday, 1/15)**

Member	\$35.00
Member-Guest	\$35.00
Non-Member	\$37.00

**HRUHCA Member Spouses can attend for only \$25.00!!!**

**Event Sponsor \$200.00**

Includes signage at registration and large "thank you sponsor" signs around the event area.

**Please Note:**  
HRUHCA now registers all attendees on the web.  
To register for this event, please go to the HRUHCA website at [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com) and click on the January Dinner Meeting tab.

## Virginia General Assembly 2016 Preview: Talk about Highway Tolls in Hampton Road could get very serious



RICHMOND - A decade from now, highway tolls will probably be common in Hampton Roads, Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne said recently.

Tolls could be used to help fund the wider roads, bridges and tunnels that planners say the area needs

.With that in mind, the coming [General Assembly](#) session will bring legislation meant to set the ground rules for this coming new reality.

[Click Here to Learn More and read the article](#)

## First Quarter Work Zone and ESCCC Erosion Control Classes for First Quarter



Go to [www.hruhca.com](http://www.hruhca.com) to see our first quarter safety training schedule and registration sites. Take advantage of bad weather and slow work loads and get your people trained before the busy season hits in the Spring.

We have also expanded our safety training offerings to offer some great OSHA competent person classes in confined space, excavation, and OSHA 10 Classes.

Don't forget. If you have a bunch of employees that need to be trained we can come to your facility and we also can offer you a volume discount on your training to help you afford to train more of your people.

So contact HRUHCA Executive Director Jim Stepahin at [jstepahin@hruhca.com](mailto:jstepahin@hruhca.com) or call him at 757.484.7500 and get your winter training classes scheduled.

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