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## Quarterly Workshop: “Shifting Real Estate and Property Management to Address Effective Recovery; Strategies for Return to Full Operations”



**Date:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021

**Time:** 12:00PM – 1:00PM

**No cost for members to attend**

**Subject Matter Experts** will discuss strategies and innovations for short term and long term implementation of preventive and proactive approaches to mitigating the pandemic effects on real estate.

Audience participation and questions are welcome – if you’d like to share in advance please email them to: [elizabeth@cqiassociates.com](mailto:elizabeth@cqiassociates.com)

#### Moderator and Panelists



**Peter Notari**

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### Panel Discussion and Q&A:

- \* What are Companies doing to get their staff back to work?
- \* What are you doing to help your tenants or end users stay in operation?
- \* How are you recovering from downtime and remote working?
- \* What strategies do you see employed to contribute to your tenants or company's transition to recovery?
- \* What are the financial strategies, financial outlay, subsidies, that have, or are, being deployed during the pandemic and/or suggestions for future plans to maintain and assist staff?

Thank You to the Workshop Sponsor



To learn more about the panelists and register visit the website at <https://ifmachapeake.org/meetinginfo.php?id=63&ts=1623601781>

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**IFMA CHESAPEAKE IS NOW ON  
FACEBOOK!**



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<https://www.facebook.com/IFMA-Chesapeake-177063813857264/>

# Annual Chapter Awards Gathering



Join your colleagues - *in person* - to network and recognize the contributions and successes of Chapter members during the past extraordinary year!

**Date:** Thursday, June 24, 2021

**Time:** 5:00PM – 8:00PM

**Location:** Valley Mansion, Cockeysville, MD 21093

**Spouses and Guests Welcome**

All Attendees \$50

**Sponsor** IFMA Chesapeake Chapter Board of Directors

**Agenda:**

5:00 PM - 6:15 PM Networking and Served Buffet Dinner

6:15PM - 7:00 PM Presentations and Reflections

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Social Time to Reconnect with Colleagues

Free parking

COVID 19 Guidelines will be in place. Read the guidelines [here](#).

Click [here](#) to register



## Member in the Spotlight



**John Bender, Service Manager, Facilities Development, Amtrak**

**We are pleased to feature John Bender as our Chapter Member in the Spotlight and invite you to read about his journey in FM.**

- \* **How would you describe your job?** With more than 500 passenger stations across the country, my job is very fast paced. In addition to facilities management, signage and capital improvements projects, I also partner with states and cities on the development of new stations. The enthusiasm local communities have for passenger rail across the country keeps me going.
- \* **How did you get started in facilities management?** I fell into FM quite by accident when my company reorganized and consolidated facilities functions and development under one group.
- \* **What is one of your favorite parts of the job?** Foremost is working with my amazing team, second is working on the national railroad and being part of a service that makes a meaningful difference to people across the country, and 31 million passengers annually.
- \* **What is one of your least favorite parts of the job?** I travel across the country and often to remote towns. So, what I like least is the lack of a data signal for extended periods.
- \* **Explain a benefit you've appreciated as an IFMA member?** As a new member, I suppose it has been the threaded conversations of other FMs seeking guidance on similar issues.
- \* **Is there any advice you could provide a young FM? Or what do you wish you knew when you first started?** To someone just starting out, I would say – if ever you are unsure of a decision, put the customer first.
- \* **Discuss a best practice that makes your job easier.** I don't schedule full hour meetings. So, I adjust the meeting invites so that a meeting from 1-2 will end at 1:55. Even just having that 5 minutes allows me to regroup for the next meeting or get a break.

- \* **What question would you like us to ask the next FM that we interview?** How has COVID-19 made you a better manager?
  - \* **How can we do a better job of recruiting young professionals to the FM field?** FM is a broad field, and it seems to vary considerably in organizational structure across companies, but I think those organizations that have a greater cross discipline approach will do better at attracting young talent.
  - \* **Who did you learn the most from when you first got into this field, and why?** When my current group was created and we suddenly had engineers and construction managers on the same team as the planners, it was fascinating to see how one project is viewed from different perspectives. It is still an amazing collaboration of skill sets, and I consider myself lucky to have this learning experience. At the start of this, I got a new boss who became one of my best mentors. He recently retired, but I owe him many beers after the COVID-19 lockdown ends.
  - \* **What do you do, or try to do, in order to have a healthy balance between work and your home life?** The commute used to act as a great buffer, but I've set my own rules for getting off the desktop. I still have the same mobile capabilities, but just getting off the computer early helps me be more present when 'family time' begins.
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## **IFMA Chesapeake Chapter Celebrates 35 Years!**

The dedicated volunteers and members are who make the Chapter successful.

Bring **your** family and meet the **IFMA Chesapeake Family** for an afternoon of relaxation, food, networking, games and fun! Let's get the families together!

Picnic Menu to include: Pit Ham and Beef, Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, Corn, Assorted Sides, and Dessert, Draft beer and Sodas

**Date:** Saturday, August 14, 2021

**Time:** 12:30PM - 5:00PM

**Location:** Kurtz Beach,  
2070 Kurtz Avenue  
Pasadena, MD 21122

**Cost:** \$30 All Adults

\$15 Children 6-10 years of age

Children under 6 - Free

**Non-Members and Guests welcome!**

Attend and celebrate 35 years of strong support of FMs and the Industry and enjoy the beautiful waterfront view! There is a nice breeze off the water, under the shade covered pavilions, and inside air-conditioned spaces for retreat and interior restrooms to rejuvenate.

Hosted by the IFMA Chesapeake Chapter

Click [Here](#) to Register

## ANNUAL CHAPTER GOLF OUTING!



Dust off your clubs and join us for our annual chapter golf outing on Tuesday, October 12. This is a wonderful fall day of fun on the links that always sells out, so don't miss out! Get your foursome together and plan to join us at Mountain Branch in Joppa, MD for great golf, fabulous food and networking!

Non-golfers may purchase a ticket to attend the social hour/dinner.

A spa option is also available, which includes a manicure/pedicure, AND a facial OR massage, as well as the social hour/dinner.

Registration and sponsorships will open on the website on June 28. For information, contact: René Carter at [rcarter@urinow.com](mailto:rcarter@urinow.com); 443-610-2200.

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## COMMON INTEREST GROUPS



Do you have a passion or hobby that you enjoy and would like to share with other chapter members? We would like to connect like-minded members and have them form informal groups that meet on a regular basis (Details to be determined by the group).

How it works: Respond to the email that you will receive with the passions, hobbies, or interests that you would like to share with others, or that you are interested in exploring. Example of activities: golfing, brewery tours, pickle ball, hiking, billiards, bowling, riding motorcycles, etc. We will collect them and send back out to the Chapter and see who has an interest in each activity. We will connect the people with the common interests and let you work out details (How often, where, when how, etc.....).

The group leader will let the Chapter Administrator know when and where the group will meet so details may be posted on the chapter website.

This will be a great way to connect with other chapter members in a smaller, more personal way. We look forward to hearing from you!

## IFMA Advocacy Day



**Starts:** Sep 12, 2017 12:00 AM

**Ends:** Sep 17, 2017 9:00 AM

**Location:** Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel  
999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

IFMA's annual Advocacy Day and Public Policy Forum will take place Sept. 12-13 in Washington, D.C., USA. This free event allows IFMA members and chapter leaders in the U.S. to utilize their experience and expertise in FM to help inform the public policy process.

Attendees will get a first-hand look at how Congress creates and implements the laws that affect FM, learn about pending legislation that may directly impact the industry and get policy updates from IFMA's legislative team, administration officials and members of Congress.

No experience is needed - all you need is a desire to help advance the FM profession. Come experience this tremendous benefit of IFMA membership and find out why so many attendees keep coming back each year.

Learn more here: <https://advocacyday.ifma.org/>

*Please note:* You can book a room at the Renaissance [here](#) to receive the \$279/night rate. This rate is available through August 15th.

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## FM RESOURCE DIRECTORY



IFMA Chesapeake can help you find top notch, reliable vendors for services needed at your facility, such as mechanical services, emergency services, fire protection, janitorial, and so much more! Click here to access the on-line Resource Directory. [IFMA - Chesapeake Business Directory](#)

**Please consider our associate members when you need an excellent service provider at your facility.** Count on our annual chapter sponsors to provide you with the best service and pricing!

## Join the Chesapeake Chapter's LinkedIn Group



LinkedIn is a great way to connect with your colleagues in the FM industry and stay informed on current events and industry news. You may also share *your* knowledge or start a group discussion about a topic of interest to you.

Visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) to create an account. Search for IFMA CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER and follow the prompt to request to join.



Looking for a great candidate to fill an open position at your facility? Send your job postings to René Carter [rcarter@urinow.com](mailto:rcarter@urinow.com) and we will post them here, and on the website.

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## Upcoming Events

**Educate | Engage | Encourage**

The latest news in the FM world and the Chapter's upcoming events are at your fingertips!

Click [here](#) to view calendar of events and register.