



September 20, 2016 NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend the **2016 Natural Gas Conservation Conference**, sponsored jointly by the [Minnesota Blue Flame Gas Association](#); major utility sponsor, **Xcel Energy**; and supporting utility sponsors, **CenterPoint Energy** and **Minnesota Energy Resources**. This year's session offers a variety of topics to help you get more for your natural gas dollar, plus you can earn a certificate of completion to use (if applicable) for professional development hours.

Natural Gas Conservation Conference

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Golf Club, St. Paul

Who Should Attend and Why

- ▶ **Who:** Facility managers, building owners, asset managers, building engineers, hotel and restaurant owners and managers, HVAC contractors and building design professionals.
- ▶ **Why:** To stay current with the latest changes in the natural gas industry and to help you manage your energy costs more efficiently and effectively. To maximize the return on energy efficiency upgrades. Learn about projections for the upcoming heating season, new technologies, how to maximize your equipment's efficiencies and save on energy costs. We provide displays of cutting edge technology to keep professionals current on trends, technologies, and strategies.

Agenda: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast. Visit vendor tables.
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Presentation – Natural Gas Price & Supply Update & Utility CIP Update Natural gas price and supply update for the coming heating season. Utility updates on new CIP programs. <i>Sarah Mead, Manager of Gas Supply, Minnesota Energy Resources</i>
9:30 a.m.	Session One. Choose from two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar A – Advanced Heat Recovery-Case Study Science Museum of MN implementing advanced heat recovery, DDC controls upgrade including CO2 demand ventilation, pneumatic damper actuation conversion, continuous commissioning program. <i>Pat Hamilton, Program Director, Global Change Initiatives, Science Museum of Minnesota</i>• Seminar B – B3 Benchmarking to Target Savings Potential - How benchmarking can find the 25% of buildings with 75% of the savings potential, and why energy use intensity isn't enough. <i>Chris Baker, Principal, The Weidt Group</i>

Break – visit vendor tables

11:00 a.m.

Session Two. Choose from two options:

- **Seminar A – Commercial Condensing Boiler Optimization**
Lessons learned from a local field study of 12 commercial boiler installations in Minnesota will be shared. The presentation will highlight common problems that led to disappointing energy performance and point out cost-effective opportunities to improve their operating efficiencies.

Russ Landry, PE, Senior Mechanical Engineer, CEE

- **Seminar B – Smart Building Technology**
Information to help you understand the benefits of a smart building.

*Ross Nelson, General Manager Controls, Harris Companies
John Fabian, Director of Business Development, Low Voltage Contractors*

12:00 p.m.

Break – visit vendor tables

12:30 p.m.

Lunch and Keynote Address: Strategic Energy Planning-Case Study: Rice Creek Commons

Navigating community energy development can be a challenge for even the most collaborative communities. There are technical complexities to finding local and renewable energy sources, designing for efficiency and local resilience, and coordinating projects to align with other infrastructure improvements. Ever-Green Energy will share learnings from the Rice Creek Commons energy planning and implementation process that required navigation of these challenges.

Michael Ahern, SVP System Development, Ever-Green Energy

Conclusion and Drawing for Prizes

Location and Sponsors

Location:

Hillcrest Golf Club of St. Paul
2200 E. Larpenteur Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108
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Directions: Click [here](#) to view directions to the golf club.

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Event Details

- ▶ Reserve Your Spot Now – Fills Fast – Limited Space!
- ▶ \$75 fee for members or customers of utility members (Ask about utility sponsorships when you RSVP. Many utilities are covering part or all of their customers' fees.)
- ▶ \$99 fee for non-members
- ▶ Continental breakfast and lunch are included.
- ▶ Tabletop booths and sponsorships are available. If your company is interested, contact Diane Swintek (see contact information below).

Register by Friday, September 16

To register, call Diane Swintek at **763-424-1841** or e-mail dswintek@blueflame.org.

When you register, be sure to check if there are registration discounts from your natural gas utility. **Please specify which seminar (A or B) you'd like to attend for each session.**

Mail your payment to: Minnesota Blue Flame Gas Association, PO Box 667, Osseo, MN 55369.
PayPal is available for credit card payments (a 3% service fee applies).

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