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Woodchucks Game Thursday July 19th 5:35pm tailgate

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the official season of Summer, we had TWO great events this past month.

Early in the month we had a super Parade of Homes with 10 Builders and 11 homes. Thank you to all who participated in this spectacular event. We had nearly 3,000 people tour the homes, two builder buses of our members toured on Monday, and a very profitable event.

Congratulations to our committee, again led by Travis Hoermann and Sam McLellan.

Last week we had a fabulous turn out for our annual golf outing with over 90 golfers. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all. We started out with sandwiches for lunch as we headed out on to the course, and finished up with a superb grilled steak dinner while prizes were distributed. Thank you to all of you who sponsored holes, prizes, and teams. Please congratulate Phil Pesanka, Amber Gober and the rest of the committee for the outstanding job on this event.

In July we have our annual summer baseball outing event which will again be held at the again updated and remodeled Woodchucks stadium. Please join us, this is a membership benefit event that is heavily subsidized to promote attendance and camaraderie. See you there!

And for August, watch for the information on the Sporting Clay Shoot, it will fill up fast!

Hey, next thing you know, it will be time for the Home Show! Get your booth at a discount now!

Russ Utech, 2018 WABA President

Joke of the Month —— How come there's no Knock

How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America? Because freedom rings.

MANAGE

Hi All! In this past month I have found myself still in a place where I am learning so much about the WABA members, the WABA organization, and how we fit into the community. I remain grateful to hold a position where I can be of help to facilitate some of the great things that happens in and because of WABA. I see members come together as friends at events and joke about competing over a project or two,



I see members that compete against each other on a daily basis in their businesses work together to raise money for the children in our community, and I see established business owners come and offer advice to their newest competitors. Our association is not designed to be a group that grows your business for you but rather an environment to help you grow into a better community member and help give you tools to become more successful at your job. What does WABA do to help you be more successful in your position? There are many answers to that question. In this association you can network with individuals in our industry, you have access to resources from NAHB, WBA, and here locally for industry knowledge and education, we keep you informed with political issues that affect the industry, and there are discounts available to members at each membership level; national, state, and local. The membership committee is working on promoting all the membership benefits to our members and I recommend that you keep an eye out for those. As most of us are deep into a very busy, busy season it is easy to put WABA on the back burner. I would like to challenge all of the members to remember that it is important to keep our industry active in the community and a great way to do that is with WABA. We can achieve great things together and we do with our community support, industry promotion, and political actions - don't forget to be a part of this! We had a great June that consisted of two successful events: the 2018 Parade of Homes and the 2018 WABA Golf Scramble. The Parade of Homes committee worked hard to produce yet another event that showcased so many companies and their talents. Thank you to the Parade of Homes committee for all your efforts, I had a blast working with all of you. The Golf committee also did a great job putting on an event where many of us got a chance to get out on a beautiful summer day and spend the day with friends, coworkers, and new friends. Thank you to the Golf committee and to all the golfers and sponsors that made the event an enjoyable one. I hope to see you at the Woodchucks game on July 19th. If there is anything I can help you with in the meantime please reach out!

> With Gratitude, ~ Cara Spatz, Business Manager

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Monthly Dinner Meeting July

Hello Members! Time to get ready for our upcoming July Event!! It's another GREAT Woodchucks Game to enjoy!! (Wisconsin Woodchucks vs.:Kalamazoo Growlers) Our WABA July Event will be held on Thursday, July 19th @ the Beautiful (Newly Renovated) Athletic Park, located @ 324 E. Wausau Avenue - Wausau. Here's the scoop! Something NEW this year...Our Wonderful WABA evening will start in "The Bullpen" which will be Wausau Area Builder Association's in entirety, and can hold up to 200 guests. The Special Bullpen WABA Package includes: "All You Care To Eat and Drink Ticket Package" picnic for two hours! The package includes Grilled Bratwursts, Angus Beef Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, coleslaw, potato chips, Pepsi Products, bottled water and draft Miller Lite. Enjoy the entire game from the comfort of the Bullpen! The bullpen features a variety of seating options and is located field level down the first base line. Tailgate starts @ 5:35 PM (Gates Open) (Game starts @ 6:35 PM with 1st pitch) And the cost to you for ALL of this?? How's \$10.00??! That's right...only 10 bucks per person - Age 11 and over!! (Pay only \$7 Age 3-10--which also includes 3 kid zone game tokens) and Children 2 and under/FREE! Wow! Lets beat our last years' attendance of 100 people! (down from the year before of 135) So mark your calendar members & guests...and get ready for a fun evening!! Come on out to watch OUR Woodchucks play some great baseball...and mingle with your WABA friends!! It will be a GREAT time!! Watch for your email and get your reservation in, and we'll see you all there!!

Mrs. Gloría J. Fenhaus Director & Chairman of Events

Congratulations to Seth and Lindy Jozwiak as they welcomed their second child. Calvin Robert, to the world on May 26th!

Do you have a topic you would like to learn more about at a future Monthly Membership Meeting? Contact Cara at the WABA office and let her know!

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9 Overlooked Spring Cleaning Jobs

Reprinted from the NAHB website

With winter finally over and warmer weather on the way, it's time to tackle all that spring cleaning! It can be a lengthy process but it's important that you don't miss these often overlooked steps.

Exterior Jobs

Winter can be rough on the exterior of your home. So you should start on the exterior before the spring rains cause more problems.



- 1. Clean out the gutters of any debris leftover from the winter storms and check to make sure your gutters are still securely fastened.
- 2. Clear away all the debris from your exterior drains. This will allow the heavy spring rains to properly flow and prevent back ups.
- 3. Check your windows for any cracking or splitting from the caulk. If so, clean off the mildew and replace the caulk.
- 4. The warming weather will inevitably lead to outdoor entertaining, so don't forget to clean off your patio furniture using a mild soap and warm water. Gently scrub away any dirt that has collected over the winter. If you have wrought iron and rust has started forming, gently sand it off.

Now, wipe off your shoes and head inside.

Interior Jobs

- 5. Unplug your refrigerator, slide it away from the wall and vacuum the dust that has accumulated on the condenser coils. This task may seem small, but can greatly extend the life of your refrigerator
- 6. Vacuum out the dust that is sticking to your air vents. After the vents are clear of dust, apply a thin layer of car wax on all surfaces of the vent to prevent dust from sticking and to allow for easier airflow.

Call in the Pros

There are still a few things left that should be done by professionals.

- 7. If you built a lot of fires over the winter, have a chimney sweep inspect your chimney and fireplace. This should be done annually to prevent housefires. As a bonus tip, throw a handful of salt into a fire to prevent soot and add some color to the flame!
- 8. Have a contractor inspect your roof for any missing, warped or loose shingles and check for loose seals on your skylights.
- 9. Before the weather warms up too much, have your HVAC system inspected by a qualified technician and, if needed, replace your filters.

Now that you've checked these jobs off your list, you can start enjoying the summer!

WB Foundation 2018 Golf Outing



Thursday, July 19, 2018 8:30 AM 2:30 PM

Trappers Turn 2955 Wisconsin Dells Parkway Wisconsin Dells, WI, 53965

Ticket Prices

\$125 single golfer \$500 foursome \$750 foursome with hole sponsorship To purchase tickets go to: www.wisbuild.org/wba-events/2018/7/19/wb-foundation-golf-outing

Sponsorship Opportunities Available! In addition to hole sponsorships, Birdie Sponsorships (\$2500) and Eagle Sponsorships (\$5000) are also available. Birdie sponsorship includes 2 foursomes. Eagle sponsorship includes 3 foursomes and a speaking opportunity. Please contact Joan at jolson@wisbuild.org for more details.

Ticket cost includes box lunch and drink ticket. "Happy Gilmore" packages include mulligans and string also available. Ticket sales through Monday, July 9th at noon or until sell out. Refunds available until Friday, 6/29.

Your attendance will assist the WB Foundation's efforts to promote and support future builders in the state of Wisconsin. Funds raised will go towards scholarships for students going into the building trades. With your help, we can ensure that Wisconsin students receive the opportunities they need!

Registration opens at 8:30 AM, Shotgun Start 9 AM (best ball scramble format). A brief scholarship awards program will close out the day.













Parade of Homes

The 2018 Parade of Homes was another successful event for the Wausau Area Builders Association. The parade featured 11 great homes from 10 of our builder members. We had an excellent turnout and had many, many great comments on all of the homes. I would like to thank all of the participating builders for putting their homes on display for the event, as well as the Parade of Homes committee members for organizing such a great event, and lastly, Cindy, Carolyn and Cara for all of their help throughout the year in making sure this event came together as well as it did. If you didn't get a chance to attend this years parade, make sure you make it a point to make it next year!





Would you like to offer discounts or incentives to the 2019 Parade of Homes builders? Please call Cara at 715-842-9510 or Travis at 715-574-8907 for more information.





Event with Governor Walker



Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:30 PM 5:00 PM

Glacier Canyon Conference Center 45 Hillman Rd Wisconsin Dells, WI, 53965

We are holding a very important event with Governor Walker in conjunction with our Member Meeting Day on Wednesday, July 18th at Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. I am asking for your financial

commitment to be a cohost for this important fundraising event.

We have host levels available at \$5000, \$2500, \$1000, and \$500, and we need your help today as a host to raise \$20,000 or more for Governor Walker's reelection effort. Sponsorships can be paid with a personal credit card via the Builders Direct Fund, or by check, invoicing, or credit card over the phone at (608) 242-5151 ext.

Governor Walker's campaign has indicated that any host committee member that commits to a \$1000 or above host level will have an opportunity to have a professional picture taken at the start of the event with Governor Walker as a thankyou for your financial generosity.

With Governor Walker's leadership since 2011, the WBA has been able to achieve great things to make housing for Wisconsin families more affordable, and this is a great opportunity to help support him with an eye towards November 2018.

Questions? Please contact Brad Boycks at bboycks@wisbuild.org.



Golf Outing

What another great Golf Outing. We had a warm sunny day for 92 golfers to enjoy our annual event! Couldn't have asked for a better turn-out. Great prizes, great food and lots of fun golfing! Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and spectators for giving us a great event!!!!!



ADVOCACY DIGEST



Special Election Split on June 12th

Recently there were two special elections held in Wisconsin, one for a state senate seat in northwestern Wisconsin and another for the state assembly held in a district that reaches across Dane, Columbia, Marquette, Green Lake, Dodge, and Fond du Lac Counties.

Each party claimed victory after the special elections, with the democrats picking up a seat in the state senate and the republicans holding an assembly seat.

For State Senate Minority Leader Jen Shilling, it was another talking point that she can use while raising dollars for the November general election. In January 2018, Shilling also picked up seat in the 10th Senate District and now she is 2-0 in 2018 and has closed the gap on the GOP majority to 18-15. Democrat Caleb Frostman defeated State Representative Andre Jacque by just over 800 votes to flip the seat. This seat has not sent a democrat to the state senate since Gerald Ford was President.

In the state assembly, Speaker Robin Vos got the win he was looking for on Tuesday when Jon Plumer defeated democrat Ann Groves Lloyd with an unofficial total of 4834 to 5713. Vos invested a great deal of time and money in the race on Plumber's behalf, and he is now able to say there is no "blue wave" coming for the GOP, especially anything that would jeopardize his majority in that house where the GOP currently holds 64 of the 99 seats.

Voters in the 42nd Assembly District will again have a chance to vote for either Groves Lloyd or Plumer in November, as they are the only candidates signed up to run for that seat on November 6th. In senate district 1, Senator-elect Frostman is the only democrat on the ballot for the fall. Jacque will face political newcomer Bill Nauta of Washington Island in the GOP primary on Tuesday, August 18th.

10 Democrats Make the Cut for August Primary to Challenge Walker

On June 1st, anyone running for office in the August primary and November general election in Wisconsin was required to submit nomination papers to get on the ballot for the elections in late summer and early fall. At one point, there seemed to be a never-ending list of democrats interested in running in the primary for the right to challenge Governor

Walker this fall, but, at the end of the day, the field now stands at 10 after the June 1 filing deadline.

The race for the democrat nomination for governor now includes 3 current or former state legislators, the head of a statewide union, a businessman, the current Wisconsin Superintendent, the head of a political watchdog group, the former head of the Democrat Party in Wisconsin, the current mayor of the City of Madison, and an attorney employed by J. Crew.

The large field of candidates is seen as a blessing because it shows a high level of intensity in wanting to defeat Walker in November, but it is also a curse because the candidates will be more focused on winning their primary before turning their sights to Walker.

Democrats held their state convention last weekend in Oshkosh, where the online political website Wispolitics.com held their annual straw poll to gauge the preferences of those who attended the convention. On Saturday it was announced that former State Representative Kelda Roys was the straw poll winner, taking 23.3% of the vote (184 votes) with firefighter union leader Mahlon Mitchell coming in second with 11.8% (93 votes), and Wisconsin Superintendent of Schools Tony Evers coming in third with 11.5% (91 votes).

The Roys campaign is capitalizing on the straw poll win to build momentum for her campaign and released a statement saying: "I'm running for governor because I have a vision for our Wisconsin as a place of opportunity and fairness," said Roys. "Today's poll proves that Wisconsin voters are excited to vote for a leader with a positive vision for our state, not just vote against things. We're gaining momentum every day by sharing our values of opportunity and fairness, with a hopeful, optimistic vision for our future."

The general election primary will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Longtime WBA Friend of Housing Rep. Young Announces Retirement

State Representative Leon Young announced recently that he would not be seeking another term in the state assembly after serving in the lower house for nearly 26 years. In the press release announcing his retirement, Young stated that "I have been unyielding in the fight for affordable and adequate housing, employment for youth and adults, improved public safety through sponsored legislation on gun control, assault weapons bans, micro-stamping, stolen cars, driver's license, etc."

During the debate on a rule to change the threshold for multifamily sprinkler in the 2007-2008 legislative session, Representative Young joined the GOP members of the Assembly Housing Committee in objecting to the increased regulatory requirement that was being pushed by the Doyle administration. After the democrats regained the majority in the state assembly in 2008. Young served as the Assembly Housing chair during the 2009-2010 session. For his efforts in support of polices to keep down the cost of housing for Wisconsin families Representative Young has been a longtime recipient of the WBA Friend of Hosing Award as voted on by the WBA Board of Directors.

Young announced that he would be returning to the Milwaukee Police Department where he served prior to being elected to the state assembly.

Additional Details from Recent Nomination Paper Filing

Groups like the WBA who will be active in the November 2018 elections and those who will be on the ballot were busy clicking "refresh" on the state elections commissions website on Friday before the filing deadline to see what the final list of candidates would look like. Several candidates, especially in the state assembly, had their fingers crossed that for a free ride with no opponent in November.

Current holder of the 1st Assembly District seat, Joel Kitchens, does not have a democrat running against him but did pick up a challenger running as an independent. The 1st Assembly District has been viewed as a possible pick up opportunity for the democrats since the area will already be a focus of the democrats in the state senate with that seat now open a special election happening on Tuesday, June 12th.

A number of republicans in suburban Milwaukee and democrats in and around Madison running for reelection to the state assembly have no challenger, largely due to the fact that these are heavily partisan seats where the opposite sides sees no chance of winning. For a complete listing of candidates running for the state assembly, click here.

There are fewer partisan primaries in the state senate with both parties mostly settling on one candidate that will advance to the general election with no primary race. One exception is that two democrats will be facing off to advance to the general election against State Senator Roger Roth. Lee Snodgrass faces Dan Grady in the August primary in the 19th Senate District to face Roth in November.

Democrat Tim Carpenter has no competition for this State

Senate seat while republicans Steve Nass and Chris Kapenga have no reelection competition on the republican side. Click here for the complete listing of candidate running for the state senate.

Abrahamson Announces She Will Not Run Again in 2019

Most of the campaign related conversations these days are rightfully focused on the primary and general elections in 2018. In early 2019, another big election is on the horizon which will have a significant effect on the future direction of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Recently former Wisconsin Chief Justice and current member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Shirley Abrahamson announced that she would not seek reelection to the seat on the court that she has held since 1976 when she was appointed to fill out a term on the court by then-Governor Pat Lucey.

In a letter released on May 30 Abrahamson stated, "For a variety of reasons, I have decided not to seek re-election. It is the right decision for me. More importantly, it is the right decision for the state. I will encourage qualified candidates to seek election and to do so in a way that honors the independent and non-partisan tradition of the judicial branch in Wisconsin—though that tradition has been tested too often."

With a now-open seat for a 10-year term as a member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, there will likely be a long list of attorneys and attorneys who will now consider a run in 2019.

Brad Boycks

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Member Meeting Day

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 8:30 AM 3:30 PM

Glacier Canyon Conference Center 45 Hillman Rd Wisconsin Dells, WI, 53965

Registration for Meeting Days opens two weeks before the event.



About Member Meeting Days:
The WBA holds quarterly Member Meeting Days, with two being virtual. Advocacy and membership topics are covered in the morning, and--after a complimentary lunch--the Board of Directors meet.

Location of meetings varies.



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Air Conditioner Check-Up Time

Reprinted from the NAHB website



TEST CONTENT UPDATE

Don't wait until the first scorcher of summer hits to find out your air conditioning isn't working. Here's some advice to make sure your A/C stays in good working order and is ready for you when you need it.

Whether you have a central air conditioning system or room air conditioners, the maintenance is basically the same. If you have room air conditioners, unplug them before you start to clean and check them.

Vacuum Grills and Vents

First, vacuum the front grills, air registers and return air

Check Air Filters

Next, remove the grill on the main unit — and all window units — to check the air filter. Before removing the filter, notice how it is held in place so you can reinstall it correctly. Many filters simply slide in and out or are draped from prongs on the air conditioner body or the back of the grill. Be sure to read the filter packaging to see which side faces up.

Dirty filters are a common cause of air conditioner problems and inefficient operation. Filters should generally be cleaned or replaced every four to six weeks in the peak of the cooling season. To clean a washable filter, brush it free of lint, then wash it in warm soapy water. Squeeze and let the filter dry completely before reinstalling it.

Clean Fins and Coils

While the filter is out, check the condition of the evaporator fins or coils. These are normally exposed by removing the filter. Warm air drawn into the air conditioner passes through the filter and then over the fins or coil, where it is cooled and blown back into the room.

Vacuum the fins or coils carefully, using a soft brush attachment. Avoid bending the fins. If damaged, they may block the flow of air and cause the air conditioner to whistle. To straighten bent fins, insert a putty knife between them and pry gently.

Drain the Drip Pan

Beneath the fins or coils there is normally a small drain hole to channel condensed water to a drip pan in the rear of the air conditioner. Poke a wire or straightened paper clip through the drain hole to clear it, especially if you notice water. It should drain out right away. If a window unit doesn't drain properly, use a carpenter's level to check the mounting of the unit. It should slope at least a quarter of an inch downward toward the rear.

Does the unit smell musty? The smell is a sign of mold or bacteria growth in the water drip pan. If the smell persists after the drain hole has been cleared and the unit cleaned, professional servicing may be necessary.

Check Outdoor Surroundings

For maximum cooling, the outdoor part of an air conditioner should be shaded from the sun. Trees, shrubs or an awning can provide the shade, but they must be far enough away to allow warm air to escape. Foliage should be trimmed back at least two feet, and even more in corners where air is

Like any major appliance in your home, your cooling system should be checked and cleaned periodically by a professional. See your owner's manual for the recommended frequency of this care.

Thank You...



The Salvation Army 202 Callon Street Wausau, WI 54401-4661

May 2018

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Wausau Area Builders Assoc. 801 S 24th Ave Wausau, WI 54401-5228

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SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

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