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Watch July News for more info. Get ready for some GREAT baseball...and come on out to watch OUR Woodchucks play! Our picnic will be held at the Beautiful (Newly Renovated) Athletic Park, located @ 324 E. Wausau Avenue-Wausau! We will have such a wonderful view and a beautiful area, as we are booked in the "Miller Light Loft!!" (Left field) For EACH attending...you will not only receive 2 sandwiches with the accompanying sides plus 2 beverages (beer / soda) of your choice... but, you will **ALSO receive "A Woodchucks Logo Baseball Hat!!**" Woo Hoo! So mark your calendars members & guests...and get ready for a fun evening!! Watch for reservation announcement coming soon...and we'll see you all there!! Director and Chair of Events, Mrs. Gloria Fenhaus

Wausau Area Builders Association

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The Wausau Area Builders Association, chartered in 1967 and affiliated with the Wisconsin Builders Association and National Association of Home Builders, is a professional non-profit trade association. Serving the community we represent the interests and concerns of the consumer, building trades, industry suppliers and all facets of the building industry.

The primary goal of our association is to provide quality, affordable housing through community and government involvement, while promoting high standards of professionalism.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The load limits were finally lifted this week so a few of our Builders in the Parade can breathe a big sigh of relief. That is the good news. The bad news is crunch time is coming fast and now you will be sleep deprived in order to get your houses done. First and foremost be safe. Secondly may I suggest that you get one of those cut outs of yourself so your family knows what you look like. On behalf of the entire Association I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your

efforts on our behalf. This also applies to all the subcontractors and suppliers as well. Your combined effort is appreciated.

The golf outing is scheduled for Friday June 20th. Please locate the details in the newsletter and sign up your team or as an individual. Jerry Jarosz and his Committee are working hard to make this a fun day so don't miss the opportunity to join us. All profits from the golf outing will go to our Scholarship Fund so let's all chip in and help make it a success. Rumor has it that "Old Mil" will be available on the course and that alone should be enough of an incentive to come out and join us.

Mark your calendars for July 28th which is the date of our WABA picnic. It will be held at the newly remodeled Athletic Park and includes the Woodchucks game. Details will be in next month's newsletter.

I was hoping that by the time you read this charges would have been filed against Chris Briquolet. I am sorry to tell you that will not be the case. We received an email from the assistant DA stating that if we agree to conduct the initial court appearance after June 12 Chris will waive his right to a preliminary hearing. What that means to us is that we will save time, the State will save money and it allows us to retain as many charges as we file against him. I know this is another further delay but the DA feels that it is a small price to pay in return for a huge benefit as far as our case is concerned. I feel it is in our best interest to go with their recommendation . Hopefully that will mean that we will be well on our way to bringing this to a conclusion.

NAHB recommended that we have one voice that will speak to the media when the news breaks. At the last Board meeting they voted to make me the voice. I will do my best to keep you informed as the events unfold and to represent our Association with the utmost of professionalism.

Once again last month one of the Sorensen boys won the free drink. Sid said he waited 30 minutes for the bee to land on a dandelion so he had the perfect shot. I appreciate your effort Sid. This month I will buy a drink for the first person to send me a picture of one of your children or grandchildren with a fish on the end of their pole. Seeing as how neither Sid nor Tony fishes I am hoping that someone else will take the prize.

Summer is finally here so make sure you take the time to enjoy it. We anxiously await its arrival every year so make the most of it. There is a reason you pay taxes on that cottage up north or why you have that payment on your boat or camper. Make sure you are getting your money's worth.

I also want to wish a happy Father's Day to all those fathers in the Associaton. Remember, that is your day so milk it for all its worth.

Larry Meyer, WABA President

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Three engineers and three accountants were traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three accountants each bought tickets and watched as the three engineers bought only one ticket.

"How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asked an accountant.

"Watch and you'll see", answered an engineer.

They all boarded the train. The accountants took their respective seats, but the three engineers all crammed into a rest room and closed the door behind them. Shortly after the train departed, the conductor came around collecting tickets. He knocked on the restroom door and said, "Ticket, please".

The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with a ticket in hand.

The conductor took it and moved on.

The accountants saw this and agreed it was a quite clever idea. So, after the conference, the accountants decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that). When they got to the station, they bought a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers didn't buy a ticket at all.

"How are you going to ride without a ticket"? said one perplexed accountant.

"Watch and you'll see", answered an engineer.

When they boarded the train, the three accountants crammed into a restroom and the three engineers crammed into another one nearby. The train departed. Shortly afterward, one of the engineers left his restroom and walked over to the restroom where the accountants were hiding. He knocked on the door and said, "Ticket, please."





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Dear Fellow Wausau Area Builders Association Members,

It's that time of year again and the Golf Outing Committee is meeting regularly to organize the Annual WABA Golf Outing. The event will be on Friday, June 20 at Pine Valley Golf Course with a 12:30 Shotgun start.

This year the proceeds from the event will go directly to the Community Foundation to fund WABA Scholarships.

The Committee is seeking various sponsorships for the event. Below is a list of available sponsorships, if you see one that would fit your company contact either myself at the number listed below, or Carolyn at the WABA office.

2014 WABA Golf Outing Sponsorship Opportunities:

- 1. Driving Range Sponsor: \$75 (1 Available) WABA will provide the sign
- 2. Hole Sponsor: \$75 each (32 Available) WABA will provide the Tee Box Sign
- 3. **Beer Hole Sponsor:** \$150 each (2 Available) WABA will provide the Tee Box Sign and One Quarter Barrel of beer.
- 4. **Beverage Cart Sponsor:** \$150 (2 Available) WABA will provide signage. Carts travel the entire Front Nine and Back Nine throughout the event, being exposed to the player field multiple times throughout the day.
- 5. Hole in One Sponsor: \$75 (4 Available) Hole Sponsor must provide a prize with a minimum price of \$1,000 first come, first serve!
- 6. Putting Contest: \$75
- 7. Lunch Sponsor: \$75

As stated earlier, if one of these available sponsorships is a fit for you and your company, contact us and a member of the Golf Outing Committee will follow up by contacting you. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call.

Thank You in advance for your consideration as a sponsor of the WABA Golf Outing.

See you on the course!

Sincerely,

Jerry Jarosz - 715-574-8258

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Mail registration and payment to: WABA - 801 South 24th Ave. - Wausau, WI 54401 or call in credit card number to the office at 715-842-9510. For questions call Jerry Jarosz at 715-574-8258.

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		POH Committee Meeting - 12:30 pm		Board Packets Sent - 5:00 pm		
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		Home Show Committee Meeting - 2:00 pm				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		BOARD MEETING - 4 pm			Golf Outing	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Roth for State Senate, make a contribution today!

Recently former member of the State Assembly and current builder member Roger Roth announced his intention to run for the 19th State Senate District, currently held by Senator Mike Ellis.

Roth is expected to be the only Republican running for the office and will face current State Representative and former Sierra Club staff

member Penny Benard Schaber (D-Appleton). The race for the open 19th State Senate seat is expected to be the highest profile race for state senate in Wisconsin this fall.

Roger Roth is a great candidate and will do a tremendous job as a member of the State Senate. Right now his biggest challenge is that he just announced his candidacy and has little to no funds while his opponent has over \$100,000 in the bank.

That is where you can help today by making a personal contribution online to the Builders Direct Fund and directing those personal funds to Roger Roth's campaign for State Senate.

Use the Builders Direct Fund to support Roger Roth for State Senate by using a personal individual credit card. To give online, click here and read the directions on the top of the page before submitting. To direct your contribution from the Builders Direct Fund to Roger Roth simply put "Roger Roth for State Senate" in the "Special Instructions" section.

For more information on the Builders Direct Fund or other political giving options, please click here.

Any dollar amount early in the campaign helps! Again, please click here to use the Builders Direct Fund conduit and support member Roger Roth for State Senate!

Improved DSPS website on wall bracing announced

As you know on April 1, 2014 new rules went into effect on a more efficient way to ensure homes are safe in Wisconsin and have proper wall bracing that reduces the confusion of the old wall bracing rule.

Since the implementation date of April 1, 2014 the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has updated their website to provide additional information to help with the implementation of the new rule. The updated website includes a YouTube video to comply with the new rule and an enhanced "Question and Answer" section that WBA helped create that also had the input of DSPS staff and members of the Uniform Dwelling Code Council. Click here to access the updated DSPS website on wall bracing.

For members who work with a designer, architect or engineer on the design of your homes please forward this information to them so they can get this up to date information as well.

While the new code is easier and less expensive to comply with than the old rule, WBA recognizes that there will be questions from members. Remember that you have free access to the WBA code hotline (1-888-947-2458). The hotline is ready and will be available for members that have questions on the wall bracing rule.

Governor Lucey responsible for statewide 1 and 2 family building code

Recently the announcement of the passing of former Wisconsin Governor Pat Lucey was reported by the news media. Lucey served first as a member of the state assembly, then lieutenant governor, and finally as governor from 1971-1977. On July 6, 1977, Lucey resigned as governor to become President Carter's United States Ambassador to Mexico.

I received a message from Tony Driessen who way back when worked as a contract lobbyist for WBA. He reminded me of the fact that it was Governor Lucey who signed into law the bill to make Wisconsin's one and two family building code a uniform code. UDC uniformity became effective for homes built after December 1, 1978.

So, as we look back at a governor who is generally well regarded for working with both sides of the aisle on public policy, it is important to note Lucey's contribution to housing with the passage of the uniform dwelling code in the late 1970s.

Time reporting for exempt employees no longer required in Wisconsin

For those member companies who have exempt employees, a recent law change that affects time reporting requirements for employees is important to note.

Before April 18, 2014, all Wisconsin employees, both hourly and those on salary were technically required to keep a time log of the hours they worked. On April 17, 2014, Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 712 into law which is now in effect as 2013 Wisconsin Act 286.

Court case means no limit on contribution to state PACs

An interesting trickledown effect of a campaign finance decision recently issued by the United States Supreme **Court has had two effects here in Wisconsin.**

First, the current \$10,000 limit that an individual could give to all state candidates is no longer enforceable. What does this mean? In the past if you gave \$10,000 in a calendar year to a candidate for governor, this was the maximum you could give to any state candidate, meaning you could not also give \$500 to a state assembly candidate because you would exceed the \$10,000 cumulative giving cap. Recently the Government Accountability Board stated this law would no longer be enforced because of the Supreme Court decision.

One other effect of the court case is less talked about but important to note as well. Currently Wisconsin does not have a limit on the amount a person can donate to a political action committee (PAC). With no language in the state statutes capping the amount an individual can give to a PAC, the de facto limit has always been the above

mentioned \$10,000 cumulative limit. With the cumulative limit no longer in effect, that now means that an individual can give unlimited amounts of money to a PAC.

A big push over the next few months is to raise more money for the Building A Better Wisconsin PAC. If anyone is interested in making a large expenditure to the PAC this spring, summer or fall, please just give me a call! We have plenty of good places to make good use of your funds!

Does a muni in your area require a test/fee to pull a permit?

You may remember a few years back WBA working on the submission of an Attorney General opinion to clarify if local municipalities were still able to require a fee and test for contractors after the passage of a state builder education bill. The results of that AG opinion came back saying that in light of the statewide law, locals could not require a test and fee for contractors pulling a building permit in a municipality.

We recently received notice that Sheboygan is still requiring a contractor license even after the local association advised them of the AG opinion on the matter.

WBA has started to have a conversation on the City of Sheboygan matter with high ranking officials at the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

Question, do you do work in a municipality that still requires you to obtain a contractor license and the payment of an additional fee to pull a building permit? If yes, click here further discuss ways to make munis aware of the AG opinion on the matter.

Plumbers and Electricians needed to serve on code revision committee

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) is looking for a few good plumbers and electricians who would be willing to serve on a committee to begin an extensive review of both respective codes starting soon. The Uniform Dwelling Code Council is making great strides to modernize the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) and will soon be issuing a report that will contain many time and cost saving improvements. We hope that those that advise DSPS on the plumbing and electric code can also find some time and cost saving changes to the code.

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Mark your calender for Monday, July 28th for our summer picnic at the Woodchucks Game!! We have a SPECIAL loft reserved just for US, with food & drinks!! More details to come in July news!!

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Most Sincerely, Graham Jennings Jane E

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Wallson Area Builders Association Scholarship Committee,

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Dear WABA,

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- Assessing an organization's capacity to pursue multifamily housing and what resources are available to them.

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