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The October Dinner Meeting is our associates opportunity to display their products & talk one on one with the Builders. The Builders are required to attend this meeting and talk to all Associates displaying if even considering a Parade Home for 2016. The entry fee is \$50 per table top. These are filling up fast, so please call Carolyn today at 715-842-9510.

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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



Fall has officially arrived. It doesn't seem like it though. I'm sitting on the patio at 8 pm, in a pair of shorts and t-shirt enjoying the beautiful evening. I'm hoping this will last until December. I can dream can't I?

Thanks to Furniture and Appliancemart for hosting a great dinner meeting for September! It was a great evening, great food and great attendance.

We got some great press on TV with the \$5,000.00 check being presented

to the Honor Flight from the Clay Shoot proceeds plus the \$500.00 that Furniture and Appliance added Thursday evening. Thanks to Larry and Alex from Larry Meyer Construction and everyone else that helped make it a success and to all who did the shoot.

October is the Parade of Homes kick off meeting on October 22 at the Great Dane. It is the 4th Thursday because of scheduling problems.

There aren't many tables left if you want to promote your business. This meeting is one of the best attended which gives you a great opportunity to show what you have.

Contact Carolyn or Travis for your spot.

Sid Sorensen, WABA President



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COMMITEES UPDATES

EVENTS

Well, we kicked off the start of our dinner meetings @ "The Beautiful Furniture & Appliancemart" in September! What a wonderful time we all had! Thank You again Monty!! The WABA sooo appreciates YOU!! Mark your calendar for October 22nd, for The WABA Parade of Homes 2016 Kick Off and Table Top!! Held @ the Beautiful "Great Dane" starting @ 6 PM Cocktails-7 PM Dinner @ 2305 Sherman Street Wausau All Builders MUST be there...so this is the perfect time to showcase YOUR business to all Associates!!! Get your Table Top reserved and get your reservation in...You don't want to miss this GREAT opportunity!! ~ Mrs. Gloria Fenhaus / Director & Chair of Events



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A very shy guy goes into a bar and sees a beautiful woman sitting at the other end. After an hour of gathering up his courage he finally goes over to her and asks, tentatively, "Um, would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?" To which she responds by yelling, at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!" By now, the entire bar is staring at them. Naturally, the guy is hopelessly and completely embarrassed and he slinks back to his table. After a few minutes, the woman walks over to him and apologizes. She smiles at him and says, "I'm sorry if I embarrassed you. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations." To which he responds, at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean \$200!"



Another Home Show is approaching fast! The 2016 Show will be held at The Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center (formerly The Patriot Center) for the 7th year. Last year was the first time in a number of years that we had all our booths filled when the show started!

For 2016 we have many advance registrations, and with the number of exhibitors returning and asking for more booths, we have decided to use some additional space at the Expo center, so we are taking reservations for booths in the ballroom. In the last three years we have had numerous requests for this, and we feel that 2016 will be the time to expand the show.

We have also changed the date to the last weekend in February for 2016.

If you are interested in a booth for 2016, and you were not in the 2015 show, please contact me, or follow this link to the floorplan at Booth Boss and reserve your booth today!

You will see that we have redesigned the layout, moving the kitchen demo to the ballroom, and using the center court area of the main exhibit hall for seminars. The new ballroom area will be used as a garden center type area, and if you are in the landscaping business, call me for a special show pricing to access this area.

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If you are interested in doing a seminar, please get in touch with Larry Meyer at 715-848-0518 or larry@larrymeyerconstruction.com.

Thank you and have a great fall building season!

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September 22, 2015

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Carolyn - thank you and the Wansall Area Builder Association for your partnership and support of hospice through the Foshiod of Tree!

Please keep this receipt for 2015 tax purposes.

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THE MONDAY MORNING REVIEW



Justice Crooks decides again reelection

Recently Supreme Court Justice Patrick Crooks announced that he would not seek reelection to the post he has held for close to 20 years. Many had been expecting this announcement but others saw indications that Justice Crooks

may be considering making another run for the office he has held since 1996.

Crooks was elected to his first 10-year term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1996, and he was re-elected in 2006 without opposition. His retirement date coincides with the end of his current term and will give voters a chance to choose his replacement on the Supreme Court in the 2016 spring election.

In a statement announcing his retirement Justice Crooks stated, "Supreme Court justices play a crucial role in our legal system and in our form of government. People rely on all judges, including Supreme Court justices, to decide cases fairly and impartially, according to the law and the facts of each case. A judge must be nonpartisan and independent in deciding cases, and in carrying out her or his role in a co-equal branch of government."

Justice Crooks' retirement will trigger a rare open seat here voters will choose a replacement in the spring of 2016.

Judge Rebecca Bradley announces run for Wisconsin Supreme Court

With the announcement of Justice Crooks' retirement came the announcement from Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Rebecca Bradley that she is a candidate to successes Crooks in the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the spring of 2016.

"I review decisions made at the trial court level and write published opinions that are binding precedent unless overturned by the Supreme Court. These have been the most rewarding experiences of my professional life, and I am grateful to those who expressed confidence in me with their support and votes. In response to the encouragement of citizens all over Wisconsin, I humbly offer my candidacy for the Wisconsin Supreme Court." Bradley stated.

The two most likely candidates that will advance out of a primary for this now open seat are Judge Bradley and Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg. Kloppenburg lost a very close race to Justice Prosser in the spring of 2011 when Act 10 was still being debated before the Wisconsin Legislature.

For more information on Judge Bradley click here. and for more information on Judge Kloppenburg click here.

Bill to require inspections of "major renovations" passes State Senate

Recently the Wisconsin State Senate signed off on a bill supported by WBA that would require the inspection of "major renovations" which are defined in the bill as any renovation that exceeds 20% of the assessed value of a one or two family home.

Senate Bill 87 (SB 87) passed the State Senate on Wednesday, September 16 on a voice vote after receiving a bipartisan vote in committee of 5-0.

Next up will be getting a vote in the State Assembly to sign off on the senate version of this bill. The companion bill to SB 87, Assembly Bill 111, had an amendment added in committee that made significant changes from what is now contained in SB 87.

WBA is now advocating for passage of SB 87 and is not working to advance AB 111 after hearing concerns from legislators and other interest groups that the changes contained in AB 111 went too far.

The State Assembly is not taking up SB 87 in September so we will be working to determine the best course of action to get SB 87 approved in the State Assembly before the close of session in early 2016.

Please take 2 minutes to help WBA's Advocacy Agenda in the future

When WBA is working on an issue we often times send out notice via e-mail asking members to contact their respective member of the Wisconsin Legislature to support legislation or to sometimes oppose legislative initiatives. WBA members' contacting their elected members of the legislature is a key to legislative successes this session.

Next time you receive an "advocacy call to action" from the WBA Advocacy Action Network please take two minutes to use the system to send a quick e-mail to your elected official.

Your voice needs to be heard and this simple system allows each WBA member to quickly send a message to the legislature to help advocate for strong housing policies.

Race for the 18th Senate District heats up

Most election watchers see the 18th Senate District as the most competitive race set to take place in November of 2016. Currently this seat is held by freshman State

Senator Rick Gudex who won the seat with a victory over former State Senator Jessica King by 600 votes in 2012.

The 18th Senate District is a reliably GOP area when voting in off election years for governor but trends more democrat during presidential elections when the election for state senate takes place every four years.

Recently current Winnebago County Executive and former congressional candidate Mark Harris announced his intention to challenge Gudex in 2016. Some have stated that there may be other democrats who announce for the seat but Harris is likely the preferred candidate of democrats in Madison.

Any path for democrats to regain the majority in 2016 or 2018 must start with Harris or some other democrat beating Gudex in 2016.

Brad Boycks

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OCTOBER 22ND

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NOVEMBER 19TH

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JANUARY 16TH, 2016

HOLIDAY & AWARDS BANQUET The Elks Club



2016 Show Schedule

Dates, times and locations are all subject to change.

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am-5:00 pmPre-Show Courses12:00 pm-5:00 pmExhibitor Registration Open

Sunday, January 17

7:00 am-5:00 pmAttendee/Exhibitor Registration8:00 am-5:00 pmPre-Show Courses

Monday, January 18 8:00 am-5:00 pm Pre-Show Courses

Tuesday, January 19

6:30 am-6:00 pm	Hotel Shuttle Service
7:00 am-5:00 pm	Attendee/Exhibitor Registration
7:30 am-5:00 pm	IBS Centrals
8:00 am-9:00 am	Opening Ceremonies
8:00 am-5:00 pm	The Bookstore at Design & Construction Week
9:00 am-5:00 pm	IBS Exhibits
10:00 am-4:00 pm	IBS Education Sessions*
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Beer Garden at Show Village
5:00 pm-9:30 pm	The Nationals**
6:30 pm-8:30 pm	IBS House Party**

Wednesday, January 20

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6:30 am-6:00 pm	Hotel Shuttle Service
7:00 am-5:00 pm	Attendee/Exhibitor Registration
7:30 am-5:00 pm	IBS Centrals
8:00 am-4:00 pm	IBS Education Sessions*
8:00 am-5:00 pm	The Bookstore at Design & Construction Week
9:00 am-5:00 pm	IBS Exhibits
10:00 am-12:30 pm	Sales Rally*
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Beer Garden at Show Village
5:00 pm-6:30 pm	NAHB Student Chapter Awards
6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Best in American Living Awards**
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Young Professionals
	After Hours Party**

Thursday, January 21

6:30 am-6:00 pm	Hotel Shuttle Service
7:00 am-5:00 pm	Attendee/Exhibitor Registration
7:30 am-2:00 pm	IBS Centrals
7:30 am-3:30 pm	IBS Education Sessions*
8:00 am-5:00 pm	The Bookstore at Design & Construction Week
9:00 am-5:00 pm	IBS Exhibits
3:30 pm-4:00 pm	Best of IBS Awards
5:00 pm-7:30 pm	IBS Spike Concert**

*IBS Full Registration Required **Ticketed Event

Registration & Housing Details opens September 1, 2015 Early Registration is Oct. 1 - Nov. 20, 2015 • Regular Registration is Nov. 21, 2015 - Jan. 16, 2016 Housing Deadline: Dec. 18, 2015 **For more information go to www.buildershow.com**



WABA DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE 2015-2016 SIGN-UP FORM

Now is the time to participate in the activities of your Association. The key to making the most of your membership is not what the association gives to you, but what you invest in the Association through participation. Play an active role in making it happen! Don't burn out the people that are always there for the Association. They are volunteers because they believe in the Association and have experienced first-hand what the Local, State and National Associations can do with team work.

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 Home Show	
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 Parade of Homes	
 Clay Shoot	
 Marketing	
 Scholarship	
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REPARING FOR A **FROM OSHA** NAHB Now Filed in Labor, Safety and Health on September 22, 2015

Curious about what happens during an inspection conducted by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and how to get ready for one? If so, here are some tips and guidelines that may come in handy.

For starters, before a compliance safety & health officer (CSHO) ever sets foot on the jobsite, builders should:

- Review their safety programs
- Be aware of any national and local programs that are currently being emphasized by the administration
- Develop procedures for a visit and train employees on those procedures
- Have records (300 Logs, training records, etc.) readily available and up to date •
- Make sure workers are properly trained on the safety requirements of the jobsite •

Once the CSHO is on the job site, there are four elements of the inspection that builders should expect and be prepared for.

Arrival. Typically a builder will not get advance notice of a visit. When a CSHO arrives, management should ask for credentials and for the purpose of the inspection, of which there are usually four:

- Programmed inspection (based on the Site-Specific Targeting 2011 inspection plan, or a national or local emphasis program)
- Response to a fatality or catastrophic event
- Response to an employee complaint
- Drive-by

Builders should have a designated area to hold the opening conference and designate which staff members will participate in the discussions and the walk-around.



Opening Conference. Here is where CSHOs will outline in general terms the scope of the inspection, including the need for private employee interviews, physical inspection of the workplace and records, etc. They will also review the company's personal protective equipment hazard assessment and the OSHA 300 injury and illness logs and 300A summary forms. As such, it is very important for the injury logs and forms to be thorough, up-to-date and readily available to the inspector.

Walk-Around. The scope of the walk-around could include a comprehensive tour of the facility, or be specific to one area that may have been the site of an employee complaint or hazardous incident.

Management should accompany the CSHO on the entire walk-around and should take the same pictures and videos as the inspector in case there is any question on a citation issued on a hazard. During the inspection, the CSHO may also suggest ways to address a hazard that can be corrected on the spot.

While inspecting the jobsite, the CSHO may conduct interviews with employees and management in a private setting. Management should plan on sitting in on all interviews and take notes unless the CSHO wants to conduct an employee interview privately, which he has the authority to do.

Closing Conference. Following the inspection of the site, a closing conference will take place between the CSHO and the home builder. The CSHO will not indicate how any proposed violations will be characterized (serious, other than serious, etc.) or what the proposed penalty amounts will be. During

this meeting management should take detailed notes and discuss with the CSHO any abatement steps that may be needed.

Post-Inspection & Citation Options. If the CSHO finds reasons to cite the company, the builder should expect to receive the citation by certified mail within 15 working days. The builder must immediately post a copy of the citation in a visible location where the violation occurred. This must be posted until the violation has been abated or for three working days, whichever is later.

Builders can have an informal conference/settlement with the CSHO where abatement suggestions are provided and the builder has an opportunity to explain why the citations are not justified. This may result in a penalty reduction, a classification reduction or withdrawal.

The more formal response is through a notice of contest. A short letter must be filed within 15 working days from receipt of the citation and should contest everything — citation items, abatement dates and proposed penalties.

The notice of contest takes it out of the hands of the CSHO and moves it to a solicitor in OSHA's legal department. In these cases, builders should engage the solicitor early in the process to discuss why citations are unwarranted or inappropriate.

Builders can and should reduce or eliminate the chance of being cited by OSHA by making sure they have their "house in order" long before an inspector arrives at the job site.

For instruction on how to put together a safety program for your employees, or more details on OSHA site visits, visit nahb.org/safety, or contact Rob Matuga, NAHB Labor, Safety and Health at 800-368-5242 x8507.

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Important Message to all Builder/Associate Members

The Parade of Homes committee would like to remind all builder and associate members about the upcoming

PARADE OF HOMES KICK-OFF MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 6:00 PM AT THE GREAT DANE RESTAURANT IN WAUSAU

This meeting will be a great opportunity to network and socialize with fellow members over cocktails and hors d' oeuvres.

BUILDERS:

- Attendance qualifies builder for \$500 savings on Parade of Homes contract
- All builders qualify for special "Builders Drawing" - must be present to win

ASSOCIATES:

- Table Top display space available (\$50.00 per table) one 4' or 6' table space/with skirt provided – space available on a first come basis to be paid in full that evening (setup begins at 4:30 pm)
- Showcase your companies "Parade Specials" to the Builders in attendance
- All exhibitors qualify for a special "Exhibitor Drawing" - must be present to win

Builders/Exhibitors must still sign up for the dinner meeting with the association to ensure our food order is accurate.

For more information, or to sign up for a table top, please contact Carolyn at 715-842-9510, or email her at carolyn@wausauareabuilders.com.

PRODUCT NEWS

Article courtesy of NAHB Housing Headlines

Zipup Ceiling & Underdeck®

Zip Up Under Deck - A Perfect Way to Extend a Deck Job!

Bidding on a job to install a raised deck at a single family home, condo, town-house complex, or for other multi-family housing? Here's a great way to help your proposal stand out from the competition and also increase the value of the job: offer finishing the underside of the deck with a watertight PVC drainage/paneling system like Zip Up Ceiling and Under Deck.



A handy crew can turn underutilized, often wasted space under the deck into a dry entertainment/storage area, essentially doubling the functional space. The system fits together quickly and easily, utilizing just a few pliable lightweight, waterproof and mold-resistant components including a main rail, a hurricane rail that supports the main rail, and

foot-wide panels that are the visible surface of the system. The system is pitched for easy water drain-off and an optional gutter system is available. As the panels are in both 12 and 16 foot lengths, most decks will have few, in any, seams.

Zip-UP Ceiling and UnderDeck System carries a Class A fire rating and is hurricane rated, meeting every Florida standard for static and cyclic load tests of hurricane strength winds, the most stringent in the U.S. The PVC components do not stain and hold up very well under daily exposure to high humidity and other outdoor elements. The flat, grid-free non-corrugated low maintenance ceiling, which takes up only two inches of headroom, "unzips" for easy overhead access to anything that might have fallen through the decking or access to any mechanical wiring or equivilent.

Zip-UP Ceiling[®] and UnderDeck is also a good choice for rain protection under soffits along covered walkways serving clubhouses, pool areas, and other common spaces at residential communities.

And indoors, the versatile Zip-UP Ceiling is an aesthetically pleasing, low life-cycle-cost aesthetically pleasing option for finishing open basement ceilings and as a replacement ceiling in basements, kitchens, laundry areas, and other spaces in a home, including those in damp locations. When evaluated against gypsum board and other comparable installations, the system



offers reduced installation and life cycle costs.

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