



# ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

July 2015

## President's Comment

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### Calendar of Events

July 24th	Golf Outing Village Green
August 13th	Summer Social Ashtabula Arts Center
September 10th	Clam Bake Elks
Social Hour	6:00pm
Dinner	7:00pm

Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event.

June 29, 2015

Hello Fellow Members and Friends,

I would like to personally thank my friend and past President Bill Romanko for taking the time to write last month's newsletter. I had a drain back up at the office and with all the rain that we had gotten, I found my office flooded Monday morning.

One again Board members and the Elks Club did a great job preparing our meal at the annual steak fry. Hats off to our grillers. Attendance was down a bit from previous years but I'm sure it had something to do with the beautiful weather we had that night throughout Ashtabula County.

Mark your calendars because one the biggest events for the Builders Association and the Ashtabula County Chamber Golf outing is this month. The annual outing will be on Friday, July 24th at Village Green Golf Course in North Kingsville, tee time is at noon with a shot gun start. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor or register a foursome please contact Bill Romanko as soon as possible. Please see enclosed Event Flyer for more information.

My heart goes out to everyone fighting the flooding waters of Northeast Ohio as this can devastate our businesses and our families.

Be safe stay day and enjoy the golf outing.

Thank you,  
Calvin Brown Jr.  
President Ashtabula County Builders Association

## **BANKER BOB'S CORNER**

Four surgeons are discussing who makes the best surgery patient.

The first surgeon says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surgeon says, "No, I really think librarians are the best, everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

The fourth surgeon chimes in: "You know, I like construction workers - they seem to understand when you have a few parts left over at the end and when the job takes longer than you said it would."

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR CLAM BAKE**

**Thursday, September 10th**

**Elks Club**

**Flyer to Follow**

# NATION'S BUILDING NEWS

*The Official Online Weekly Newspaper of NAHB*

*Sponsored by McGraw-Hill Construction and Freddie Mae*

## **New-Home Sales Reach Seven-Year High**

June 23, 2015

Sales of newly built, single-family homes rose 2.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 546,000 units in May, according to newly released data from HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the highest new-home sales rate since February 2008.

"Our builders are seeing motivated buyers and the release of pent-up housing demand," said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo. "However, builders are facing supply chain challenges, which is affecting the inventory of new homes."

"This month's new-home sales report is consistent with other government data and rising builder confidence that indicate a continual recovery of the housing market," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "The uptick in existing-home sales bodes well for builders, as it shows that the sellers are able to buy a new home."

Regionally, home sales were mixed, rising 87.5 percent in the Northeast and 13.1 percent in the West. The Midwest registered a 5.7 percent decline and the South fell 4.3 percent.

The inventory of new homes for sale was 206,000 units in May. This is a 4.5-month supply at the current sales pace.



# GOLF OUTING

Date: Friday, July 24, 2015  
Time: 12 Noon Shotgun Start  
(Please arrive no later than 11:15 A.M.)

Place: Village Green Golf Course  
3541 East Center Street  
(Corner of Rt. 193 & Lake Rd.)  
Geneva, OH

Contests: Skill Shots, Skins Games,  
& LOTS of Giveaways!

## PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

- \$80 Golfer (\$85 if registered after 7/10)
- \$320 Foursome**  
(Includes Lunch/Dinner, Golf, Beer, Pop & More!)
- \$25 - Dinner Only

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_ Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce

\_\_\_\_ Ashtabula County Builders Association

Golfer #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options:

- MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED.
- PLEASE SEND ME AN INVOICE.
- MASTER CARD   VISA   AMEX   DISCOVER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CV2# \_\_\_\_\_

BILLING ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIPS / PRIZE DONATIONS

*Check Box of Sponsorship Selection*

- EVENT SPONSOR: \$1,000.00**
  - Company name and logo predominantly displayed on all advertisements, the outing and program
  - Special Recognition at Dinner
  - Golf Foursome / Dinner (\$320.00 Value)
  - Table at registration & Hole Sponsorship
- BEVERAGE SPONSOR: \$350.00**
  - Company name and logo on banner & program
  - Company Sign on Beverage Carts
  - Special Recognition at Dinner
  - (2) Two Dinner Ticket
- HOLE SPONSOR: \$100.00**
  - Sponsor Table at the tee
  - Hole sign at tee box
  - Company name in Event Program
  - (1) One Dinner Ticket
  - Booth Set-Up at Hole (Limited to the first 18 Sponsors)
  - *May purchase multiple Hole Sponsors to support Chamber & Builders Organizations*
  - Check One or Both
    - Hole Sponsorship for Builders (\$100)
    - Hole Sponsorship for Chamber (\$100)
- RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS**
  - Company name in Event Program
Prize: \_\_\_\_\_
- GIFT BAG DONATIONS (NEED 150 PIECE MIN.)**
  - Company name in Event Program
Prize: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off or send Registration & Prizes to:  
**Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce**  
4536 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004  
Phone: 440-998-6998 Fax: 440-992-8216  
E-mail: info@ashtabulachamber.com

ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER SOCIAL



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

**at**

**ASHTABULA ARTS CENTER**

2928 West 13th

Ashtabula, Ohio

6:00 p.m.          Dinner

7:30 p.m.          Show

**\$50.00 PER PERSON**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

OLIVER

**BUFFET INCLUDED**

Grilled Chicken Breast \* 1/3 Rack of Ribs

Red Skin Potatoes \* Zucchini Medley

Tossed Salad

Roll and Butter

Dessert

3 drink tickets per person included in price

**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, JULY 30th**

**to 645-7496 or [ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net](mailto:ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net)**

INTEGRITY



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