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WOW! Can it get any hotter? I certainly hope not. Even with a wet spring and a dry summer there is still some good growth in the county. I had the opportunity to talk to Ron Clutter at the **SPIRE Institute**, formally known as the **Gareat**, Friday night and I would have to say that his complex is going to keep growing and growing according to him. He talked so much about the future of the up coming programs between volleyball, basketball and of course the new aquatic building. The whole time I was talking with him I just kept saying, " wow!" So , I am excited to say that our summer social this year will be held at the SPIRE on Thursday, August 11th. Doors open at 6:00 and we will have beer, wine and great food. Entertainment will be **Good Question**, an excellent local band. I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the first class facilities along with friends and family.

The golf outing put on by the builders was a great success. Thanks to Bill Romanko we all had our "old fashion" outing that was very enjoyable. It's always nice to play golf with good friends and sun. Thanks to everyone that participated, and a special thanks to all the hole sponsors. Next years outing should prove to be even more bigger and full of fun.

Please don't forget to call any of your board members if you have any questions or concerns or if you have a friend or colleague that would like to become a part of the builders. We are always here for you. I hope to see many of you on August 11th at SPIRE!

Your President, Joe Oros

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 11th	Summer Social SPIRE Institute
September 8th	Clam Bake Elks
October 13th	Candidate's Night
November 10th	Annual Meeting

Happy hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

RSVP by Monday prior to meeting date and if you need to cancel please call by Tuesday evening.

WEBSITE

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

Let us know if you would like one of your projects featured on the website. Also make sure your information is current.

CONTACT US

997-1866 or
ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net

Casino Trip

We would like to keep the Casino Trip as an annual event for the Builders Association. Any suggestions on which Casino to visit are welcomed.

Please let us know if you would be interested in attending Spring 2012!



THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the companies that donated to the Annual Ashtabula County Builders Association 2011 Golf Outing.

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MEETING DAY SURVEY

Below is a quick survey. We are gathering information about when is the best time for our monthly meeting, since the second Thursday seems to be problematic for some members.

Please put a NO next to nights when you know you cannot meet.

Please put the word PREFERRED next to the nights that would be best for you.

Days left blank I will assume that you could meet then but it is not as ideal as your "preferred" nights.

The meeting time will not change. 6:00-7:00pm Social Hour, 7:00pm Dinner with presentation to follow.

First Monday	_____
Second Monday	_____
Third Monday	_____
Fourth Monday	_____
First Tuesday	_____
Second Tuesday	_____
Third Tuesday	_____
Fourth Tuesday	_____
First Wednesday	_____
Second Wednesday	_____
Third Wednesday	_____
Fourth Wednesday	_____
First Thursday	_____
Second Thursday	_____
Third Thursday	_____
Fourth Thursday	_____
First Friday	_____
Second Friday	_____
Third Friday	_____
Fourth Friday	_____

Please return this survey to ACBA, P.O. Box 745, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 or e mail your results to Ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net.

If you have any questions please call myself or any of the board members.

Thank you,
Michelle

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ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL

Thursday, August, 11, 2011

at

SPIRE Institute

(GaREAT)

1822 South Broadway

Geneva, Ohio

Track Building

Banquet & Conference Center

Entertainment:

GOOD QUESTION

\$50.00 Per Person \$95.00 Per Couple

Roast Angus Top Round with Herb Demi-Glase

Chicken Breast Chasseur

Penne with Roasted Vegetables and Red Pepper Coulis

Summer Vegetable Medley

Herb Roasted Red Skins

Deluxe Salad - Roll - Assorted Pies

Wine/Beer Provided

Social Hour

6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Dinner

7:00p.m.

PLEASE RSVP BY August 4th to (440)997-1866

In Victory for Remodelers, EPA Rejects New Clearance Testing Requirements for Lead

Marking a victory for [NAHB Remodelers](#), the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) has rejected a proposal to add third-party clearance testing to the [Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#) (RRP).

The lead rule applies to homes built before 1978 and requires renovator training and certification, adherence to lead-safe work practices, containing and cleaning dust and record keeping.

“We’re pleased that the EPA listened to the concerns of remodelers about the extreme costs the proposed clearance testing would have imposed,” said Bob Peterson, NAHB Remodelers chair and a remodeler from Fort Collins, Colo.

“Home owners are saved from spending a great deal of money on lead testing. If remodeling is more affordable, home owners will be able to hire an EPA-certified renovator to keep them safe from lead dust hazards during renovation,” he said.

“Many thanks go to congressional leaders for their support of remodelers and NAHB. [Sen. James Inhofe](#) (R-Okla.), [Rep. Denny Rehberg](#) (R-Mont.) and [Rep. Bob Latta](#) (R-Ohio) have been advocates on lead paint regulation issues and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts,” said Peterson.

Remodeler members and NAHB staff also worked tirelessly to oppose clearance testing by making visits to the EPA and the [White House Office of Management and Budget](#), giving testimony to Congress and submitting comments about the potential harm of enacting the clearance testing proposal. At NAHB’s request, this regulation was selected for review by the EPA under the Presidential Executive Order for Regulatory Review ([Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, 76 FR 3821](#), issued on Jan. 21) examining the impact of federal rules on small businesses and job creation. The EPA has been under pressure by NAHB and lawmakers over the lack of a test kit that meets the rule’s requirements and agency actions — such as removing the opt-out provision — that have raised the costs of the regulation.

Under the lead paint rule, contractors have been required to wipe down the project area after completing remodeling or renovation work and match the result with an EPA-approved card to determine whether lead paint dust is still present — a process that the EPA says is “effective at reducing dust lead levels below the dust-lead hazard standard.”

The proposal would have required contractors to hire EPA-accredited dust samplers to collect several samples after a renovation and send them to an EPA-accredited lab for lead testing.

Because of the cost of this approach — as well as the waiting period for test results and the limited number of accredited labs nationwide — professional remodelers were concerned about the willingness of home owners to go through the process.

“The EPA has maintained its common-sense approach to keeping families safe during renovation,” said Peterson. “Hiring trained professional remodelers to contain dust, use lead-safe work practices and clean up has been shown to successfully minimize lead hazards and protect individuals from lead exposure.”

Several problems with the rule still remain.

The EPA has yet to recognize an efficient, low-cost lead test kit that meets the requirements of the regulation. And last year the agency removed the opt-out provision — which allowed home owners with no children or pregnant women in residence to waive the rule’s requirement.

In today’s soft economy, consumers are still balking at the extra costs of the rule and often choose to reduce the amount of work done on their homes, hire uncertified contractors or endanger themselves by attempting the work themselves.