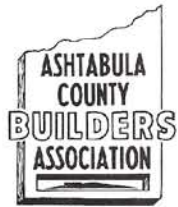


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COMMENTARY

Greetings Members,

Well, here come the holidays! We all know the holiday's bring joy, laughter, family time together, and hopefully the peace and happiness that you may be looking for. December is such a busy month that it is hard to believe that January 1st is just around the corner.

2011 was a good year for us, and 2012 looks like a great year for the Builders Association as well. For our January meeting, we will start the year off with a look at gas and oil drilling. For those of you interested in every detail from start to finish, Jerry Lemire will be speaking to us on how the process is done. Jerry has an intense background on this subject and it will be good to here everything he has to say. Please take the time to come down to the Elks and meet Jerry and show your support.

As we move forward through this new year, I would like to remind everyone that the board is always looking for your suggestions and comments on what you like or think. Please let us know. The year 2012 has a lot of fun filled events and it looks like the membership is picking up. Don't miss out on what the Builders Association has to offer.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

Your President,

Joe Oros

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 12th	Jerry Lemire Gas and Oil Leases Elks
February 9th	General Meeting Casa Capelli
March 17th	Reverse Raffle 4-H Building Jefferson, Ohio
April 12th	General Meeting Elks
April 28th-29th	Casino Trip Mountaineer
May 10th	General Meeting Casa Capelli
June 14th	Steak Fry Elks

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.

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Results of November Annual Meeting

Growth Partnership Assessment of \$80.00 will be invoiced January 1, 2012.

The Annual meeting will remain the second Thursday of November.

The General meetings will remain the second Thursday of the month.

Thank you to all who were in attendance or sent in a ballot. You vote counted!

NATION'S BUILDING NEWS

The Official Online Weekly Newspaper of NAHB

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Modular Homes at IBS Present Popular Alternatives for Today's Home Buyers

The three-bedroom Cape Cod by Nationwide Homes is 3,100 square feet. *Rendering courtesy of Nationwide Homes*

Illustrating what's selling in today's tough marketplace and some of the features that prospective buyers are looking for, three modular homes will be assembled in the parking lot of the [Orange County Convention Center](#) in Orlando and open for tours during the [2012 NAHB International Builders' Show](#) Feb. 8-11.

Sponsored by [Professional Builder](#) magazine, the homes comprise the 13th annual Show Village, where building systems manufacturers and suppliers show off their latest products and designs.

In addition to being open for visits by show attendees, the homes will serve as the venues for special events for clients, suppliers and dignitaries during the week.

[Nationwide Homes'](#) "Cape Cod" and [Palm Harbor Homes'](#) "Infill Duplex" and "Net Zero Eco Home" represent distinct styles for distinct buyers. All three homes have been presold and will be moved to various building sites in Florida once the show is over.

Cape Cod Technology

At nearly 3,100 square feet, this home is targeted to the home owner who wants the comfort of a traditional design with the cutting-edge technological features that were once only available in custom stick-built homes.

The home comes with three bedrooms, but is packed with additional space that gives home owners plenty of places to create rooms to fit their lifestyle.

Merchandised at the Show Village with a library, loft, recreation room, study, mud room and dining room, the house plan provides the flexibility to accommodate various consumer needs and family sizes.

The Cape Cod brings the outside world into the home through dramatic use of windows and design.

The plan works well for lots that overlook water, woods or mountain vistas; and the home's high-performance modular systems enhance its energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality.

Targeting Two Markets

The Net Zero Echo Home. *Rendering courtesy of Palm Harbor Homes* The Net Zero Echo Home targets owners of resort property or town or suburban homes who are looking for a guest house, assisted living space or additional vacation quarters that can be placed in the backyard. The model holds the greatest appeal for buyers in the 55+ active-adult segment of the housing market. Increasingly, municipalities are allowing such “backyard bungalows” to be installed without requiring a zoning change — or in some cases even a building permit — notes the manufacturer. When being used in the resort market, the site is typically coastal or on a body of water and the home is often elevated on stilts. The model also appeals to an upscale, altruistic and green-minded buyer with the patience to wait for the net-zero energy features to reach the point where they pay for themselves by eliminating or minimizing utility bills.

The home is expected to meet the requirements for certification to the [National Green Building Standard](#) and to the Department of Energy’s [Builders Challenge](#) program. The floor plan is spacious for its 399-square-foot size and features dozens of hidden storage elements that make it livable on scale with larger dwellings. As a secondary living facility, the home can provide a guest house, mother-in-law suite or home for the “boomerang kid” returning to live with parents after graduating from school.

The model can also be adapted for accessible housing for the physically challenged or shaped into an art studio or expansive home theater. Among the home’s green features:

- Full spray closed-cell insulation
- R-21 sidewalls, R-21 floor and R-33 sealed roof cavity and a reflective metal roof
- No-duct mini split air delivery
- 100% LED lighting
- 5 KW photovoltaic panels to supply electricity, solar shades on windows and a back-up gas generator
- On-demand gas water heater
- Cork and bamboo flooring
- • [WaterSense](#)-rated bath fixtures, including a dual-flush toilet
- Low-E windows and doors
- No-VOC paints and caulks
- • [Energy Star](#)-certified appliances, ceiling fans and exhaust fans
- Recycled glass countertops

Offering Flexibility and Rental Income *The Infill Duplex. Rendering courtesy of Palm Harbor Homes* The Infill Duplex has been designed to work on any infill lot, including along the coast, and can be built at grade level or elevated and finished with any variety of elevation styles. The floor plans featured at the Show Village model are designed for an owner who wants to live in one half of the property and rent out the other. The design features master bedrooms on the rear to take advantage of a possible view, particularly for coastal or canal locations. The owner-occupied side of the home features two master suites configured to allow for shared ownership or roommate accommodations and geared to reducing living costs or maximizing revenue. Overall, the home is geared to enabling an owner to reside at a higher-end location than would otherwise be affordable. The kitchen opens up to a living room and a den in the plans for both halves of the duplex, and front and rear porches facilitate connectivity with the neighborhood. Maximum energy-efficient and storm-resistant construction techniques combined with low-maintenance materials are expected to help ensure that the duplex meets both National Green Building Standard and Builders Challenge certification requirements.

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Annual Reverse Raffle

March 17, 2012

Grand Prize: \$1,500.00

50/50 raffle ~ Instant Bingo ~ Black Jack~
Chuck-A-Luck ~ Silent Auction

*\$100.00 Early Bird
Drawing at 6:15 p.m.*

\$50.00 a couple

Includes dinner and open bar

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

4-H Building

All Proceeds will benefit:

Community Care Committee &

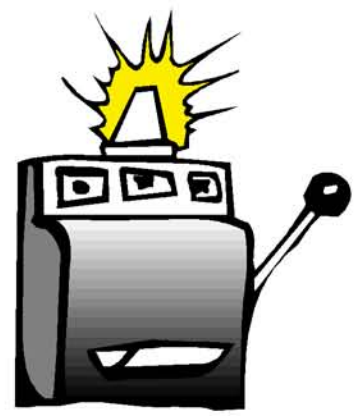
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CASINO TRIP

Mountaineer



As always the Board of Directors are thinking of ways to excite the members of the Builders Association. We are constantly trying to think of new programs and exciting extra events. Due to the success of last years Casino trip we are planning another one! This event will not take the place of our regular Builder's meeting in April but will be an additional event. This will be an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow members better. There are only two things that we must mention and that is that only those 21 and older can travel with us and only those that feel lucky and want a good time are permitted. Also this trip is not limited to Builders; you are welcome to invite friends and family to this event. If you have any additional questions please call Michelle (440)997-1866.

Saturday, April 28th - Sunday, April 29th

Bus Leaves 10:00 a.m. Brown Sprinkler Services April 28th

Bus Returns 4:00 p.m. Brown Sprinkler Services April 29th

BYOB on the Bus

\$300.00 per couple

\$200.00 single

A private buffet will be provided for our party.

You will also receive \$10.00 play money and \$10.00 towards meals each day per person.

PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST

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Payment in full is due by April 28th.