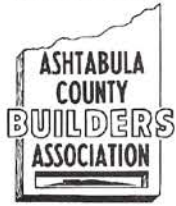


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## ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

" The Voice of the Industry in Ashtabula County"

# COMMENTARY

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Greetings to all Member and Friends,

This morning on my way into the office Joe Oros called to inform me that he was unable to write his letter to you this month due to his busy work schedule, I hope that this is a problem that we are all having. I talk to a lot of different people in the course of my days and weeks and it sounds as though things are starting to turn around in a positive manner for our area.

I wish that he could have asked me to write this letter in a quieter month as there are a lot of things to talk to you about. The first thing I want to mention is that the Annual Golf Outing is right around the corner. The date is picked for July 14th, and the location is Hickory Grove in Jefferson, I played Hickory Grove a couple of weeks ago and the course is in excellent condition. This year we will attempt to make it an old fashioned event just like golf outings of old. Please do not wait to the last minute to call in your reservation as with any event a lot of planning is involved and the more time we have the better. If you don't have a foursome please do not let this keep you from calling in your reservation as singles are always welcome as we will put you with some great people to play with.

In August, plans have been made for the Summer Social and I must say that Dan Theiss and Michelle have put together an excellent evening of food, friendship, and entertainment. It will be held at the new SPIRE(GaREAT) track building, this is actually the second building to be erected on the property. Rumor has it that if the third building is far enough along in its construction that we might even be able to see the aquatic center, but understand that this just a rumor and it may not happen. The band Good Question is lined up as the entertainment for the evening so bring your dancing shoes. Remember that this is an excellent event to bring a quest.

I want to mention something else that is in this newsletter and that is the survey that is enclosed. Your board is always trying to find ways to increase the attendance to our monthly meetings. We have been told that there are other events and meetings that happen on our meeting day so the board has decided to entertain moving our regular meeting night to a different day. To make a change like this it would require a change to our by-laws which we do not take lightly. Please take the time to think about the other options and answer the survey, if the responses indicate a want of change, a motion will be brought up in front of the membership at our Annual Meeting in November to vote on the top response. Your response matters on this one folks!

Lastly on a more sadder note I want to mention the loss of one of our Past Presidents, James Shaughnessy passed away earlier this month, he was employed with Koski Construction at the end of his career but before that he also worked for R.W. Sidley both of whom are members of the Association. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. Jim will be missed by all that knew him. May he rest in eternal peace.

See you at Hickory Grove Golf Course,

Bill Romanko

Secretary

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 14th	Golf Outing Hickory Grove
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.

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# ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

## OLD FASHION

# Annual Golf Outing

## 4-Man Scramble

Thursday, July 14th, 2011

at

Hickory Grove

11:00 Registration

12:00 Shot Gun Start

\$90.00 per golfer

\$360.00 per team

(if team pays prior to July 14th \$340.00 per team)

1st Prize and Random Drawing for 2nd Prize

Door Prizes, Prizes for Skill Shots, Skins and 50/50

Lunch, Dinner and Beverages on Course Provided

Cash Bar at Dinner

Extra Dinners \$25.00

**Please Register at (440) 997-1866 or  
ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net  
by July 8th**

Rain Date Thursday, July 21st, 2011



# 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	_____
Forth Monday	_____
First Tuesday	_____
Second Tuesday	_____
Third Tuesday	_____
Forth Tuesday	_____
First Wednesday	_____
Second Wednesday	_____
Third Wednesday	_____
Forth Wednesday	_____
First Thursday	_____
Second Thursday	_____
Third Thursday	_____
Forth Thursday	_____
First Friday	_____
Second Friday	_____
Third Thursday	_____
Forth Thursday	_____

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

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

Thank you,  
Michelle

**ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION**

**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**



## **Small Builders and Remodelers**

### **EPA Turning Lead-Safe Renovation Into a Regulatory Nightmare, Letter Complains**

NAHB has asked the [House Committee on Small Business](#) to convene a panel to discuss the failure of the [Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting \(RRP\) rule](#), citing its excessive regulatory burdens and costs.

“With the new home construction market still at historic lows, the effort to find work in retrofitting and upgrading older housing (remodeling) has been attractive to many unemployed builders,” the letter said.

“Unfortunately, recent amendments and changes to the rule have further constrained small businesses in the remodeling industry that are making every effort to comply” with a regulation that the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) has made “cumbersome, burdensome and as inordinately difficult as possible,” the letter said.

“Without better oversight on how the EPA is implementing, managing, assessing costs and enforcing the RRP, this rule could easily derail the small business remodeling firms that are complying by placing them at a comparative disadvantage to uncertified, untrained contractors and home owners who blatantly do not, or are not required to, comply,” NAHB said.

The letter also reiterated NAHB’s serious concerns with the removal of the rule’s “opt-out” provision, which enabled owners of homes built before 1978 to forgo some of the more expensive requirements if there were no children under the age of six or a pregnant woman in the household. This would apply to 88.5% of all homes.

“Without even giving the original rule a chance to work, the EPA immediately amended it by taking away a key measure that made it easier for small businesses to absorb the regulatory impact,” the letter said. “Those home owners no longer have the option of foregoing the costs of compliance with RRP when hiring a professional remodeler to work on an older house,” it said.

The letter said that accurate test kits are unavailable.

It also pointed out that the EPA’s plan to include clearance testing in the rule would blur the line between remodelers and lead paint abatement contractors, while creating liability for the remodeler and the home owner.

“During a time when unemployment tops 18% in the construction industry, heavily dominated by small businesses, it is inconceivable that the EPA has subverted nearly every possible tool that remodelers have to help ensure their compliance with something as important as the RRP,” the letter said.

“NAHB members worked closely with the EPA during the development of the original RRP and had hoped that it could be implemented as finalized, and help promote healthy, lead-safe renovation work. Unfortunately, the EPA is redesigning the RRP into a regulatory nightmare that will essentially discourage critical efficiency upgrades and increase costs for older homes.”