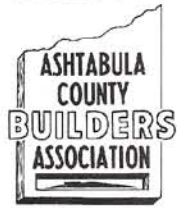


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COMMENTARY

Greeting Members,

All I can say is "CLAM-U-LISHUS!" If you missed our annual clam bake you missed a lot. Drew Thomas once again did a great job for the Builders. The food was delicious and the turnout was wonderful. It was good to see so many of our members attend. Whether we have a Steak Fry, Summer Social or the Annual Clam Bake, it is so good to see our members come out and support the Builders.

October is our month for Candidates Night at the Elks Club. This will be a great opportunity for all to come out and see who will be your pick for this election. At this meeting, we will have the Commissioners, Sheriff and Ohio Representative's speaking to our Association. Please check the flyer for more details.

I would like to take this time to let everyone know that Growth Partnership is putting on an Ashtabula County Shale Oil & Gas Business Seminar. Wednesday, October 10 at the SPIRE Institute Banquet Facility from 10am to 2pm. We are allowed 10 people from our Association to attend because we are members of Growth. Please contact Michelle for registration if you would like to attend. We have an annual meeting in November. Please make time to come and enjoy.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Elks for Candidates Night, October 11th.

Best Regards,

Joe Oros

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 11th	Canidate's Night Elk's Club
November 8th	Annual Meeting TBA
January 10th	Informational Meeting TBA

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
Oil & Gas Business Seminar**

Wednesday, October 10

at

The SPIRE Institute Banquet Facility

from

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Ohio's Shale Boom: The Benefits for You and Your Business

The Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County, in conjunction with the Ohio Oil & Gas Producers Association and the Ohio Shale Coalition, is proud to announce the first event in Ashtabula County focused solely on the opportunities that the oil and gas industry can have for local businesses.

Ohio's Shale energy boom is expected to attract billions of dollars in new investment and generate thousands of new or supported jobs. Many experts believe it will be a "game changer" for Ohio's economy. Do you know what it may mean for you and your business?

Please join the Growth Partnership at an informative seminar that will answer your questions and provide strategies to help your business benefit from this exciting economic opportunity.

You'll learn everything you need to know about shale, how to position your business as part of the supply chain or a downstream beneficiary, and what the oil and gas companies look for from their contractors. The program will feature experts from Chesapeake Energy, the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and the Ohio Shale Coalition just to name a few. You will not want to miss this important shale seminar!

Plus, as an added bonus, there will be a session that includes an update on oil and gas regulations, managing electric and natural gas purchasing, and Combined Heat and Power.

Speakers Include:

Mark Matusic

Manager of Corporate Development

Chesapeake Energy Corporation

Rhonda Reda

Executive Director

Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program

Linda Woggon

Executive Vice President

Ohio Shale Coalition

Registration for this event is \$25 and includes lunch. Registrations may be handled by Michelle 440-645-7496.

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 7th.

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

with the Builder's

**October 11, 2012
Ashtabula Elks Club**

6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour (meet and greet)

7:00 Dinner

Followed by Presentations

HEAR FROM AND ABOUT SEVERAL DIFFERENT RACES IN THE AREA.

These Candidate's will introduce themselves and will be fielding questions.

THE 99TH OHIO REPRESENTATIVE RACE

THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RACE

THE ASHTABULA COUNTY SHERIFFS RACE

These Candidate's will be on hand to meet and greet.

THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR RACE

THE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS RACE

THE COUNTY RECORDER RACE

THE COUNTY TREASURERS RACE

BE AN INFORMED VOTER AND ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

REMEMBER ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6TH

Builders Urge U.S. Trade Rep.

September 24, 2012 - The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) today called on the U.S. government to avoid using the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement (TPP) as a means of renegotiating the U.S.-Canadian softwood lumber agreement prior to its 2015 expiration date.

The U.S. is currently in talks with Canada regarding its participation in ongoing negotiations of a TPP trade pact with several other nations. However, NAHB strongly believes that the softwood lumber accord between the U.S. and Canada should not be part of the TPP trade pact negotiations. It would be highly inappropriate for discussions on the U.S.-Canada softwood lumber agreement to include any nations other than the U.S. and Canada.

Testifying before the office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, D.C., NAHB CEO Jerry Howard said that addressing softwood lumber issues in the TPP negotiations would undermine the TPP talks and set a dangerous precedent.

“Reopening the U.S.-Canada softwood lumber agreement would jeopardize the successful negotiation of a TPP trade agreement, bogging down the talks with a century old dispute between the United States and Canada on softwood lumber that has yet to achieve a final resolution,” said Howard. “Softwood lumber issues are too important to get lost in the context of a multinational trade negotiation and must be addressed by the U.S. and Canada in a bilateral forum.”

NAHB supports government policies that encourage removal of trade barriers for imported materials and products, Howard added, noting that this allows home builders to provide safe, decent and affordable housing at competitive prices.

With the U.S. housing sector now showing signs of revival in scores of markets across the nation, Howard said the presence of artificial trade barriers on softwood lumber and other products and materials that go into home building can have significant economic consequences. He also noted that lumber is the most important and also the most costly material used in home building.

“Housing creates jobs, increases the demand for goods and services within a particular community and generates revenues for local governments to provide such essential services as schools, police protection and firefighter assistance,” said Howard. “Any unnecessary trade restraints that result in price hikes or shortages would harm housing affordability and have a negative effect on the nation’s economy.”