

Events

Thurs, Nov 19 HCBA

Meeting has been cancelled as of 11.11.09. May reschedule in Jan if building codes go into effect Jan 1, 2010

Mon, Dec 7 Holiday Dinner, Huntingdon County Club

5:30—6:30 mingle; 6:30 dinner. See inside for more information. Reservations due Nov 13

2010 Meetings at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 7 pm Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

2009 OFFICERS

- President: Dave McGuire
DreamMaker Homes
- Vice President: Stanley Wensel
Stanley Wensel General Contractor
- Secretary: Chris Confer
Confer Custom Homes
- Treasurer: Frank O'Donnell
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The YBC van with 7-D windows was displayed at the October meeting. HCBA officers pictured are (L to R), Chris Confer, Sec; Dave McGuire, President and Stan Wensel, Vice President.

October Meeting Highlighted Common Code Violations

The October meeting of the Huntingdon County Builders Association, sponsored by Your Building Centers and 7-D Industries, featured Bill Kulbacki speaking on how to avoid common code violations. Kulbacki, who is the manager of Western Pennsylvania for Bureau Veritas (formerly Guardian), related his experience as a Master Code Professional, contractor and building inspector. In his current position he oversees building inspections for 216 municipalities in 13 counties in Pa. His overview on the code violations was well received by the members who asked many pertinent questions. YBC and 7-D Industries also brought their van and trailer of sample windows, doors, and other construction materials, that members toured prior to the meeting and presentation.

(Top) Jeff Tressler, YBC shows off windows. (Below) Members look over carpet and floor samples





HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, Dec 7
at
Huntingdon County Club

Join your fellow members and their families and vendors for a wonderful dinner at the Huntingdon Country Club, Route 26, Huntingdon.

Dinner Menu:

Salad with Dressing
Baked Chicken
2 Hot Vegetables
Rolls
Soda/Lemonade/Coffee
Cookies

\$17 pp Adult
\$8.50 Children (3-12)
Children 2 and under are free

5:30-6:30 mingle and children's games (Cheese & Veggies Trays)

6:30 Dinner

Bring your family, friends or vendors!

Reservations due Nov 13 to:

Janet Chambers
jchambers3@verizon.net
Or call
814-644-0621

Mail checks made out to HCBA to: HCBA, PO Box 399, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Many Kids Games & Crafts



Thursday, November 19, 7 pm Topic: 2009 Building Code Sneak Peek

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earch Center (PHRC), will ing. While the question ir, by Nov 19 Mike hopes es so we know what posed 2009 codes will be adopted Jan 1, (lislature.) The presentation and dinner will Members FREE; non-members \$5 at the



About the speaker: Mike Turns began working as a Housing Program Development Specialist at the PHRC in 2005. His current work includes: assessing the impact of the Uniform Construction Code in rural Pennsylvania (funded by The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a Legislative Agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly), assessing the feasibility of Zero Energy Homes in Pennsylvania, and the development of a residential mechanical training program focused on common code violations.

SAVE THE DATE: March 26—28, 2010 Raystown Lake Region Home and Garden Show

The Raystown Lake Region Home and Garden Show will be March 26-28 in Huntingdon. The 2009 show had a 57% increase in attendance over 2008 and the vendors where very happy with the leads generated. Exhibitor reservation forms will be mailed soon and will also be available on the show website at www.RaystownHomeShow.com.

Logistics for the show are still being worked out. Show chair persons from the HCBA are Mike Handy, owner of M & T Vacuum and Dan Coffman, owner, Valley Construction. Other active members of show committees include Dave McGuire, Stan Wensel, Denny Cisney Sr., Melissa Cisney-

Foster, and Chris Confer. We still need other HCBA volunteers to help on many committees. If you are able to assist with the show, please call Janet Chambers at 814-644-0621



Jason Showalter, Showalter Landscaping at the 2009 home show.

PBA NEWS

Contact key legislators now to support an extension of the building code

PBA needs your help to join its Hammers and Gavels grassroots effort to ask legislators to support bills that would extend the 2006 building code in Pennsylvania. PBA recently called on its grassroots contacts and asked that each of them meet in person with his or her state representative and senator to request support of House Bill 1808 and Senate Bill 1114, the bills that would extend use of the 2006 codes. Only 11 legislative session days are scheduled by the end of the year, and the General Assembly must act during that time or the 2009 codes will take effect for contracts signed starting Jan. 1. To help this effort, please contact Lou Biacchi, PBA director of government affairs, at 800-692-7339, ext. 3018, or lbiacchi@PaBuilders.org.

MEMBER ADVANTAGE

Don't miss out on PBA member benefits, use simple, new guide

PBA has developed a concise, easy-to-read Benefits Guide listing 30 of our most popular member benefits. The guide gives a short description of each benefit and provides a staff name and contact information so you can easily learn more. This guide should be in your back pocket to ensure you're making use of all the benefits your dues help support. You can access the guide on the PBA home page at www.PaBuilders.org. Or request a paper copy by contacting Janet Chambers, EO, at 814-644-0621.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

PBA highlights problems with building code changes, endorses extension of 2006 codes

Doug Meshaw of PBA testified about Pennsylvania's building codes in October before the state Senate labor and industry committee. During this committee hearing, PBA endorsed SB 1114 which would prevent Pennsylvania from adopting the 2009 International Residential Code and International Building Code. Maintaining the existing 2006 edition of the codes will help ease the continued compliance and enforcement of the code while allowing for a state review of the code adoption process. It would also help homeowners avoid the costly and onerous changes included in the 2009 code that will add about \$10,000 to the cost of a new home in Pennsylvania. PBA's representatives, the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, the Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association, the Modular Building Systems Association and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors highlighted problems in the development of the 2009 code. Frank Thompson, chairman of the state's technical review and advisory council, discussed the failure of the council to eliminate any requirements for Pennsylvania's codes despite recommendations from PBA and other experts. For more information about Pennsylvania building codes, please contact Jerry Leach at 800-692-7339, ext. 3012, or jleach@PaBuilders.org.

PBA receives NAHB funding for Chesapeake Bay defense

PBA received \$25,000 from the NAHB state and local issues fund to use in its efforts to defend the state's housing industry against the negative effects of the forthcoming Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load requirements.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS June—Oct 2009

David Borst General Contractors

PO Box 201, Petersburg, PA 16669
David Borst 814-669-4610

Everhart Interior/Exterior Painting & Staining

11302 Carriage Hill Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652;
Jeff Everhart 814-667-4427

Thomas Electric Contractors Inc

10654 Company Orchard Lane, Orbisonia, PA 17243; David Thomas 814-447-3332

John C. Yenter Associates Inc

9487 Loop Road, Alexandria, PA 16611
Chet Boyer 814-669-9585

THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS (June to Oct 2009)

Complete contact info is on our website at www.HuntingdonCountyBuilders.com

Allied Mechanical & Electrical

(New location next to S & A Homes on
Rt 22, Huntingdon) 814-627-4858

Carriage House Insurance 814-643-3956

Center Region Stone Supply

814-669-4100

Community State Bank of Orbisonia

814-447-5508

Confer Custom Homes (new number)

814-386-1021

Krater Services, LLC 814-686-0449

Erickson's Well Drilling 814-658-3639

Huntingdon County Career &

Technology Center 814-643-0951

Hilltop Tank & Supply 814-658-3915

Northwest Savings Bank 814-643-8720

Park Furniture, Flooring & Appliances

814-643-1460; Orbisonia 447-5991

Penn Terra Engineering 814-231-8285

Rick Worthy Contracting Inc

814-643-6953

Showalter Landscaping 814-669-4558

Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

800-432-0680

Weathershield Home Improvement

814-643-0937

Funding available for contractors interested in federal weatherization program certification

The federal government has directed \$256 million in stimulus money to Pennsylvania for the weatherization of homes. Traditionally, weatherization efforts in the state have been undertaken by local community action agencies. However, thanks to information provided by HBA of Metro Harrisburg member Gary Lenker, PBA quickly realized that the level of funding coming to Pennsylvania will far exceed the ability of these agencies to independently complete these projects. The association has been working hard to have PBA identified as a clearinghouse to help these community action agencies identify companies already well trained to undertake this work and supplement the efforts of agency staff. Member companies that want some of this work are being encouraged to reach out to their local community action agencies to learn how they can become certified to perform the work. Visit www.PaBuilders.org's Business Incentive Center for more information and details on weatherization programs. If you have any questions about this information, contact Lou Biacchi, PBA government affairs director, at 800-692-7339, ext. 3018, or at lbiacchi@PaBuilders.org.

MEET THE BUILDER Program in Oct a Success

Dave McGuire, Stan Wensel and Chris Confer attended the PBA sponsored, "Meet the Builder" Program in Duncansville on Oct 15, 2009. The event was a big success with 75 attendees. We will let you know if the PBA hosts another similar event in 2010.



**DO BUSINESS
WITH A MEMBER**

Please Do Business with a Member

Doing business with HCBA members is one of the best ways to keep your Huntingdon County Builder's Association strong. **You can find fellow members on our website at: www.HuntingdonCountyBuilders.com or call Janet Chambers, EO at 814-644-0621.**

If you currently work with sub contractors or other vendors who are NOT members of the HCBA, please encourage them to become members. Applications are on our website or call Janet Chambers to have an application mailed to you.



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