



*The Tri-State
Home Builders Association Presents*

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The Builder News



Quarterly Meeting Thursday, July 9

6 pm

Logans Steak House - Garage Room
Mall Road
Dutch Treat

This meeting will address OSHA compliance and include a time for round table discussion on any OSHA issues you may have recently had.

Email Addresses Needed

If you did not received this newsletter by email prior to receiving this mailed copy, please send your email address to homes@ezwv.com. We recently lost our computer and with it went all of our email addresses. Thanks. Ellen

Membership Renewals

March 24, 2015 to June 27, 2015

Construction Advantage
David Green
Huntington Federal
Mullins Construction Co Inc
R.D. Developers
Tri-State ROM
Scott Wheeler



Mark Your Calendar

July 16-17 - Summer Boards -
Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown -
Eastern Panhandle
August 21 - Set up for Auction -
Volunteers needed
August 22 - State Auction -
Charleston Armory
Oct. 16-17 - Annual State Convention -
Pipestem Resort State Park

Go to www.nahb.org/MA for updates on member discounts



Your Dreams Built By The Best

**Countdown To
23rd Annual Auction HBAWV
August 22, 2015
Charleston Armory**

***If you have items you
can donate***

***-new, used, overstock,
remnants, floor display-***

Please contact

***John or Ellen
304-736-0561***



Save The Date & Come Buy Some Incredible Bargains



**Annual HBAWV Convention
October 15-17, 2015**

Plan to attend the annual convention and to participate in the activities.

Thursday Oct. 15 - Welcome Reception and Jam Session

If you play an instrument, your talents are needed.

Friday Oct. 16 - Blue Grass & Blue Jeans

Saturday Oct. 17 - Afternoon Chili Cookoff.

We need the Tri-State HBA best Chili cooks. Please let us know if you can participate

Saturday Oct. 17 - Best Of West Virginia Awards Presentation

If you have a project to submit, you must let the state office know by June 30

Summer Board Meeting is in Shepherdstown, WV. - July 17-18

Clarion Hotel - 304-876-7000

Even if you are not a board member, you are welcome to attend and have an impact on state and national issues. Call state office (877-408-0703) to make lunch reservations for the 17th. Nationally respected Chief Economist & Senior Vice President, NAHB, Dr. David Crowe will be guest speaker for the luncheon. Cost is \$19 & reservations must be in by July 9. Dr. Crowe will address the current economic & housing situation in the US & in WV plus give a perspective on builders' concerns about shortages of labor, land and credit.

Issues and Regulations

Regulation of Heating, Ventilating and Cooling Work

July 1, 2015 - Applications for licensure for Heating, Ventilating & Cooling (HVAC) work will be available and processed beginning July 1 by the WV Division of Labor. (§21-16 and §42-34)

January 1, 2016 - The WV Division of Labor will begin performing compliance inspections.

July 2, 2016 - *All HVAC Technician* applicants will be required to submit an **examination score report** with their application/affidavit and applicable fee. All *HVAC Technician in Training* applicants will only submit an application/affidavit and fee. No exam score report will be required.

Classifications and experience necessary to license without written examination prior to July 2, 2016 are listed below:

HVAC Technician means a person licensed to install, test, maintain and repair heating, ventilating & cooling systems (At least 2,000 hours of experience and/or training working on HVAC systems and at least 6,000 hours of experience and/or training in HVAC systems and relating work which includes other sheet metal industry tasks). Cost **\$75** per year. The \$75 fee will be waived if a person has a current WV Contractor Licensing Board license with the HVAC classification and is an owner and the HVAC qualifier.

Technician in Training means a person with interest in and an aptitude for performing installation, maintenance and repair work to a heating, ventilating and cooling system as defined in this article, but who alone is not capable or authorized to perform HVAC work unless directly supervised by a HVAC Technician. No experience required. Cost: **\$50** per year.

Plumbing Work

July 1, 2015 - Rule §42-32 - **Supervision of Plumbing Work** changes go into effect. Changes are:

The **Plumber in Training** exam will no longer be a requirement prior to submitting a Plumber in Training application/affidavit and acquiring a license.

The **Plumber in Training** fee is being reduced from \$75 to **\$50** per year.

If your renewal application is received or postmarked more than 15 days after your license's expiration date, the applicant shall pay a late fee of **\$25** in addition to the annual renewal fee.

There will be a **\$10** fee for a duplicate license.

WV Division of Labor Licensing - Bldg 6, Room B-749 - State Capitol Complex - Charleston, WV 25305 - 304-558-7890 Fax: 304-558-5174 licensing@wv.gov
Details can be found in Title 42 - Legislative Rule, WV Div of Labor Series 34

Mechanics' Liens

The changes adopted in 2014 have now gone into effect. Work continues to try to reach a compromise to be addressed in the 2016 session.

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Changes in Closing Procedures

August 1, 2015 - The consumer Financial Protection Bureau will institute new rules regarding disclosures under the Truth in Lending Act and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act that will affect all home builders, particularly those with a real estate lending arm.

Under the new procedures as a result of the Dodd Frank Act, 4 documents will merge into 2.

- The Good Faith Estimate and Truth in Lending disclosures will be eliminated and combined into a new single **Loan Estimate form or LE**.
- The final Truth in Lending Disclosure and HUD-1 Settlement Statement are being replaced by the **Closing Disclosure or CD**.

To prevent any unwanted closing delays, a good rule of thumb is to have all the paperwork in order at least a week before the scheduled closing date. Communicate early and often about the process with your home buyer, Realtor, creditor and settlement agents.

NAHB has a FAQ document & a matrix that highlights the differences between the new and existing disclosure rules. On the NAHB web site, log in and then check out the following:

- Upcoming new lending rules
- The Final Rule
- CFPB resources

or contact Steve Linville at NAHB 800-368-5242 x8597

EPA Renovator Recertification Deadlines

The EPA has issued a fine rule extending the certifications of thousands of individual renovators under the Lead: Renovation Repair and Painting Program (LRRP). This allows more than 200,000 certified renovators who should have been shut out, to take advantage of online-only training included in revisions proposed by the EPA to the refresher training requirement.

- Individual renovators who received certification on or before March 31, 2010, now have until March 31, 2016 to get recertified.
- Individual renovators who received certification between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, will have 1 year added to their 5-year certification.
- Subsequent certifications for renovators receiving the extension will be 5 yrs.
Learn more in NAHBNow.

NAHB has launched a new contracts and subscription website. This site offers access to a variety of residential construction contract forms and documents developed by NAHB, exclusively with home builders and remodelers in mind. Get some of the best contracts in the industry including:

- Fixed Fee Residential
- Construction Contract
- Construction Management Agreement
- Remodeling Contract
- Design Services Contract
- Certificate of Acceptance
- Pricing Request Form
- Subcontract - Master Agreement

Order at nahbcontracts.com

New Year, New Manufacturers, More Money!

The following have been added to the Member Rebate Program starting with the 1st quarter of 2015: Generac Power Systems, Dutch Quality Stone, StoneCraft, Eldorado Outdoor, Eldorado Fireplace Surrounds and Element Central Vacuum System.



877-476-0011
732-996-4404
800-977-5591 Fax

Just a reminder that you can claim rebates using the over 40 participating manufacturers for all homes, remodeling projects or multi-family units completed. No receipts are necessary except for Progress Lighting.

Join and benefit from the next quarter by going to www.HBArebates.com or go to the state website www.HBAWV.org & click the link.

Our local association participates with National Purchasing Partners. Once you set up your free account, you have access to discounts and savings from the following companies.

Actsoft, Inc -
Airgas Inc
CalAmp
Complete Office
CradlePoint
EarthCam Inc.
En Pointe Technologies Sales LLC
Expedia
Fastenal Company
IMPAC Fleet



Kyocera Document
Solutions America Inc
LegalZoom
Level 3
Spireon Inc
Staples Advantage
TalenWise
Vantiv-Payment Processing
YRC Freight
myAutoloan

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Northern Long Eared Bats - Endangered Species Act (ESA)

The US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) has listed the northern long eared bat as threatened. Beginning this past May 4, rules have been imposed to place seasonal restrictions upon all land clearing operations in wooded areas where the bats live. Public comments are being accepted until July 1.

In 2014, 53% of all building permits issued occurred within the 37 states found within bat habitat range. The bat hibernates in caves and abandoned mines during the winter (late October - early April) and in the spring travels 40-50 miles to roost alone or in small colonies underneath bark or in cavities of living trees for the summer (mid April - early October). To find out if there are bats in your area or on your property, go to NAHB.org/speciesfinder (free but only available to members). FWS is advising all landowners within the bats' habitat who are considering land clearing of wooded areas between mid-April and mid-September to first contact their local FWS ecological service field office to see if there are any confirmed bat locations in their area.

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REMINDER!!

Those wishing to submit projects for the Best of West Virginia Building Awards, need to contact the local HBA office ASAP. Deadline June 30.

NEWLY DESIGNED NAHB WEBSITE

If you have logged on recently to NAHB.org you have noticed the new design. If you have any troubles in logging on, please contact our office (304-736-0561 or NAHB 800-5242).

UNDER CONSIDERATION

The HBAWV is currently working on the following projects. If you are interested in tracking and participating in any of these issues, please contact the local office about the possibility of serving on the state board.

- Possible Apprenticeship program
- Combating the reintroduction of sprinklers as they apply to duplex/townhome & single-family construction
- Mechanic's Lien legislation
- Impacting the appraisal process
- Green building - training and marketing



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As the exclusive automotive manufacturer of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), we're pleased to extend association members a private offer¹ of up to \$1,000 toward the purchase or lease of most new GM vehicles. Just visit your local dealer, choose an eligible GM vehicle, and present your NAHB proof of membership. You can add on Incentives from the National Fleet Purchase Program² and Business Choice³ to get the best value on vehicles that run your business. For private-offer details, visit nahb.org/gm.



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