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COMMENTARY

Hello Members and Friends of the Builders,

Well the Builders Annual Golf Outing is over! This year we coupled with the Ashtabula County Chamber of Commerce to produce a new golf outing called the Lake Erie Classic and it was a great success. In all we had 85 golfers at Maple Ridge Golf Course with the catering being done by Lou's Billow Beach and the event was enjoyed by all of those that attended. This golf event was different from any other that I have ever attended in the past, we had hole sponsors out on the golf course showing off their services and products, many also handed out advertising items and also refreshments to the golfers which was very unique and enjoyed by the golfers. The chamber had a large group of volunteers available delivering liquid refreshments to the golfers the entire day while they were playing which made the heat much more bearable. I would also like to thank the 35 hole sponsors of the builders, without your generosity the builders would not be able to do a lot of the things we do throughout the year. I am looking forward to a bigger and better golf outing next year so make a mental note now to attend this event next year.

The month of August signals another end of a short summer here in Ohio, school will be starting for many kids, the county fair will be in full swing again, and also the Builders Summer Social will be happening. In the past we have highlighted new construction projects in the county such as the Smolen Covered Bridge and Spire but this year it will be showcasing one of the oldest taverns in the county. The Grand

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 8th Summer Social
Grand River Manor

September 12th Clam Bake
Elks

October 10th TBA

November 14th Annual 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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National Home Builders News

River Manor has been around since 1847 and will be the sight of our Builders Summer Social. The Manor is located on the banks of the Grand River which will provide for a very scenic back backdrop for an enjoyable evening. The band, the King Pins, will be providing the entertainment for the evening and the Manor will be providing the food and beverages for our enjoyment. This is a wonderful event to bring your better half and also a great time to entertain a fellow co-worker or customer. More details are available on the flyer enclosed in the newsletter and now is the time to make your call to reserve a table at the Manor.

I would like to mention in closing this month that this is your Association and if there is anything that you would like to see from us please let us know. If you have seen a person that would make a good speaker at one of our meetings please let us know. If you would like to hear more about a certain topic of concern to the organization tell us and we will see what we can do about getting someone to enlighten us. If there is something we can do to improve the Builders as a whole we will consider your suggestions.

See you at the Manor,

Bill Romanko

Your President

**Mark your calendars September 2013 our
NEW WEBSITE WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO ALL THE COMPANIES WHO SPONSORED A HOLE AT THE
2013 GOLF OUTING**

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| 84 Lumber | Have, Inc. |
| A P L Electric | Infinity Resources, Inc. |
| A. Louis Supply Company | Joe Dragon Construction/Dragon |
| American Alert/Vector Supply | Home Decorating |
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| Building Technicians Corporation | Oros Builders |
| Chicago Title Agency | Raymond Builders |
| Conneaut Savings Bank | Simak Trucking, Inc. |
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| Equipment | Snodgrass of N.E. Ohio, Inc. |
| E & J Glass & Trim, Inc. | Thomas Fence |
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| French's Concrete | Valley Building Centers |
| Great Lakes Auto Network | W.S.A. Inc. |
| | Witt Enterprises, Inc. |

ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
SUMMER SOCIAL



THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

at

GRAND RIVER MANOR

1153 Mechanicsville Road

Geneva, OH 44041

6:00 p.m. Mixer

7:00 p.m. Dinner

\$40.00 PER PERSON \$75.00 PER COUPLE

ENTERTAINMENT

King Pins

BUFFET INCLUDED

Grilled Chicken Breast * Sliced Roast Beef

Red Skin Potatoes * Wild Rice Pilaf

Green Beans

Mixed Greens * Pasta Salad

Roll and Butter

Dessert

3 drink tickets per person included in price

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH
to 645-7496 or ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net

NATION'S BUILDING NEWS

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Remodeler Confidence Rebounds in Second Quarter

July 25, 2013 - Confidence in the remodeling market rebounded in the second quarter of 2013 with the Remodeling Market Index (RMI) rising six points to 55, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The rise in existing home sales and increased demand for remodeling projects contributed to the positive report.

An RMI above 50 indicates that more remodelers report market activity is higher (compared to the prior quarter) than report it is lower. The overall RMI averages ratings of current remodeling activity with indicators of future remodeling activity.

"Remodelers are feeling optimistic about the home improvement market during what has turned out to be an uneven recovery," said NAHB Remodelers Chairman Bill Shaw, GMR, GMB, CGP, a remodeler from Houston. "The RMI future market results are especially promising. Not only do remodelers have projects booked for the next few months, but they also have more work coming in the door."

The future market indicators component of the RMI increased to 56 from the previous quarter level of 48. Current market conditions rose from 50 in the previous quarter to 54. All of the indicators of future activity (i.e. calls for bids, work committed for three months, backlog, and appointments) were over 50 for the first time in eight years.

"Remodelers' positive sentiment is directly related to increased demand for their services. Rising home prices are making remodeling jobs possible for more homeowners while existing home sales provide additional momentum as home owners prepare their homes for market," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe.

New-Home Sales Jump 8.3 Percent in June

July 23, 2013 - Sales of newly built, single-family homes surged 8.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted, annual rate of 497,000 units in June, their fastest pace in the last five years, according to data released today by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"New-home buyers are returning to the market in larger numbers as firming prices, shrinking inventories of homes for sale and improving local economies convince them that now is the time to make their move," said Rick Judson, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Charlotte, N.C. "Meanwhile, the very low supply of new homes on the market is indicative of the difficulty that builders are having in keeping up with demand due to availability issues with regard to materials, credit, labor and lots for development."

"The takeaway from this report is that the housing recovery is solidly on track and isn't going to be derailed by slightly higher mortgage rates," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "After years of fence-sitting, buyers are back and are ready to move forward with an investment in homeownership." Looking ahead, he said he anticipates further, though more incremental gains in sales through the end of this year.

Three out of four regions saw solid gains in new-home sales activity in June, with the Northeast, South and West posting increases of 18.5 percent, 10.9 percent and 13.8 percent, respectively. The Midwest posted an 11.8 percent decline following an above-trend bump in activity in May.

The inventory of new homes for sale declined to 161,000 units in June, marking a razor-thin, 3.9-month supply at the current sales pace. The months' supply of homes for sale has not fallen below this level since March of 2004.