



ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

October 2014

President's Comment

Hello Members and Friends,

This is my most favorite time of the year, the weather is perfect for my liking, and the smell and sights of the woods brings me back to the memories of walking in the outdoors with my father as a young child. My favorite sports are in full swing, the baseball season is getting more exciting with the playoffs, professional football is back, and the local high school teams are playing again. One other things that fall brings is elections. This year's mid-term election has a handful of exciting races and our October meeting will have several of these candidates introducing themselves to our attendants at our meeting. It has always been my opinion that local government has more impact on our daily activities and that is why it is important to know who you are voting for in November. We will be having the candidates for County Commissioners, State Representative, and also several of the candidates for Common Pleas Court in attendance. Also we have been approached by the supporters of the Ashtabula County Metroparks Levy and the Ashtabula County Senior Services Levy to present their levies. I would like to state at this time that the Ashtabula County Builders Association does not endorse any one candidate or cause. Please plan on attending this important meeting and becoming educated and informed. Also several months ago Congressman David Joyce had requested to speak in front of our group, we had penciled him in to speak to us at this meeting also, well as things would have it his presence is requested back in Washington so unless his plans should change he will not be present at our meeting.

September's meeting, our annual Clam Bake, was again a great success. Many thanks go out to Mr. Drew Thomas for cooking the clams and making the arrangements for the evening.

Several years ago prior to my taking the office of President, the board had a closed door meeting to discuss the future of the Builders Association. At this meeting we discussed what within our organization seems to work well for us and what does not work well. We discussed membership, programs, community involvement, just to mention a few of the topics. Well as my term comes to an end I feel that this meeting was time well spent. I feel that the Builders are a stronger group because of the hard work that all of my board has done over the last couple of years and for that I thank them. Because this meeting was so successful we will be having another one within the next couple of months, Calvin Brown Jr. will be filling my shoes as President and should also have the benefit of a well thought out direction to go. If anyone has any suggestions as to any changes to make no matter what the topic please feel free to bring your thoughts to our November Annual meeting or if you feel more comfortable please contact any of the current board with your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Bill Romanko

President of the Ashtabula County Builders Association

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Calendar of Events

November 13th	Annual Meeting Casa Capelli
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January 8th	TBA
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February 12th	TBA
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Social Hour	6:00pm
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Dinner	7:00pm
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Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...

CANDIDATES NIGHT

County Commisioners
State Representative
Common Pleas Court Judges
Senior Services Levy
Ashtabula County Metroparks

Thursday, October 9th
at
Ashtabula Elks Lodge

\$25.00 Per Person

Choice of:

Prime Rib, Chicken or Baked Fish

Dinner Includes: Salad, Baked Potato and Vegetable

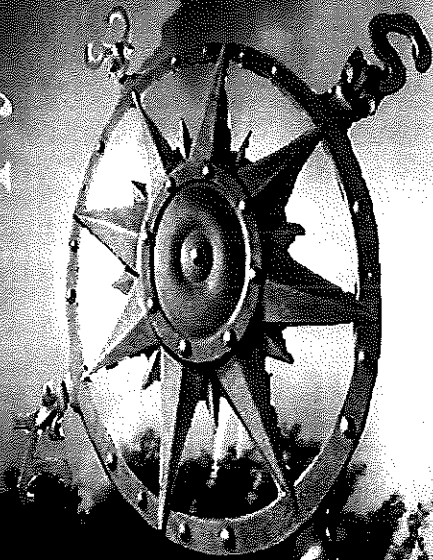
Open Bar	6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Dinner	7:00p.m.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 6th

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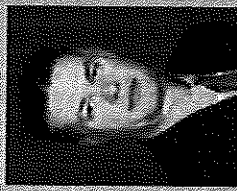
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**GUEST SPEAKER:
STUART CORDELL**



Stuart is an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Warren and Young PLLC in Ashtabula, Ohio. Stuart joined the firm in 1993, after spending three years practicing law with Baker & Hostetler LLP in Cleveland.

Stuart concentrates his practice in the areas of business formation and transactions, non-profit organizations, real estate, estate planning and probate administration. He is counsel to many of the largest businesses in Ashtabula County, among which are companies with operations in multiple states as well as internationally. He also represents a variety of small businesses, non-profit organizations and foundations, real estate developers and individuals.

**GUEST SPEAKER:
TIM MCCARTHY**



Tim received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Ohio State University in March of 1975 then received his Masters of Business Administration from Ohio State (Fisher Business School) in June of 2007. In 2008, he received Fisher Alumnae Community Service Award.

McCarthy opened his first business in 1988. Over time, this company developed a permissioned database of 700,000 employers delivering incentives for their national advertising clients to 70 million USA employees. In 2003, in partnership with his son, McCarthy opened Raising Cane's of Ohio, which has 13 stores in Central Ohio doing \$30 million revenue in 2013.

Throughout his adult life, McCarthy has been engaged in non-profit work.

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New-Home Sales Top 500,000 in August, Highest Level Since 2008

September 24, 2014 - Sales of newly built, single-family homes increased 18 percent in August to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 504,000 units in August, the highest level in six years, according to newly released data by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"This jump in sales activity is in line with our latest surveys, which indicate builders are seeing increased traffic and more serious buyers in the market for single-family homes," said Kevin Kelly, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"This robust level of new-home sales activity is a good sign that the housing recovery is moving towards higher ground," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "Historically low mortgage rates, attractive home prices and firming job and economic growth should keep the housing market moving forward in 2014."

Regionally, new home sales rose 50 percent in the West, 29.2 percent in the Northeast and 7.8 percent in the South. Sales were unchanged in the Midwest.

The NRP Group Named 2014 Development Firm of the Year by NAHB

October 2, 2014 - The NRP Group LLC, based in Cleveland, earned top honors as Multifamily Development Firm of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) as part of the association's Multifamily Pillars of the Industry Awards.

"The NRP Group has consistently developed outstanding properties that meet the ever-changing needs of today's renter," said W. Dean Henry, CEO of Legacy Partners Residential in Foster City, Calif., and chairman of NAHB's Multifamily Leadership Board. "The NRP Group is a true leader in the multifamily housing market and is well deserving of this award."

The award, sponsored by ZIP Systems, honors excellence in multifamily housing development, financial performance, innovative development strategies and practices and successful achievement of the company's vision and goals.

In the last three years, The NRP Group has developed and constructed almost 9,000 market-rate and affordable apartments nationwide, and has expanded its property management team and doubled the size of its marketing department to respond to market-rate and student housing development. The company has maintained its commitment to affordable housing, with a number one ranking from Affordable Housing Finance magazine and has grown to one of the top 10 market-rate developers in the country. The NRP group is one of the very few companies whose properties are designed and built to be unique, which sets them apart from many other developers

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