

# BUILDERS PLAN

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## ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

" The Voice of the Industry in Ashtabula County"

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## COMMENTARY

Greeting Members,

What another wonderful golf outing in July! I saw a lot of new faces come out and enjoy the day with the Builders Association. Thanks to Bill Romanko for organizing another great day on the golf course. I would like to thank all the businesses for their sponsorships, as well as all the board members for their time and effort. The food was prepared perfectly by Meola Catering.

I learned two things that day. One, I'm not a very good golfer! Two, it's really nice to enjoy a great day with wonderful people. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the fun.

Coming up in August will be our Summer Social at Deers Leap Winery, please check your flier for directions and time. We had a very good turn out last year and I look forward to seeing many of you again. The very talented Dennis Ford will be singing again this year. Please come and join us for great food and company.

As always, your Builders Association is here for you. Please know you can contact any of your board members for any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Social and don't forget to bring a guest!

Best Regards,

Your President, Joe Oros

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 16th Summer Social  
Deers Leap Winery  
Geneva, Ohio

September 13th Clam Bake  
TBA

October 11th Candidate's Night  
TBA

November 8th 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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## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the companies who sponsored a Hole at the 2012 Golf Outing or a donation for Door Prizes.

A. LOUIS SUPPLY COMPANY  
AMERICAN ALERT/VECTOR SECURITY  
ANDOVER BANK  
APPLETON ELECTRIC  
ASHTABULA CONCRETE, INC.  
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### **NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON**

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR  
PICTURES YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO SHARE  
PLEASE CONTACT  
Michelle at (440) 645-7496  
OR  
E MAIL  
[ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net](mailto:ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net)

### **NEW BUILDER'S PHONE NUMBER**

**440-645-7496**

### **TIME TO SCHEDULE AGENDA / SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL MEETING**

**If you have any suggestions/ideas  
Please contact a board member or Michelle  
at any time!  
These are your meetings...**

# **ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL**

**Thursday, August, 16, 2012**

**at**

**Deers Leap Winery**

1520 Harpersfield Road

Geneva, Ohio

**Entertainment:**

Dennis Ford

**\$50.00 Per Person    \$95.00 Per Couple**

**PIG and CHICKEN ROAST**

Deluxe Salad Bar

Baked Potato

Baked Beans

Apple Crisp

1 bottle wine OR 2 mixed drinks per couple provided

Cash Bar

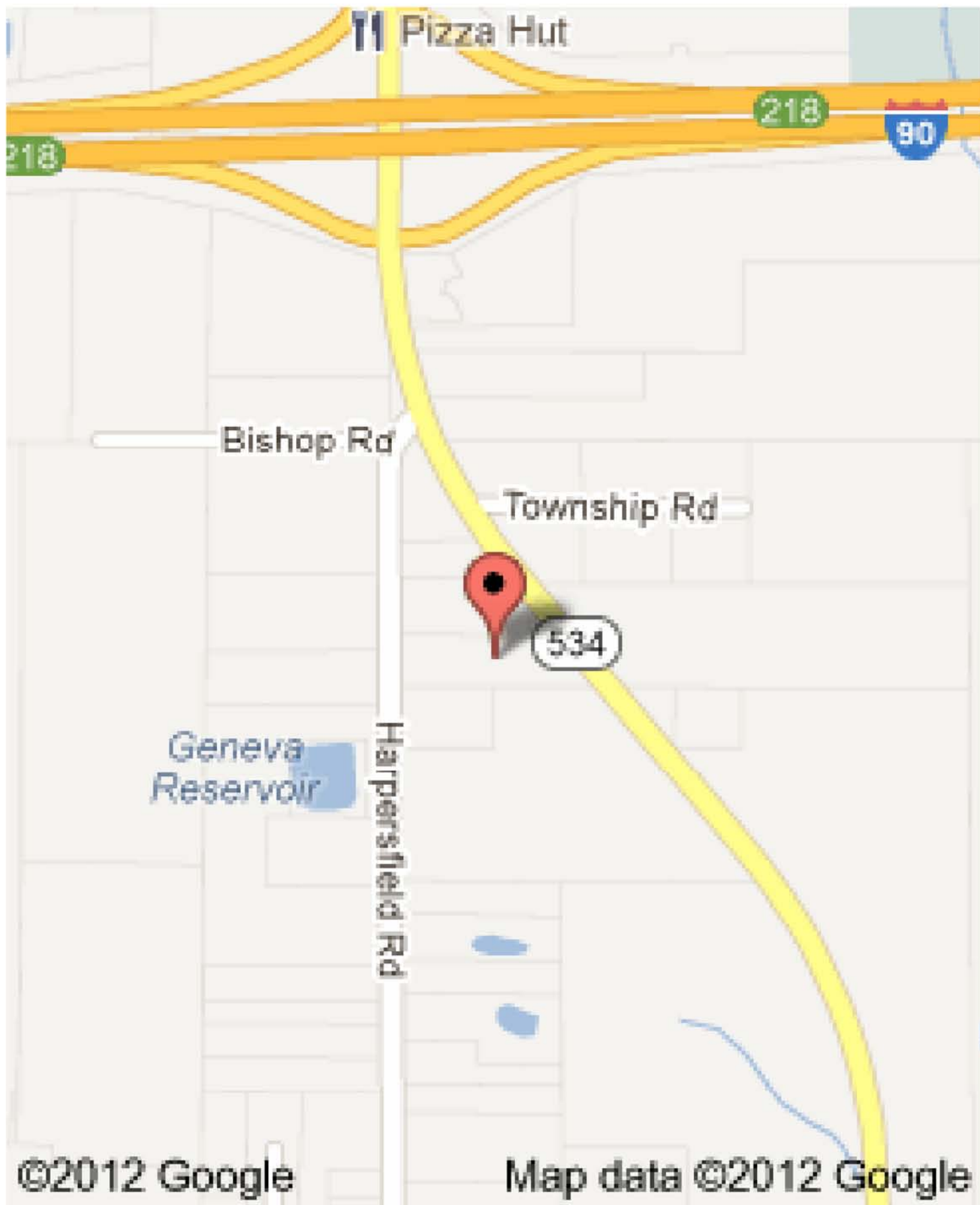
**Social Hour**

**6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.**

**Dinner**

**7:00p.m.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY August 10th to (440)645-7496**





## **Remodeling Marketing Index Adjusts Downward from Recent High,**

### **Future Market Activity Steady**

**July 26, 2012** - The second quarter results of the Remodeling Market Index (RMI) slipped under pressure from a softening labor market, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), dropping two points to 45. The downward adjustment comes after the RMI reached 48 twice in 2011, the highest reading since 2006.

The RMI is based on a quarterly survey of NAHB remodelers that asks them to rate current remodeling activity along with indicators of future activity, like calls for bids. An RMI below 50 indicates that more remodelers report market activity is lower (compared to the prior quarter) than report it is higher.

In the second quarter, the RMI component measuring current market conditions dropped to 46 from 49 in the previous quarter. The RMI component measuring future indicators of remodeling business remained unchanged at 44.

“Remodelers have some backlog of jobs and along with higher quality leads, this is making them cautiously optimistic about the near future,” said NAHB Remodelers Chairman George “Geep” Moore Jr., GMB, CAPS, GMR and owner/president of Moore-Built Construction & Restoration Inc. in Elm Grove, La. “The positive outlook is constrained by continuing credit constraints and inaccurate appraisals that make customer financing difficult for big jobs like additions and whole house remodels.”

In the South, the RMI rose by one point to 47, while in the West it was flat at 47. The RMI for the Northeast and Midwest regions fell by six points and four points, down to 42 and 46, respectively.

Among the detailed RMI components, two important indicators of future activity increased in the second quarter: backlog of jobs to 46 (from 43) and amount of work committed for the next three months to 43 (from 42). All indicators of current market conditions fell: major additions and alterations to 42 (from 44), minor additions and alterations to 47 (from 52) and maintenance and repairs to 50 (from 51).

“The labor market was weak in April, May and June, adding no more than 80,000 jobs a month, which hurt consumer confidence and likely explains some of the temporary signs of weakness in the construction industry during the second quarter—like the two point decline in the RMI,” said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. “The relative strength of the RMI components for jobs in the pipeline is consistent with the modest increase in remodeling activity NAHB is forecasting for the balance of 2012.”