



Home Builders Association

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JANUARY 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting
Deer Brook Country Club
5 PM
Monthly Meeting
Deer Brook Country Club 6 PM

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GENTLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There are only three things you need to let go of: **judging, controlling, and being right. Release these three and you will have the whole mind and twinkly heart of a child.**



From your Board of Directors

Building Code Council Rejects Residential Fire Sprinklers, Accepts NCHBA Compromise on New Energy Code Standards

NCHBA claimed major victories on behalf of the home building industry at the N.C. Building Code Council last week when two critical issues came before the Council for a vote. First, the Council rejected an effort to require residential sprinklers in single-family homes as called for in the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC). Second, the Council endorsed a compromise earlier reached between NCHBA and Governor Beverly Perdue regarding the adoption of new energy-efficiency residential building standards.

“These are two significant victories for our industry and for our ongoing efforts to preserve the affordability of housing in North Carolina,” said Mike Carpenter, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for NCHBA. “NCHBA has again demonstrated its willingness to fight for our members and for potential homebuyers in this state. Given the current economic times, these victories are even more important and demonstrate the value of NCHBA membership.”

BMIC Announces Dividend

Builders Mutual Insurance Co. announced at the NCHBA 4th Quarter Board Meeting that a \$1.575 million dividend will be distributed in February to eligible policyholders. This year marks the 22nd out of 26 years that BMIC has declared a dividend for policyholders.

“Builders Mutual is pleased to again distribute a Workers Compensation dividend of \$1.575 million, making this 22 out of 26 years our results have enabled us to declare a dividend,” said Brad Mook, BMIC Assistant Vice President of Business Development. “In these difficult economic times, it is especially rewarding this year to recognize our policyholders that continue to support a safe work environment enabling them to share in this distribution. Builders Mutual exists to serve the insurance needs of the construction industry, and we will continue to partner with our customers to guide us through this challenging cycle.”

Check amounts will be calculated in January and mailed to policyholders in February.

******IMPORTANT NOTICE******

“Dues paid to the North Carolina Home Builders Association (NCHBA) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. The NCHBA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your 2011 dues—the portion which is allocable to lobbying—is 31%”

For a member who pays their regular NCHBA dues of \$60.00 in 2011, 31% or \$18.60 will not be eligible for deduction as a business expense, and \$41.40 of the NCHBA dues may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

The NAHB has made a similar calculation with respect to their portion of your 2011 dues. For 2011, NAHB has determined that 18% of their regular annual dues of \$150.00 is non-deductible. Thus, for the NAHB portion of your dues \$27.00 is not deductible and \$123.00 may be deductible.

Congratulations

The Cleveland County Home Builders Association had a drawing at their annual Christmas Party for a 5 day 4 night Carnival Cruise to the Bahamas for two; only members of the HBA were eligible to win the prize. Congratulations to our lucky winners, Clyde & Mary Willis!! We hope they have a wonderful time on their vacation.

NEW OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2011



Top Left: New Officers & Board of Directors

Top Right : Matt Smart turning over his gavel to 2011 President Ed Howard & wife Cindy.

Bottom Left: Newly Elected Vice-President Mark Spurling & wife Lori

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Cleveland County
Code Administrator

KNOW THE CODE



No Report available this month but the Cleveland County Building Inspectors would like to wish each of you a **HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**



REMINDER

Starting in January, the Cleveland Country Club will no longer be open on Tuesday's so the Home Builders will be having their Monthly Meetings at **Deer Brook Country Club**; the time will still be at 6:00 PM. Board Members will meet at 5:00 PM for their monthly meeting.

The physical address for the Country Club is **201 Deer Brook Dr. Shelby, NC.** and the phone number is 704 482-4419. We hope to see you on January 11, 2011.

Finding Qualified Appraisers for New Construction

NAHB is in the process of developing a continuing educational curriculum to ensure that appraisers have the necessary experience and education to value new construction.

However, builders are seeing licensed or certified appraisers who do not appear to be qualified to do appraisals of new construction.

The Appraisal Foundation's Appraisal Practices Board is in the process of establishing minimum education, experience and examination requirements for real property appraisers.

In response to a draft of the board's qualification criteria for appraisers — which are not likely to take effect until Jan. 1, 2015 — NAHB said appraisers must have adequate knowledge of lot values and new home construction when they are establishing values for newly constructed homes.

"It is necessary that an appraiser of new construction make every effort to obtain comprehensive information on the subject property, including lot values, custom features, upgrades and energy efficiency data," NAHB said. "A new construction appraisal requires the appraiser to have the ability to read plans, review the materials description lists and evaluate the builder's contract and any other special additions."

Small Builders Dominate Housing Industry, Top 10 Builders Cooling Off in Hard-Hit Markets

The recent trend of the nation's top 10 home builders gaining market share within the housing industry appears to have run its course, at least for the time being, according to the latest special study by NAHB Housing Economics. But even while big builders were expanding their production earlier in the decade, a wealth of government statistics show that small builders were the predominant force in the housing industry, including a sizable number of self-employed mom-and-pop operations.

According to information compiled by Hanley Wood and published in Builder magazine each May, the trend toward concentration within the industry by the top 10 national builders peaked in 2006 when they captured a 28.1% share of new single-family closings. Their market share flattened out to above 27% in 2007 and 2008 and then dipped to 23.9% last year.

Building Permits November 2010

Location	Contractor	Type Constr.	Valuation
Kings Mountain			
214 Railroad Ave	Home Constar & Design	Addition/Remodel	\$9,000
304 Linwood Rd.	Calvin Huffman	Addition/Remodel	\$29,400
315 N. Tracey St	Michael Brown	New Construction	\$6,000
301 Liberty Ct.	Hall Builders	New Construction	\$135,540
109 Lord's Landing	Prudential Invest.	New Construction	\$88,500
147 Crown Ct.	Homeowner	Accessory Structure	\$1,100
1002 Cleveland Ave.	Concrete Specialty	Addition/Remodel	\$10,000

All Permits not listed.	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$279,540
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Shelby

1029 Allendale Dr.	Pete Kanai	Owner	Storage Bldg. & Pool	\$2,000
1808 Arbor Way Dr.	Darrell Patterson	Lynn Lee	Termite Damage	\$25,000
236 Lily St.	James Ivester	Sam Burris	Renovations	\$22,500
712 Douglas St.	Michael Poc	Owner	Add Porch	\$5,100
114 Ross Grove Rd.	James Stamey	James King	Int. Renovations	\$90
913 Langston Dr.	Amanda Sims	Scottie Hopper	Fire Damage	\$49,148

All Permits not listed	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$103,838
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Cleveland County

2206 Peninsula Ave.	Kevin Smith	Wright's Construction	Add Sunroom	\$25,000
242 Oakgrove Clover Hill Rd.	Robert Powell	Owner	SFD	\$100,000
321 E. Double Shoals Rd	Michael Pisarczyk	Owner	SFD	\$250,000
147 Dunes Dr.	Robert Point	Stitzel Properties, Inc.	Addition to SFD	\$75,000
135 Beam Ave.	Betty Mann	Owner	Storage Bldg.	\$2,500
114 Tobe Bridge Rd.	Edwin Costner	Owner	Replace Windows	\$11,700
6005 Emerald Ln.	Gerald Gantt	Owner	Storage Bldg.	\$12,000
154 Heavens Way	Gerald Kline	Owner	Storage Bldg.	\$2,482
1314 N. Lakewood Dr.	Rebecca Trammell	Owner	Storage Bldg.	\$2,000

All Permits not listed	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$480,682
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Total Valuation of Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County	\$864,060
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE OR COMING DUE

J. Dale Sain Contractor
Martin Electric
American Restoration
First National Bank

Future Energy
Chris Webber Construction
Beam, Edwards & Brooks
Greene Building Corporation

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FOR OUR TROOPS**

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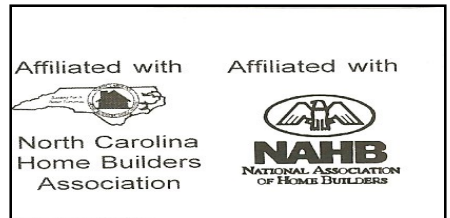
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