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Upcoming Events

- **March 8, 2011 - 5 PM**
Board of Directors Meeting
Deer Brook Club House
- **March 8, 2011 - 6 PM**
Monthly Meeting
Deer Brook Club House
SPEAKER: Jim Burke,
Natural Resources
Extension Agent for
Gaston County
- **April 9, 2011**
Reverse Raffle
GoForth Hall

OMB Hears NAHB Concerns on Storm Water Rules

NAHB staff and consultants met recently with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other Administration officials to voice our members' concerns about a new EPA rule that would set a numeric effluent limit for storm water leaving construction sites. OMB is currently reviewing the Construction & Development Effluent Limitation Guideline rulemaking. As originally proposed, the rule would have limited effluents to 280 NTUs, a measure of the turbidity — or cloudiness — of the water, and impose other requirements for construction-site storm water management. However, after NAHB filed a petition with the EPA and legally challenged the numeric limit, the agency admitted that there were flaws in the data it used to develop the regulation and removed the 280 NTU limit. Since then, NAHB has raised concerns that the EPA has not provided any data to justify a new limit and is expediting a rule that takes a costly approach to managing the storm water discharged from construction sites by imposing a “one-size-fits-all” numeric limit nationwide. The association has recommended an approach that would allow builders and developers to measure turbidity levels and make improvements to the Best Management Practices used to control runoff if the levels are too high. NAHB also recommended an exemption from the ELG numeric limit for sites that use Low Impact Development management practices such as infiltration, and for small sites. OMB received the revised proposal on Dec. 15 and has 90 days to review it and provide a response to the EPA.

Rain Barrels and Cisterns for Single Family Homes

Jim Burke, Natural Resources Extension Agent for Gaston County, will make a presentation on rain barrels & cisterns for single family homes at the HBACC Monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM at the Deer Brook Club House.

Mr. Burke will discuss the benefits of utilizing rain barrels & cisterns to capture rain water runoff from household roofs. Most people don't realize the amount of water available as runoff during a typical storm. A 1,000 ft² roof will shed approximately 600 gallons of water during a 1 inch rainfall event. Captured rain water can be used to water flower & vegetable gardens, trees & shrubs, thereby conserving water resources & reducing the homeowner's utility bill. He will also discuss installation of rain barrels and cisterns and safety issues.

Reverse Raffle

Reverse Raffle tickets are on sale again & we hope that every member of our association will help sell them. The raffle will take place on April 9, 2011. We will again have eight \$500 prizes, one \$1,000 prize and the grand prize is \$5,000. You do not have to be present to win any of the prizes. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we need your support to make this a successful year. For ticket information, please call 704-472-0133 or contact any of our board members.

2011 Spring NCBI Session

The 2011 Spring Session of the North Carolina Builder Institute will be held March 1-3 at Builders First Center (*new location*) in Raleigh. The NCBI offers professional courses for builders, remodelers, associates and superintendants working on a designation or who just want to expand their knowledge base. Courses have been carefully selected to meet the current needs and trends of the home building industry. Registrations must be made on-site.

North Carolina Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc Scholarship Award

The NC Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc awards scholarships based on a combination of need and merit to 4 year college students entering their junior or senior year and technical school students entering their second year who have declared their major in a construction related field.

To be eligible a student must meet the following criteria & return application by April 30, 2011:

1. Applicants must be nominated by a NCHBA member firm.
2. Nominees shall be immediate family members of NCHBA member firms, related by blood, (i.e. children, step-children or grandchildren).
3. Students related by marriage, (i.e. son-in-law, daughter-in-law, etc.) shall not be eligible.
4. Immediate family members of any current trustee of the NCHB Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc. shall not be eligible.
5. Awards are for one year, but scholarship winners may submit a renewal application and be considered for renewal if they make satisfactory progress in their studies.
6. Only full-time students will be considered. NCHBA defines a full-time student as one taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

*For more information go to www.nchba.com or call (800)-662-7129.

*"If you can imagine it,
you can create it.
If you can dream it,
you can become it."
-William Arthur Ward*

Cleveland County Code News

We are quickly approaching the time when new code books will become effective. Has it been three years already? Here is a list of each code and the effective and mandatory dates associated with each.

KNOW THE CODE

*Paul Ezell
Cleveland County
Code Administrator
704-484-4997*

NC Code	Effective Date	Mandatory Effective Date
2011 Electrical	9/1/2011	9/1/2011
2012 Building	9/1/2011	3/1/2012
2012 Fire	9/1/2011	3/1/2012
2012 Fuel Gas	9/1/2011	3/1/2012
2012 Mechanical	9/1/2011	3/1/2012
2012 Plumbing	9/1/2011	3/1/2012
2012 Administration	1/1/2012	3/1/2012
2012 Energy Conservation	1/1/2012	3/1/2012
2012 Residential	1/1/2012	3/1/2012

The code books can be purchased at:

http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Engineering/engineering_home.asp

& click on "Code Services" & in the drop down menu, click on "Code Book Sales".

As with every code change cycle, there will be multiple questions and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have, provided we know the answer. If we don't know the answer, we'll get the answer for you.

Thanks,
Paul Ezell
Cleveland County
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Housing Affordability Reaches Highest Level in 20 Years

Nationwide housing affordability during the fourth quarter of 2010 rose to its highest level in the 20 years since it has been measured, according to National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) data released today.

The HOI indicated that 73.9 percent of all new and existing homes sold in the fourth quarter of 2010 were affordable to families earning the national median income of \$64,400. The record-setting index for the fourth quarter surpassed the previous high of 72.5 percent set during the first quarter of 2009 and marked the eighth consecutive quarter that the index has been above 70 percent. Until 2009, the HOI rarely topped 65 percent and never reached 70 percent.

Please visit www.nahb.org/hoi for tables, historic data and details.

The 21st Century Building Expo & Conference

The premier building Expo & Conference for builders, associates, realtors, architects and trade contractors throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia. We invite you to take time from your schedule to visit the **Charlotte Convention Center September 14-16**. It's a decision that could have a tremendous impact on your business.

The Expo Floor will feature the latest products and services for the home building industry. One new product or service could save your business money. Over 50 courses and seminars will keep you up-to-date on the trends and techniques in home building. Work towards a professional designation and learn from nationally-recognized instructors how to improve your business. Network with your peers and associates. Our special events offer a time for learning and networking in a fun environment.

For more Information & Registration:

www.21BuildingExpo.com or 1-800-662-7123



*"Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are."*

-Theodore Roosevelt

Hog Happin'

Thank you for the generous gift to support the Hog Happin'. We appreciate the fact that the Home Builders have continued to support this event since its inception. We are grateful for the members who come to work at the event and to all of the members who purchase tickets to come and enjoy some good BBQ! You are a big reason the event is a success each year.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Williams, Event Chairman

Building Permits January 2011

Kings Mountain

Location	Contractor	Type Constr.	Valuation
110 S. Railroad Ave	Business Owner	Addition/Remodel	\$30,000
131 Riverside Court	Construction Company	New Construction	\$5,200,000
203 Blanton St.	Homeowner	Addition/Remodel	\$5,000
524 Dixon School Rd.	Carolina Construction	Addition/Remodel	\$45,000
311 W. Mountain St.	Homeowner	Addition/Remodel	\$20,000
104 Lucky Strike Drive	Fine Line Construction Carolinas, LLC	New Construction	\$2,400
202 S. Railroad	Home Construction & Design, Inc	New Construction	\$12,000
225 S. Battleground Ave	Business Owner	Remodel	\$999
303 S. Battleground Ave	Business Owner	Addition/Remodel	\$1,600

All Permits not listed.	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$5,316,999
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Shelby

Location	Owner	Contractor	Type Constr.	Valuation
210 Nancy Drive	Natalie Pendley	Howard Builders	Addition	\$30,000
722 Live Oak St.	Randall Zuniga	Owner	Repair Fire Damage	\$16,000
621 S. Dekalb St.	Eddie Tillman	ES Walker	New Building	\$748,000
420 Martin St.	John Searight	Rocky Shelton	Repair House	\$29,000
602 Leander St.	Lorena Gates	Saray Cisneros	Addition	\$33,150
301 N. Post Road	Elizabeth Church	Matthews	Addition	\$2,000,000
902 W. Oak St.	Charles Venn	Champion Invest	Repair Dwelling	\$2,000
207 Hudson St.	Wayne Allen	Owner	Repair Dwelling	\$1,500
214-A S. Lafayette St.	Ni Fen	Faunce	Renovations	\$3,500
115 Sunrise Cr.	James Whisnant	Owner	F/S Carport	\$695

All Permits not listed.	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$2,863,845
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Cleveland County

Location	Owner	Contractor	Type Constr.	Valuation
1346 Double Springs Ch. Rd.	Wright Veno Estate	Clines Modular Builders	SFD—Stick Built	\$160,000
125 J. Stadium Drive	Gardner-Webb Univ.	Drye David Construction	New Dorms	\$1,350,000
2644 College Farm Rd.	Zachariah McGuin	Owner	Storage Building	\$5,000
4109 Devine Road	Joe Costner III	Duncan Construction	Additions	\$92,000
2278 O. G. Lail Rd.	William Dellinger	Owner	Storage Building	\$8,500

All Permits not listed.	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$1,615,500
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Total Valuation of Kings Mountain, Shelby & Cleveland Co. \$9,796,344

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE OR COMING DUE

Beam, Edwards & Brooks
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Sherwin-Williams
J. Dale Sain Contractor
Martin Electric

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