

The Cutting Edge

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- November 9 WBA Trends in Housing Conference Green Bay
- December 12 BOD/Budget Meeting 6:30 am at Seven Angels Restaurant, Chilton
- December 15 MSHBA Annual Holiday Party Altona Supper Club, NH Awards, Installations & Auction following Dinner
RSVP by Dec. 11, form enclosed on pages 5 & 6



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Schmitz, K & J Construction and Design, LLC

Hello fellow Members,
Thank you for your participation in the **2023 Home Planning Guide**. We have some extra Guides available for hand-out. Let Tena know if you would like some. Also a big thank you to the Home Planning Guide committee for all the hard work done.

We are looking for some members to step up and fill our open leadership positions in 2024. We need an President Elect and a Direc-

tor. Help us direct the future of our local chapter. Let me know if you have any questions about these open positions.

Also a reminder, the **Holiday Party & PAC Auction** is coming up on December 15. It will be held at the Altona Supper Club. We are looking for PAC auction donations and for sponsors for the poinsettias. More details can be found on pages 5 & 6.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Your president,
Kevin

SPIKES Thank You for Everything you Do!

On behalf of all members of Mid-Shores Home Builders Association, Inc., I would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to you and all of our Spikes for your dedication to this association and our industry!





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MSHBA offers an option to pay your dues in three consecutive monthly payments of \$150.00. Your membership will take into effect on your final payment. A 3-Pay Dues payment contract will be included with your renewal statement.

DECEMBER BOD/BUDGET MEETING

December 12 at 6:30 am

Seven Angels, Chilton

MSHBA IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT!

So far, 100% of Members have renewed their Membership in 2023!

WBA Member Benefits...

- **Kwik Trip Rewards**
- **Contracts/Forms**
- **Member Hotline**
- **Insurance**
- **Rebate Form**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Coaching & Consulting**

Even More Benefits are available at
www.wisbuild.org/member-benefits



Attend WBA's Trends in Housing on November 9

Flyer—Page 4

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Page 4 contains a flyer with an overview of the great lineup of speakers and content, so be sure to check it out and [register](#) for just \$119 by November 2, and will increase to \$150 if you register after November 2.

REGISTER NOW



Volunteer to Serve in a MSHBA Leadership Position in 2024

President Elect & Director Needed

MSHBA Directors: MSHBA's Board is looking for members to fill open Officer and Director terms starting in 2024. Terms are for 1, 2 or 3 years. Specifically needed are a **President Elect (1-year term)** and a **Director**. Let Tena or Kevin know if you would be interested in this leadership opportunity. Officers & Directors will be installed at the December 15 Holiday Party.

WBA Directors: We are looking for a Builder & an Associate Member to represent MSHBA on WBA's Board of Directors. Director's will be expected to attend 3 annual meetings of which one is held virtually. Let me know if you could fill this state leadership role.



HOME PLANNING GUIDES are available for distribution at your Business

Contact Tena for delivery

2023 Home Planning Guide

Home is now more important than ever! Your home should reflect your changing preferences and modern lifestyle. We invite you to download, keep and use the **2023 Home Planning Guide**, sponsored by Advanced Custom Geothermal LLC, Chilton Furniture and Potter Building Supply, as a resource in planning your next home transition.

In addition, we encourage you to visit "Consumer Info" at www.midshoreshomebuilders.com to view more articles to make your home more livable, such as "Designing the Perfect Laundry Room."

Thank you for your continued support!

Julie Schmitz, Chairperson, K & J Construction and Design, LLC

Jennifer Pitzen, Christel & Heiberger Builders, Inc
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Page 3 – Modern Mudroom Makeover
Page 9 – Designing the Perfect Laundry Room
Page 15 – A More Functional Garage
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Trends in Housing Conference

Join us to hear about the latest home improvement, innovation and universal design practices, receive free legal advice, and hear about a successful workforce development project!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI
9:00AM - 3:00PM

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**



TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Innovation in Building Practices
- Adapting to Market Trends - Keynote by Dave King; Home Improvement Research Institute
- Aging in Place & Universal Design
- Student Build Success; the Next Generation of Trades Workforce
- Legal Pitfalls in the Building Industry

Continuing Ed Credits Available!

Member Fee: \$99/\$119

Non-Member Fee: \$125/\$145

early bird prices good through 9/21!

Scan the QR Code or visit
association.wisbuild.org/eventcalendar
 to register!



Mid-Shores Home Builders Association Inc.
cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

INSTALLATION | AWARDS | PAC AUCTION

December 15

5:30 pm Cocktails | 6:30 pm Dinner

Altona Supper Club

North Room, 2306 Calumet Dr, New Holstein

\$20.00 per person | Cash Bar | RSVP by December 11

In the Spirit of Christmas Giving we are asking everyone to bring a donation for Toys for Tots and/or bag of non-perishable food items for the Calumet County Salvation Army Bread of Life Assistance Center.

All employees and guests are invited to attend

Join Us for Induction of Officers

Presentation of Awards

25 Year Anniversary Awards | President's Award

Live Auction

To raise much needed funds for the Build a Better Wisconsin Fund, all members are asked to donate items valued from \$25.00-\$100.00.

Company Name _____

Guest(s) Name _____

Item(s) to donate for Auction _____

Value of Item(s) _____

Cash donations must be made from a personal checkbook per state law.

_____ X \$20.00 each = _____

Attendees

Total Due

**Please RSVP by December 11 to Tena Hartwig at
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**WISCONSIN
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Advocacy Digest | October 26, 2023
Brad Boycks, Executive Director



JCRAR Votes to “Indefinitely Suspend” Update to Commercial Building Code

Recently, the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) voted to “indefinitely suspend” the update to the commercial building code. This means that the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) may not proceed with any provision in the code update unless they are expressly allowed to do so through enactment of new legislation.

Our main objection to the proposed code update was moving to the 2021 energy code for all commercial buildings including multifamily buildings. The additional cost to construct new commercial buildings under this code change would dramatically increase the cost of housing during a time of record high inflation and an already scarce supply of all housing, especially workforce housing.

WBA has already started meeting with the DPS Secretary Dan Hereth about constructing a comparison of the current code and the proposed changes to see if common ground can be found to eventually update the commercial building code.

Court of Appeals Rejects Lawsuit on Bird Safe Glass

WBA, along with several other construction and real estate groups, sued the City

of Madison after they passed an ordinance requiring bird safe glass on commercial buildings of a certain height. Our lawsuit objected to the ordinance because we felt it was in violation of the statewide uniform commercial building code.

Recently the Wisconsin Court of Appeals upheld a 2022 Dane County Circuit Court Judges decision on the matter. The only other next option would be to appeal the Court of Appeals Decision to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

All of the groups involved in the lawsuit are now discussing the pros and cons of appealing the decision to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and will likely make a decision on the appeal soon.

Bill Introduced to Provide Additional Funds for Manufacturing and Construction Education

A bill was recently authored by Representative Chance Green (R-Grand View) and Senator Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) and was circulated for other members of the legislature to sign on as a co-author. Thank you to the WBA members that responded to our recent VoterVoice request to contact your member of the legislature in support of the bill.

The legislation, now Assembly Bill 550 (AB 550) will:

- Add construction along with manufacturing equipment to the list of eligible equipment that schools can receive dollars to acquire.
- An applicant that is awarded a grant under this section shall use the grant moneys awarded for the enhancement or improvement of a technical education facility or for the acquisition of equipment that is used in advanced manufacturing or construction fields in the workplace, together with any software necessary for the operation of that equipment and any instructional material necessary to train pupils in the operation of that equipment.”
- Increase the maximum grant that can be received by a school or multiple schools working together from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

WBA has registered in support of AB 550 and will engage with legislators on the matter as the bill moves through the legislative process this session.

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Wisconsin Builders Foundation Launches New 4-Credit Continuing Education Course for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers

In partnership with On3 Field Learning, the Wisconsin Builders Foundation has launched a newly created 4-credit online course that will satisfy the new continuing education requirements for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers. Due to a recent law change, anyone renewing their DCQ credential will be required four of the 12 required credits in subject matter that includes construction laws and codes and contracts, liability, and risk management.

To register for the course, members or non-members can simply click the red "Register" button below. Members of record can access this course free of charge by entering the promo code provided on [this page](#) at checkout; note: WBA member login will be required to access this page. The course is available to non-members for \$55.00. Your DCQ number will also be required at the time of registration.

Directions:

1. Click the Red Register Button Below
2. Complete the required information and payment on checkout page (reminder to members of record to enter the **promo code** for free registration)
3. You will receive a confirmation that you have been registered. At this time, please watch your inbox - and spam folder - for an email from On3. Note: it may take up to 48 hours if registering on the weekend.
4. Follow the instructions in the email and complete the online learning (from smart phone, tablet, web browser, etc.) with 30 days
5. After you have passed the course with a 70%, WBF will receive confirmation of your exam from On3 and will submit your credits to DSPS!

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 Atkins Building Group - 1 year
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 Envoy Mortgage - 2 years
 Great Midwest Bank - 17 years
 Green Hammer Construction LLC - 1 year
 Meggers Plumbing LLC - 10 years
 Valley Cabinets Inc. - 12 years
 Vande Hey Automotive Group - 8 years
 Wrightway Home Improvements - 6 years
 Zander Press Inc. - 16 years



MSHBA IS CELEBRATING 25 Years!

**Congratulations to these
members celebrating another
anniversary with MSHBA!**

Happy Anniversary

Alpine Insulation Co., LLC - Charter Member of 25 years!
 Interior Woodworking LLC - 16 years
 Jannette Trucking & Excavating Inc - 24 years
 Kraus Construction Inc. - 14 years
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 Pella Windows & Doors of WI - Charter
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 State Bank of Chilton - 22 years



Happy Anniversary

Ditter Plumbing Co. - 11 years
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Happy Anniversary

Best Exteriors LLC - 4 years
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 Member of 25 years!
 Manitowoc Heating & Refrigeration Services Inc.
 - 10 years
 Potter Building Supply - 9 years
 Chilton Furniture - 24 years
 K & J Construction and Design LLC - 19 years

