



**October  
2011  
BBBA  
Newsletter**



**blair/bedford  
builders association**

1410 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814-693-9710 phone • 814-693-9712 FAX •  
[info@blairbedfordbuilders.com](mailto:info@blairbedfordbuilders.com)

**2011 BBBA Calendar of Events**  
General Meetings-Registration 6PM  
Dinner-6:30PM

October 4th-Park Hills Country Club-  
Sponsorship available

October 20th-Park Hills Country Club-  
PAC Drawing-6pm

November 1st-Park Hills Country Club-  
Sponsorship available

December 9th-Park Hills Country Club-  
Holiday Spirits-6pm

**Check out our Website**

The BBBA has been working on updating our website. The changes are quite extensive and Pam Mitchell and Scott Murray, from Keystone Connect is helping us to make the website current and user friendly.

We invite our members to visit the website and click on the Member Directory to review your information. If any of your business information needs changed, please contact Tracy.

BBBA Office  
1410 Allegheny Street  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648  
814-693-9710 Ph. 814-693-9712 Fax  
[www.blairbedfordbuilders.com](http://www.blairbedfordbuilders.com)

**Slate of Officers for 2012**

President: Jim Beauchamp  
Builder Vice President: John Degenhardt  
Associate Vice President: Linda Schreiber  
Secretary: Jack Briggs  
Treasurer: Mary Pucciarella

**Builder Directors:**  
Don Delozier  
Denny Olewine  
Todd Wilkins, Sr.

**Associate Directors:**  
Jeff Arthur  
Scott Gottshall  
Galen Grimes

**BBBA General Meeting  
October 4th, 2011  
Park Hills Country Club  
6PM Registration  
6:30-Dinner**

**Menu:**

- Beef Tenderloin Medallions or Stuffed
- Chicken Breast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans & Corn
- Tossed Salad
- Peanut Butter Melt-a-way Cake

Cost: \$20.00

**Topic of Discussion: Jerry Leach from PBA will be here to discuss Act 1 sprinkler repeal and all it involves, HIC amended legislation and data Quality legislation.**

**BBBA Annual Dinner Drawing**

This year's drawing is scheduled for October 20th at Park Hills Country Club. Ticket price is \$75.00 and includes 1 dinner. Each additional dinner is \$25.00. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

**Total Cash pay out is \$2850.00**

As is customary, previous ticket holders are given the first right of refusal. However, we do have a limited number of tickets available. Call the BBBA Office at 814-693-9710 to reserve a ticket for this event.



The BBBA would like to welcome the following new members:

PK Management, LLC  
Scott Rhine, Property Manager

Dan Fletcher Contracting  
Dan Fletcher, Owner

**Officers and Directors**

**BBBA Officers - 2011**

President--Jim Beauchamp (Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating, Inc.)  
Builder Vice President— John Degenhardt  
Associate Vice President—Randy Coyle ( Greenwood Pools & Spas)  
Secretary— Linda Schreiber (RE/MAX Results Realty Group)  
Treasurer—Mary Pucciarella (Reliance Bank)  
Executive Officer—Dave DeBiase



Jim Beauchamp	PBA Director
Jim Brown	PBA Director, Immediate Past President
Dave DeBiase	PBA & BBBA Life Director
John Degenhardt	PBA & BBBA Life Director
Brian Durbin	PBA & BBBA Life Director
Scott Durbin	PBA & BBBA Life Director
Dex Meadows	PBA & BBBA Life Director
Mary Pucciarella	PBA & BBBA Life Director & NAHB Director
Linda Schreiber	PBA & BBBA Life Director
Kent Stanko	PBA & BBBA Life Director & NAHB Director
Jack Eberhardt	Legal Counselor

**Builder Directors**

Brent Cogan (Brent Cogan Electrical Services, Inc.)  
Don DeLozier (Don DeLozier-Builder)  
Todd Wilkins, Sr. (Wilkins Contracting, Inc.)

**Associate Directors**

Galen Grimes (Alliance Wholesale)  
Joe Keith (Teeter Group)  
Jeff Arthur ( Blair Mill Outlet)

**October 4th-General Meeting**

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (@ \$20.00 per member) from:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return no later than Friday, September 2nd.

Reservations for the following people:

Prospective Members Company Names(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Members' Names:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*No Shows will be invoiced if not Cancelled by close of business on Monday, October 3rd, 2011.

Blair / Bedford Builders Association  
Phone: (814) 693-9710  
Fax: (814)-693-9712  
Email: [info@blairbedfordbuilders.com](mailto:info@blairbedfordbuilders.com)

## Governmental Affairs

**HB 377 Sprinkler Mandate** - Act 1 of 2011 removes the sprinkler mandate for newly-built, single-family homes from Pennsylvania's building code. This costly mandate took choice out of the hands of consumers and had the potential to seriously stunt contractors' businesses. The new law states that builders must offer customers information on sprinklers, but leaves the choice up to them. PBA has drafted a consumer option form that is available exclusively to members by clicking [here](#). This law is currently in effect and the sprinkler mandate has been abolished. For more information on the law and what it means to you, click [here](#).

**SB 263 Data Quality Act** - Senate Bill 263 is the Data Quality Act, amends the Regulatory Review Act to ensure that state agencies describe the data a new regulation is based on, explain how the data was obtained and show why the data is acceptable. PBA firmly believes that enacting the Data Quality Act will help improve Pennsylvania's business climate, create jobs and stimulate long-term economic growth by reducing the cost of regulatory compliance for businesses and individuals. This bill passed through the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on Monday, June 27, and the Senate on Tuesday, June 28. The bill is now awaiting Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett's signature for final passage, and will take effect 60 days from then.

**HB 1336 Home Improvement Contractor Fix It Legislation** - House Bill 1336 improves the Home Improvement Contractor Act for retailers, contractors and consumers by making three major changes. First, it requires that the fees that are collected by the Attorney General for registration be placed into a dedicated fund to administer and enforce the act (currently it goes into a general fund). It also increases the amount that a home improvement contract must reach before requiring that only a one-third deposit can be accepted by a home improvement contractor. The current threshold is \$1,000 and the bill will increase that amount to \$5,000. Finally, the legislation defines "home improvement retailer" in order to allow retail installers of all sizes the option to opt out of the 1/3 partial pay, allowing them to collect 100 percent of the cost if they post a letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000 per store location. Along with SB 263, House Bill 1336 is awaiting Gov. Corbett's signature and will take effect immediately.

**\*Jerry Leach from PBA will be attending our October 4th meeting to discuss these three important pieces of legislation.**

For More Info: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochurejuly2011](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochurejuly2011) or [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/insert](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/insert)

### EPA LEAD RULE UPDATE:

In [good news](#) received by NAHB, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that it was rejecting a proposal to add third-party clearance testing to requirements under the [Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#). In an official statement applauding the move, NAHB Remodelers Chairman Bob Peterson said, "We're pleased that the EPA listened to the concerns of remodelers about the extreme costs and lack of safety improvements that the proposed clearance testing would have entailed." Currently, the lead rule applies to homes built prior to 1978 and requires renovators and their firms to be certified in EPA's lead-safe practices, perform so-called "visual clearance" following renovation work, and comply with EPA record-keeping requirements. The proposal that EPA has just rejected would have required contractors to hire EPA-accredited dust samplers to collect several samples after a renovation and send them to an EPA-accredited lab for lead testing -- at a cost of more than \$260 per room. By EPA's own estimates, the annual cost of this rule to the remodeling industry would have been more than \$400 million. The cost considerations, as well as the waiting period for test results and the limited number of accredited labs nationwide, made professional remodelers very concerned about home owners' willingness to undergo the process. NAHB Remodelers Council members and staff met repeatedly with both EPA officials and representatives from the Office of Management and Budget to express these concerns and urge the agency to reconsider the proposed regulation. Strong Congressional support for this has come from Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Reps. Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) and Bob Latta (R-Ohio). And with NAHB's urging, the regulation was accepted for review per a Presidential Executive Order aimed at reducing the impacts of federal rules on small business and job creation. Thankfully, this review has resulted in the right outcome for remodelers and their customers. Read more in [NAHB's press release](#). Contact: [Matt Watkins](#) (800-368-5242, x8327)

## **Business Insurance Information**

### **Construction Safety: Don't Overlook These 10 Concerns**

Construction sites are ranked high on the list of the most dangerous workplaces. Nail guns, heavy falling objects and saws are often the cause of serious injuries. The possibility of serious injuries or fatalities is higher in construction than most other industries. It's essential for employers to strive to create the safest possible work environment for their employees. The following are a few areas of safety that are commonly overlooked:

#### **1. Fall Protection**

In addition to providing fall prevention training, employers should conduct a test or review of employees' knowledge. It's important to ensure that they know how to prevent themselves from falling. Develop an efficient safety plan that includes a team effort. Be sure to have fall protection equipment checked regularly. Observe it after each use for any apparent damage. In addition to this, have the equipment inspected and documented annually. Remember to keep OSHA regulations in mind for inspections and documentation.

#### **2. Respiratory Safety**

This safety issue is serious enough that OSHA developed many regulations about it. The types of chemicals, dust or other harmful substances that cause respiratory problems may vary from one work site to another. However, there are precautions that must be taken to avoid overexposure or accidental inhalation of a substance. OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 regulation details respiratory safety standards. Employers should always have a work site assessed by an occupational health specialist to determine the risk of exposure to harmful substances. In addition to this, contact a personal business insurance company to find out what their rules about harmful substance exposure are.

#### **3. First Aid & Fire Safety**

Since the risk for injuries is higher in the construction field, it's essential for employees to know first aid. Show them how to use kits, how to treat common injuries and how to prevent infections. They should also be instructed to report their injuries, however small or large, to their supervisor. Show them how to use eyewash stations, burn kits and emergency drench showers. Be sure they know how to use a fire extinguisher and are familiar with evacuation plans. Conducting regular fire drills is a safety essential.

#### **4. Proper Documentation**

Not only is thorough documentation required by OSHA but it's also required by the law. In the unfortunate event of injuries or fatalities, it's imperative to have thorough documentation of everything. Investigations are common in legal proceedings, so having a lack of documentation may place an employer in a bottomless pit of problems. Always keep injury logs, work logs and employee injury records current.

#### **5. Training**

Be sure to provide ample training for employees. Weekly safety meetings, monthly seminars and voluntary training classes should all be established. OSHA offers an outreach training program that is voluntary. To give employees the chance to complete it, contact OSHA to receive complete information about the program.

#### **6. Scaffolding**

Providing extensive scaffolding training for any workers who will use it is essential. Not all workers automatically know how to use scaffolding. They must be taught about the dangers of power lines, unstable platforms and falling debris. Be sure any suspended or supported scaffolds have guardrails. Scaffolding must always be strong enough to support at least four times the intended load.

#### **7. Ladder Safety**

Ladders should be visually inspected before each use. Show employees how to check the side rails, rungs and feet for damage or defects. All ladders' side rails should extend no less than three feet above the ground, and the top must meet a sturdy support. Educate employees about the dangers of ladder misuse. Ladders should only have weight loads that they're designed to support. Be sure they also comply with the OSHA's 29 CFR 1926.1053(a)(1) regulation.

*Continued from page 4*

### **8. Personal Protective Equipment**

Most employees know this term simply as PPE. This equipment is essential for protecting employees from various hazards. Latex gloves are used when handling chemicals, dust masks are worn when sawing and earplugs are worn when using noisy tools. Hard hats and goggles are usually worn at all times to protect workers from dangerous falling or flying objects. OSHA requires employers to provide PPE when it is essential for the workplace. Construction sites are never an exception to this rule. Many employees find these accessories uncomfortable to wear. To prevent them from refusing to wear PPE, employers should offer comfortable equipment that specially made.

### **9. Confined Space Safety**

Working in a small space may result in injury or death from being exposed to a toxic, combustible or oxygen-deficient atmosphere. Such spaces should always be connected to a reliable monitoring system. Employees exposed to the area should also be educated about the risks and how to identify them. Be sure to implement a Lockout/Tagout system to protect workers from unwanted starting of dangerous machines. To learn more about this system's regulations, read the 29 CFR 1910.147 OSHA regulation. Compliance with this standard prevents approximately 55,000 injuries and 120 deaths annually.

### **10. Welding Safety**

Eye injuries and burns happen to welders too often. These injuries may cause extended damage or permanent disfigurement. By making sure welding employees always wear the right PPE, this risk is reduced greatly. To prevent welders from refusing PPE, be sure their equipment is paid for, comfortable and fits properly. Be sure to provide them with flame-retardant clothing also. ANSI Z87.1 rules that helmets are essential. They are a secondary form of eye protection, so goggles or glasses must also be worn. It's also essential to ensure there are fans or ventilation systems in place to reduce the risk of airborne hazards.

---

## **Are You Interested in Attending an OSHA Fall Protection Seminar?**

The BBBA is looking to co-sponsor a Fall Protection Seminar with the Indiana/Armstrong Builders Association. The cost would be approximately \$100.00 per person for a two hour program and includes the training materials. The seminar would be held from 4pm until 6pm. We need ten members from the BBBA to participate in this seminar. If you are interested, please contact us by phone at 814-693-9710 or by fax at 814-693-9712. More information to follow based on show of interest from our Members.

---

**\*If you know of any topics of interest that you would like to have discussed at our General Membership Meetings, please contact the BBBA Office at 814-693-9710 or by email at**

**[info@blairbedfordbuilders.com](mailto:info@blairbedfordbuilders.com)**