



**December
2011
BBBA
Newsletter**



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A Heartfelt "Thank you" to the following Officers and Directors who served the BBBA for the past several years:

Associate VP: Randy Coyler
Builder Director: Brent Cogan
Associate Director: Joe Keith



At this time we would like to wish all of our Members a Joyous Holiday Season!

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd 2012 at Park Hills Country Club.

Trooper Mitch Scalia will be our guest speaker to talk about proper tie-down techniques and other PennDot related issues. More details to follow in our January Newsletter.

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.

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Congratulations to our Newly Elected 2012 Officers!!

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

Please Note:

Dear BBBA Members,

Please remember to note that our office has moved. Our new address is 1410 Allegheny Street Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Please remember to let your banks know if you have automatic bill pay.

Thank you!!



Annual Holiday Spirits



Scheduled for Dec. 9th!!

Come Join us for our Annual Holiday Spirits Gathering scheduled for Friday, December 9th at 6pm at the Park Hills Country Club!!

As always, the Wheelbarrow of Cheer will be raffled off. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5

*Your donations of soda, beer, spirits and snacks will be greatly appreciated. Please help us fill the wheelbarrow.

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 (Durbin Companies)
Joe Keith (Teeter Group)
Jeff Arthur (Blair Mill Outlet)

December 9th-Holiday Spirits

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ (@ \$12.00 per member) from:

Company Name: _____

Signed: _____

Please return no later than Thurs, December 8th.

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 Thursday December 8, 2011.

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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.

For More Info: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochurejuly2011 or 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)

HELP WANTED!!



Attention BBBA Members:

Your Association is always looking for membership Involvement. We are looking for committee members, committee chair persons, Board Members and Officers to govern YOUR Association!! If you would like to get involved, please contact Tracy at the BBBA office by phone, fax or email for a list of volunteer positions that we need to fill. Thank you all in advance!!

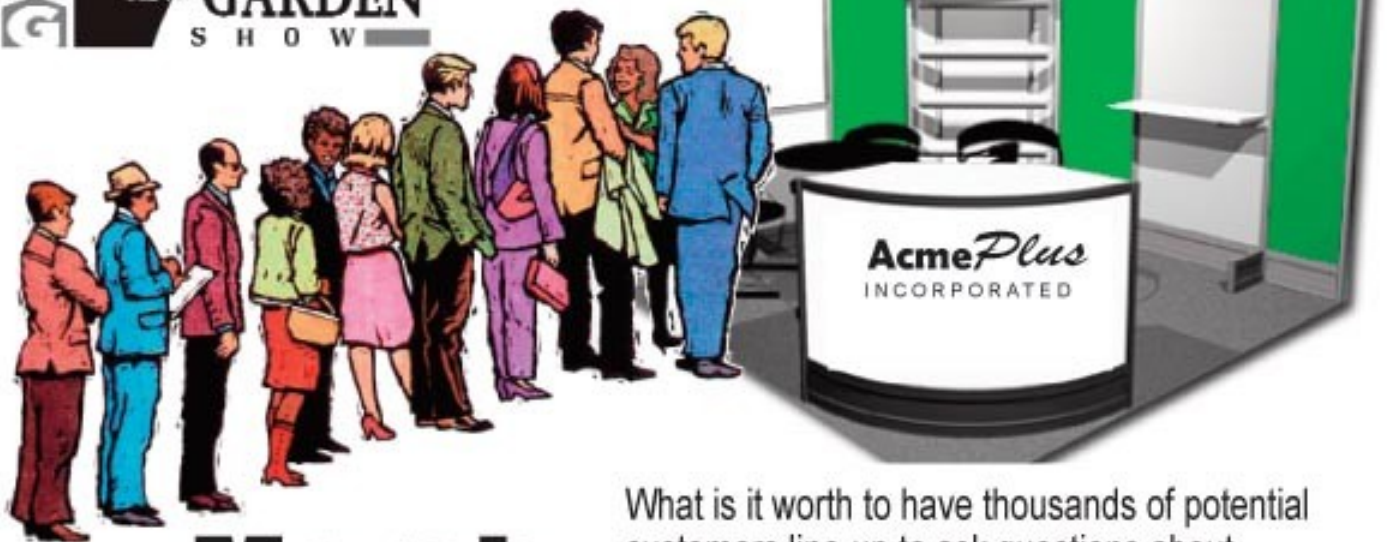
Are You Interested in Attending an OSHA Fall Protection Seminar?

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 still need five 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**



www.blairhomeshow.com



**March
2, 3, 4**

Jaffa Shrine, Altoona

What is it worth to have thousands of potential customers line-up to ask questions about YOUR products and services?

Ask your competitors.

They'll be at the Home & Garden Show!

**Blair County Chamber and
Blair Bedford Builders Association
members receive discount on booth!**

**Prime
Booth
locations
still
available!**

**For more information, or to reserve your booth
space, call Stacy Hoover at The Chamber at**

814.943.8151



2012 Blair County Home & Garden Show
March 2, 3 & 4, 2012
Jaffa Shrine, Altoona, PA
REGISTRATION FORM



Company Name _____			
Contact Name _____			
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____	Fax _____	Email _____	

See the attached pages for the complete contract with rules and regulations to be signed and returned. Registration form and Contract MUST be returned to The Chamber to complete the registration process.

Booth Information: (includes only pipe & drape & 2 - 110 v electrical outlets)				
Blair Co. Chamber & Blair Bedford Builders Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	QTY	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
10 x 10 Booth	\$420.00			
8 x 10 Booth(Limited number available)	\$352.00			
8 x 8 Booth (Limited number available)	\$326.00			
ALCOVE A (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)	\$845.00			
ALCOVE B (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)	\$1095.00			
ALCOVE C (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)	\$875.00			
ALCOVE D (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)	\$600.00			

Sponsorship Opportunities: (see attached for details of Sponsorships)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Sponsorship	(2 of 6 available)	\$1500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mix 'n' Mingle Sponsorship	(4 of 4 available)	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Sponsorship	(1 of 2 available)	\$500.00

Payment Information:	
TOTAL DUE AMOUNT: _____	FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Please call our office at 814-943-8151. Do not mail, fax or email your card information for your safety. Thank you!
DEPOSIT AMOUNT: _____	
Payment Type:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed (payable to The Chamber)	

Please Return Registration Form, Contract & Payment to: Blair County Chamber of Commerce,
3900 Industrial Park Drive, Suite 12, Altoona, PA 16602
Fax: 814-943-5239 Email: shoover@blairchamber.com