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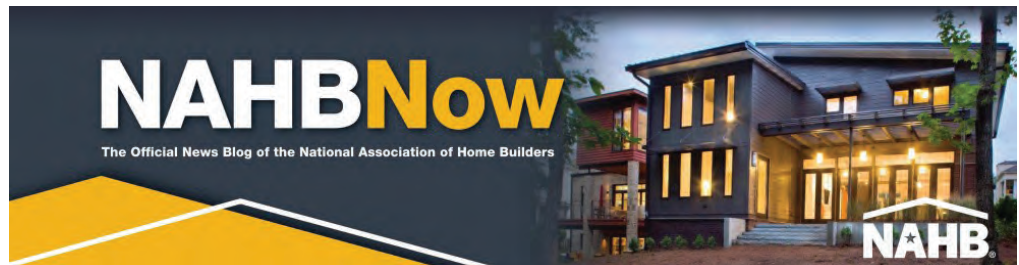
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## How Rising Lumber Prices Impact More Than Just Home Builders

As lumber prices continue to soar, the cost to build homes is rising with it and pricing many prospective home owners out of the market. The average price of a single-family home has risen more than \$24,000, and many clients are having to walk away because they can't afford the increase. This fast price escalation is having far-reaching consequences throughout the industry, and prohibiting home builders and partner organizations from providing much-needed housing to families across the country.

"Our tri-county service area has experienced a 55% decrease in home construction over the past two decades, despite our population growing by 5% each year," observed Morgan Pfaff, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area. "House prices have also grown 24% faster than wages in that same time frame, creating a serious housing shortage that most deeply impacts lower-income working families, but also harms local industry due to a growing inability to attract and retain a skilled workforce."

"The rising price of lumber and scarcity of building materials has had a significant

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Above list has been updated via the most current NAHB Spike Club Roster Report

\*Current Life Spike status

impact on our ability to address the housing crisis,” she added. “A home that was built in 2018 cost \$11,300 to raise the walls; those same walls cost \$17,074 two years later. This is a 66% increase, and will only further restrict our ability to provide safe, decent and affordable housing in our communities.”

Many Habitat for Humanity chapters are experiencing similar setbacks, not only in constructing homes, but providing critical repairs for the families who own these homes.

“Our Habitat affiliate is the only agency completing major repairs — roofs, furnace and septic system replacements — and installing wheelchair ramps in our service area,” shared Nancy Pellegrini, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Menominee River in Michigan. “We serve families that are at or below 60% area median income. Since the price increase of lumber, we have not been able to complete as many critical repairs as usual. We have also had numerous customers decline repairs due to the cost of materials.”

As nonprofits, Habitat for Humanity affiliates are doing their best to help bridge the gap through fundraising and additional financing.

“Luckily, we were able to access additional financing and a very generous gift in kind or we may have had to forego another year of home construction because of rising lumber prices, having already lost a year due to COVID shutdowns,” noted Virginia Ohler, executive director of West Tuality Habitat for Humanity in Oregon.

This is not a sustainable solution in the long run, however.

“Having to pay an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 for material would price the families we are serving out of the market,” stated David Schreiber, construction manager for Stephens County Habitat for Humanity in Georgia. “The only solution is to raise additional money and gift the family anything over what they can afford,

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## From the MCHBA Office ...

Members and Friends:

I hope everyone is enjoying the recent break from snow (and super low temperatures). I keep hoping spring is just around the corner but this is Ohio so we'll likely have another snowstorm or two.

Despite the lumber and other building material shortages, this is shaping up to be an interesting and possibly huge growth opportunity for our members - we just need to get past these hurdles. We'll keep you informed as we are. NAHB is looking for stories like on our cover and inside about how this has affected you and your business. Please try to support this effort and submit your own experiences.

We have firmed up our Topgolf event for an after-Tax Day celebration on Thursday, April 22nd. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This was very successful last year and Topgolf has taken the right steps to make and keep our members safe while they enjoy a fun day at the venue. More information to come, but feel free to let me know if you're ready to sign up.

Keep in mind that these member events are an excellent opportunity to network, use your membership to its fullest and support your organization.

*Susan Bloch*

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## 2021 Save The Dates

**June 5 – 20, 2021**

**Medina County Spring  
Parade of Homes - More  
info to come!**

**Thurs., April 22, 2021**

**Topgolf - Save the Date -  
More info to come!**

**Thurs., August 19, 2021**

**Annual Golf Outing - Save  
the Date - More to come!**

# From the Executive Director

Members and Friends:

I want to encourage all of our members to take note that we will be holding member events this year. In the hopes that COVID restrictions will relax, we rescheduled our Topgolf event to Thursday, April 22. There will be bay sponsor opportunities, as well as specific event sponsor opportunities and I hope that our members will consider supporting this event both through attendance and sponsorships. More information on this will be sent to you via email.

We will also be holding our Annual Golf Outing at Shale Creek on Thursday, August 19th. Again, in anticipation of relaxing restrictions, we feel confident this will once again be one of our main annual member get-togethers. Mark your calendar for this event and consider sponsoring as well.

We plan to hold our Spring Parade of Homes from Saturday, June 5 through Sunday, June 20 (weekend hours only). As we did last fall, we will offer participation from our builders as either a physical and virtual model so you can participate at a level you are comfortable participating in. We welcome any and all feedback as far as changes we should look at making or any other ideas you have. Just email the office ([susanb@medinacountyhba.com](mailto:susanb@medinacountyhba.com)) and we can discuss with the Board if needed.

Stay strong, safe and healthy. We'll get through this.

Respectfully:

Dave LeHotan  
Volunteer Executive Director



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**HINCKLEY**

**The Trails at Redwood Falls:** Located where old Skyland Golf Course was. Conservation development has 97 parcels, walking trails, club house & 5 lakes. City water & sewer. **Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**KENT**

**5036 SR 43:** Approx. 43 acres on SR 43. Zoned G-C General Commercial. Subject to new survey per Portage Co. Sewer/Water/Gas/Electric/Cable (Buyer's responsibility to verify accessibility, capacity, etc. on all utilities). **\$895,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900, Tara Kleckner 330-289-1315.**

**MASSILLON**

**V/L West Pointe Cir NW:** 9 parcels total, includes 4 condo pads, each w/2 units (8 units total), 9th unit/"shell" unit (4591 West Pointe, Parcel #504788) included in sale. Unfinished unit, but the exterior & framing have been completed. Being sold as-is. **\$225,000. Sarah Bergert 330-268-0102, Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**MEDINA**

**1424 Medina Rd:** Approx. 3.7 acres close to Rt. 94, zoned commercial w/22' driveway & 2560 sq.ft. steel-sided building. Two 10x10 overhead doors w/2-side entry access points. Approx. 211' frontage. **\$465,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900, Gina Luisi 330-814-4747.**

**V/L 3004 State Rd:** This approx. 11.88-acre property features a prepared and compressed gravel drive which winds to a slightly elevated cleared and prepared knoll making it the perfect homesite overlooking the approx. 20' deep pond. Property is heavily wooded at the back and has a tree line along the northern border for privacy. **\$250,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**Granger Rd:** 11 acres available for purchase close to the intersection of Granger and State Rds. City water. 175' frontage minimum. No HOA. **Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**2620 Medina Rd:** 7.8 acres of commercial land with 200' frontage on Rt. 18. 1/4 mile east of I-71 interchange. **\$599,900. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**Blue Heron:** Just 2 lots left. Walking paths, pool and tennis courts. City water and sewer. **Maryanne Phillips 330-714-3393, Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**MONTVILLE TWP.**

**NEW Windfall Estates:** Highland Schools' newest fully improved residential development, Windfall Estates. Gorgeous wooded setting with walk out basement & cul-de-sac lots. Phase one lots available for reservation. Prices starting in the **\$400,000s. Robin Pickett 330.322.3181.**

**NORTH CANTON**

**8215 Arlington Ave NW:** Approx 74 acres in Jackson Township w/approx. 2,467 ft. of frontage (on Arlington Avenue) and 1,377 ft. deep on the North Side. Approx 1,000 ft. of frontage on Strausser Street. Large house on property built in 1861 offering more than 5,500 sq.ft. of living space, 5 bedrooms. Connected to the house is an office building with six separate office spaces and half bathroom. Four car detached garage and storage outbuilding on property. **\$1,975,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900, Sarah Halsey 330-268-0102.**

**RICHFIELD – Revere Schools**

**V/L Brecksville Rd:** Approx. 32 wooded acres w/ various possible building sites. Approx. 550' frontage. Topography is nicely rolling with slight slope from front to back. Approx. 5 acres is in the Village of Richfield with water/sewer and approx. 27 acres in Richfield Township. **\$535,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**4176 Brecksville Rd:** Approx. 8 acres offered at \$450,000 of serenity in this park-like setting yet close to I-77 and shopping. Fairly level at the front and toward the back a path that leads to a gently running creek. Build your dream home and get lost in nature. Possibility of lot split offering 2 separate parcels at **\$226,000 each. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**SHARON TWP – Highland Schools**

**Crooked Stick Dr:** 1 lot remaining on a private cul-de-sac. Highland Schools. No HOA. **\$169,900. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**Harp Mill Phase 3:** Only 1 lot remaining. 2 acres. Highland Schools. **\$84,900. Robin Pickett 330-322-3181.**

**Bonnie Glen -** Beautiful lots ranging from 2 to 4 acres w/ravines, woods & open landscape. Spectacular development to bring your own builder & build your dream home. **Robin Pickett 330-322-3181, Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**STREETSBORO**

**V/L SR 43:** Approx. 43.5 acres w/approx. 682ft frontage on State Rt 43 & approx 1600 ft frontage on Kennedy Rd, zoned Rural Residential. **\$525,000 OR 33.5 acres for \$399,000 OR 1.5 acres for \$135,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

**UNIONTOWN**

**3663 S. Arlington Rd:** Over 4 acres of commercial land w/194' frontage on S. Arlington Rd. & Fortuna Dr. Zoned B-3. Utilities at street. Convenient to I-77 & shopping/retail. **\$450,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900, Matt Stouffer 330-814-4616.**

**WADSWORTH**

**7800 Ridge Rd:** Approx. 14 acres in Wadsworth Township of slightly rolling land at the end of Weatherstone Dr (stub street) that is located in the City of Wadsworth. Wooded area at north end of property. Possibility of development or estate property. Zoned R-2. Subject to lot split. **\$420,000. Gary Stouffer 330-805-6900.**

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## SEVERAL BILLS REINTRODUCED AS NEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS

Not surprisingly, several bills OHBA had been watching in the 133rd general assembly have already been reintroduced for action during the 134th.

### HB 68 Contractor Payments (Cross, J., Sweeney, B.)

Requires private owners of construction projects to pay contractors 30 days after receiving a request for payment or 30 days after certain specified work is certified as being in compliance with requirements.

Committee Hearing in House Commerce & Labor (2/17/2021; CONTINUED)

HB 68 has been referred to the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Residential is exempt in current law and remains exempt in HB 68. OHBA has heard some concerns from small commercial contractors on potential negative impacts of the prior legislation. If there are concerns, OHBA urges contacting either of the bill's sponsors ASAP.

### HB 88 Roofing Contractors (Patton, T.)

To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.

Committee Hearing in House Commerce & Labor (2/17/2021)

While HB 88 expressly exempts 1, 2, 3 family construction, under the current OCILB law, OHBA will be monitoring any activity, given several concerns raised particularly with the prohibition on unlicensed subcontractors, as well as, the potential for local jurisdictions to require a roofing license for homebuilders.

### HB 107 Elevator Law (Baldrige, B.)

To revise the Elevator Law.

Referred in House (2/17/2021; Commerce & Labor)



OHBA will again work to clarify what types of equipment would need to be exempted to clearly exempt residential elevator contractors from

the licensing requirements, or include a simplified registration for certain types of accessibility lift equipment based on feedback from industry members.

### SB 24 Home Purchases (Gavarone, T., Peterson, B.)

To enact the First-time Home Buyer Savings Act, authorizing income tax deductions for contributions to and earnings on savings accounts designated for the purchase of a home.

Committee Hearing in Senate Ways & Means (2/17/2021; CONTINUED (No testimony))

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or comments.

### NPDES STORMWATER 101 WEBINAR

This webinar will provide an overview of these requirements. Topics will include permit coverage, Notice of Intent and Notice of Termination applications, basic storm water pollution prevention plans, and both active and post-construction requirements. The webinar will be held on March 25th at 10:00 am. Registration can be found at the link below.

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By Vincent J. Squillace, CAE  
Executive Vice President

Hopefully the month of February will mark the end to all the political controversy in Washington DC and the beginning of COVID19 recovery. Both seem to impact lives, routines and to some degree mental health. There is just so much for us to process considering the well-being of our government, the economy and, moreover, the health of our families. Without question, those factors impact the decisions we make.

Fortunately, construction remains a bright spot. The interest rate scenario could not be much better. From that perspective, we are doing great. Politically, all builders and developers must keep a close eye on what occurs in Washington DC and what is produced in the nation's capital. The majority party has not had complete control for some time so they will rush to attain long held goals remembering that political power can be fleeting.

Statewide not much changed. Many familiar faces continue to occupy most of state government. However, with national political control issues settled we are now in a new election cycle for all the main statewide offices. With so much available, many interested in public service start to weigh viability of entering a race. This presents challenges as attention gets diverted when viewing a future campaign possibility.

This is the arena OHBA is most involved with. We are reaching out to all the powers that be advocating on your behalf. What we do and say is determined by our officers. Our organizational meeting for the 2021 year is next month. At that meeting the trustees of OHBA are seated as they begin their year of oversight of the association. We will also review some of the expected regulatory topics that will be addressed. All members are welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend, call us at (800)282-3403 ext. 1 and we will get you registered.

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Sturgess Construction, Inc. –  
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Zollinger Builders – Smithville

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which is not a good solution because fundraising is difficult enough without having to explain some dollars would be gifted. We need donated material or subsidized material to continue our mission.”

### Other Organizations Also Feel the Impact

“The price increases for lumber products are a main contributor to increasing the costs to build a home,” noted David Frandsen, owner-builder program manager for Utah-based Neighborhood Housing Solutions, a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping local individuals and families find a pathway to affordable housing. “There are people that we can no longer help to get into a home because the costs of materials (especially lumber) continue to increase at unsustainable rates.”

### Workforce development programs also are struggling.

“We have a limited budget to purchase on our student projects,” shared Michael Schaffer, a building construction teacher in Illinois. “The high cost of lumber is limiting the projects and training that students need in order to become successful within the high-demand construction industry. We are completely over our school budget for our highly skilled building construction courses.”

Workforce development has been one of the biggest opportunities to combat housing affordability, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, as the industry struggles to bridge a gap in labor shortage. Impeding training for much-needed workers because of lack of supplies could have long-term impacts. ■

## Rising Lumber Prices and Lack of Supply Threaten Consumers’ Housing Options

Housing affordability has been a critical issue across the country for years, as factors such as a shortage of lots and labor have led to a limited supply. As lumber prices once again approach all-time highs amid a supply shortage, this crisis only gets worse, as housing prices continue to soar and builders face challenges to meet ongoing housing demands.

“The continuing rise in building cost — including rising lumber prices, availability of material, etc. — is causing a sudden downturn in new home starts,” said Cory Lord, a builder based in Georgia. “We are finding it hard to complete current contracts on time, and home owners are not able to afford to sign new contracts with the escalated cost.”

The rising supply costs are exacerbated by the uncertainty of when supplies will be available to complete the home in a timely manner and whether or not the homes will appraise at the correct price to reflect these rising costs.

“We had one home owner walk away from a contract at signing because we could not promise her a completion on her home within a five-month time frame, even though we explained to her that the current limited availability on some products was causing delays that were beyond our control,” stated Lord.

Other builders have noted that market uncertainty extends to prospective home owners’ financial positions as well, such as the risk of unemployment or retirement with a fixed income, which often makes them more apprehensive or less flexible to move forward with higher costs.

“In such a fragile marketplace, consumers cannot afford to add another \$10,000 to \$30,000 for the frame package,” observed Tabitha Casamento, a builder in Upstate

New York. “I have repeatedly asked when this will normalize from a national supplier, but there’s no end in sight.”

Builders are doing everything possible to avoid pricing consumers out of homes while still maintaining competitive prices necessary to operate their businesses — especially given the potential long-term impacts on consumers, as the purchase of a home is often a key factor in building wealth.

“We’ve had to raise sales prices by more than \$50,000 since August because of rising lumber prices,” shared Michael Betcher, an affordable first-time buyer production home builder in Arizona. “This prices most buyers out from being able to qualify for a new home, and perpetuates the cycle of renting and not building equity.”

### Share Your Lumber Story

NAHB would like to hear how rising lumber prices, and the limited availability of lumber, are affecting your business and the impact on housing affordability. For example, missed closing opportunities, increased costs, buyers being priced out of the market, etc. This will help us further illustrate to the Administration and Congress why a plan to address the lumber crisis is urgently needed. Share your by clicking here:

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*Note Builders: You were sent an email from the Medina County HBA to encourage you to submit your own stories on these the topic of lumber pricing and availability and how they are affecting you and your business, as well as the home buying consumer. These stories will be used to illustrate to the current Administration and Congress why a plan to address this lumber crisis is so very urgently needed.*





# March 2021 BWC News from Sedgwick TPA

*"If nothing changes, nothing changes."  
~unknown*

We are excited to announce that CareWorks Comp TPA is now named **Sedgwick TPA** as of March 1, 2021. As **Sedgwick TPA**, our commitment to Ohio employers remains as strong as ever. With more than 3,000 colleagues in Ohio, backed by the global resources and expertise of Sedgwick, we have the best claims solutions to help your business mitigate risk and reduce costs.

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## FREE March Webinar: Managing Workers' Comp in the Time of COVID-19

Everyone knows that these are "unprecedented times" and the pandemic has touched all of our lives in some way. We have gathered the current statistics on COVID-19 in OH along with the most frequently asked questions about how this pandemic impacts the way you manage your program. We will touch on topics from payroll reporting to claim allowance and issues involved with remote workers.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 2pm-3pm EST

**COST:** FREE

To register, click [here](#).

This session has been certified by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) for one hour of the two-hour safety training requirement for group and group retrospective-rated employers. To be eligible for the BWC safety training requirement credit, the attendee must remain in the session for at least 75% of the total session time.

Three business days prior to the webinar date, you will receive an email from [seminarrsvp@sedgwick.com](mailto:seminarrsvp@sedgwick.com). The email will include detailed instructions on how to join the webinar along with a copy of the presentation (if applicable). Please be sure to add this email address to your Safe Sender email file to ensure receipt.

If the 75% qualification is met for workers' compensation, we will send a certificate of attendance via email within 3 business days of the session date.

## Questions?

For questions regarding a webinar, please email [seminarrsvp@sedgwick.com](mailto:seminarrsvp@sedgwick.com).

## Ohio BWC Safety Congress Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC21)! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, OSC21 will be a completely online event, including our first-ever digital expo.

Visit the [OSC21 website](#) for more information and to register for the event, which will stream live March 10-11, 2021. Now in its 91<sup>st</sup> year, the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is the largest and longest-running regional occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference in the U.S.

More than 4,000 representatives from Ohio businesses and government are expected to attend the event to discover the strategies and tools needed for a healthy, safe, and productive workforce. The event offers topics on organizational behavior, safety leadership, emerging trends, and mental health. Participants can visit the digital expo marketplace, compete in a scavenger hunt, download resources, earn attendance credit and chat with others.

## Working from Home: Is Your Office Ergonomically Correct?

Watch this [video](#) from the Ohio BWC's Ergonomics Consultant Brad Ridenour on how to set-up your home office so that it's not putting unneeded strain on your back, knees or your eyes. Brad offers tips for safely setting up your home office with items you may have on-hand.

## 2-Hour Safety Training Requirement for 2020 Policy Year Deadline is 6/30/2021

### **2020 Rating Year—BWC Rule—ORC 4123-17-68**

Group Rated and Group Retro Rated employers who have had a claim from July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, have to complete a required two hours of safety training by June 30, 2021. BWC's requirement applies to any allowed claim an employer had from 7/1/18-9/30/19, regardless of size or severity. Two hours is the minimum amount of safety training mandated by the BWC. Only one person from the employer needs to take this safety training. If an employer experienced more than one claim within this period, they are still only obligated to attend two hours of safety training. If an employer has multiple policy numbers, they must attend two hours of safety training per policy. For more information about all the Ohio BWC's training opportunities, visit the BWC's Learning Center at: [BWC Learning Center Login](#)

## Deadline extended for HVAC assistance program

The Ohio BWC has extended their deadline to apply for reimbursement for eligible expenses under their COVID-19 Indoor Air Quality Assistance Program to March 31, 2021. This federally funded program provides reimbursement for nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers that invest in air quality improvements that reduce the spread of COVID-19. This may include the costs of inspections, assessments, maintenance, and improvements to indoor heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. It also provides reimbursement for secondary devices designed to destroy bacteria, mold, and viruses. [Read more, including eligibility requirements, on the BWC's website.](#)

## **Good to Know: Ohio BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene**

Are you trying to reduce injuries in your workplace? Are you concerned about your employees' health and wellbeing? Then be sure to check out all that the Ohio BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene ("DSH") can do for you as an Ohio employer! The DSH offers free consultation services on safety, industrial hygiene, or ergonomics, as well as training, and they even have a library filled with education videos and materials. For more information, be sure to check the DSH out here.

### **Important Deadlines:**

- **March 21, 2021:** BWC premium installment due if your company is on a Monthly or Quarterly installment plan with the Ohio BWC.
- **March 31, 2021:** One Claim Program (OCP) training requirement deadline for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 policy year.
- **March 31, 2021:** DFSP Annual Report due for the July 1, 2020 policy year start date.
- **March 31, 2021:** EM Cap Safety Requirements deadline.

# 2021 MCHBA Annual Golf Outing

**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

**Shale Creek Golf Club**

5420 Wolff Road, Medina

## Schedule of Events:

Registration - 8:45 a.m.

Shotgun Start - 9:30 a.m.

Social - 2:30 p.m.

Followed by Dinner - 3:00 p.m.

[There may be some changes  
due to COVID-19 & Ohio directives]

**Golf Package - \$150 per person**

*Includes 18 holes of golf, half a cart, box lunch & dinner*

**Dinner Package - \$60 per person**

*BBQ Dinner Plate - Ribs & Chicken - Corn on the Cob  
Herb Roasted Potatoes - Salad - Rolls - Dessert*

**Dinner Only** - Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Golf & Dinner:

Names (required)

Company

Phone # to verify

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All fees are nonrefundable unless cancelled due to COVID-19. If event is held, no-shows will be invoiced. **Please return this completed form with your check or credit card information**

**BY AUGUST 5, 2021** to: MCHBA, P.O. Box #233, Valley City, OH 44280 **(NEW ADDRESS)**

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## NAHB Seeks Members to Participate in the Building Code Development Process

Members of the NAHB Construction Codes & Standards Committee (CC&S) are seeking members interested in participating in the building code development process through the new CC&S Emerging Leaders Program.

Emerging Leaders will be involved with the CC&S committee and subcommittees and will participate in the building code development process.

Building codes and standards shape the way homes are built in the United States. NAHB currently has a strong voice in the development of these codes and it is important that we stay engaged in the process for years to come.

With the International Code Council set to begin development of the 2024 I-Codes on April 11, 2021, during the Committee Action Hearings, members of the NAHB CC&S Committee are preparing to meet to discuss the proposed building code changes that will affect the housing industry.

Composed of long-standing members and members who have recently joined, members of CC&S participate in Proposal Oversight Groups (POG) to establish NAHB positions on proposals affecting issues such as housing affordability, energy efficiency, plumbing/mechanical, resilience, and many more that influence the next set of I-Codes.

Each member selected for the Emerging Leaders Program will be paired with a mentor for guidance and support.

If you're interested becoming involved in the development of building codes that affect and shape the home building industry, learn more about program details, participation opportunities, CC&S resources, and apply on the Emerging Leaders Program page on [nahb.org](http://nahb.org).

**The deadline to apply is March 3, 2021, but Cesar has extended it to this Friday, March 5, 2021.**

For more information about the program or any questions you may have, please contact Cesar Lujan directly at [clujan@nahb.org](mailto:clujan@nahb.org).

If Cesar is unavailable, questions on participating may be directed to Randy K. Strauss, Ohio State Rep to NAHB at 440-984-2575 (office), 440-935-2929 (cell) or via email [randykstrauss@aol.com](mailto:randykstrauss@aol.com).

In mid December, Dan Sauter, the ReStore Manager for the Medina County Habitat for Humanity, reached out to our association with the following message which Dave LeHotan asked to be shared with our members:

*Hello, I am the new ReStore manager for the Medina County Habitat for Humanity. I wanted to say thank you for your support with the page on your website. Since we have moved into our new location at 233 Lafayette Rd., we have had many wonderful donations from corporate donors. I was wondering if there was a way that we could share our fortunate situation with the home builders in our county. We have some different products in bulk and I would be willing to sell it to them for an even lower reduced price than we typically sell it to the public. We still would love donations, but we have more than we can use of some items and would like to work with your members in this way. We now are open 3 days a week and would be willing to accommodate builders during non business hours if they are interested in purchasing bulk product. Thank you, Dan Sauter ReStore Manager Medina County Habitat for Humanity.*

The Restore is now located in the old Hawkins Market at 233 Lafayette Road in Medina. Their phone number is 330-722-4494. We encourage our members to reach out and see how Habitat can help our builders.

# GET INVOLVED Opportunities:

----- **Par Level / Hole Sponsor - \$100**

Your company will be recognized with a sign at the putting green

----- **Water Sponsor - \$150**

Will receive recognition throughout the day by announcement

----- **Box Lunch Sponsor - \$250**

Will receive recognition throughout the day by announcement

----- **Long Drive Sponsor - \$350**

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----- **Proximity Sponsor - \$350**

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----- **Putt Off Sponsor - \$350**

Sponsor gets announcement



## MCHBA Annual Golf Outing Sponsorships & Promotional Opportunities



Sponsorship participation gives you an opportunity to get more involved with our biggest social event of the year and provides you with more visibility among your fellow associate and builder members! We appreciate your consideration and support of this fun event.

----- Invoice me - Members only

----- Check

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