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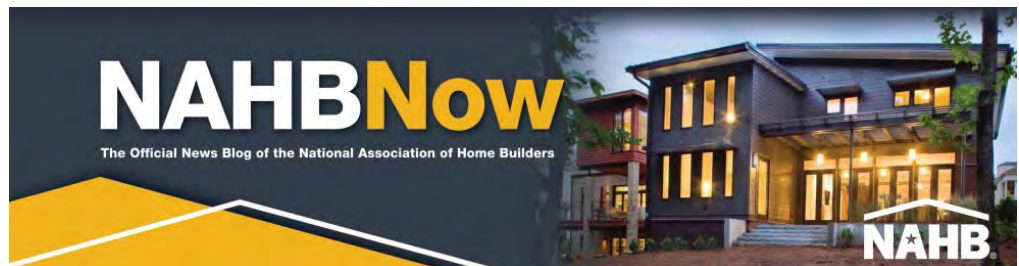
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But what does that economic impact mean in the real, day-to-day lives of community residents?

Just think about it. When a family

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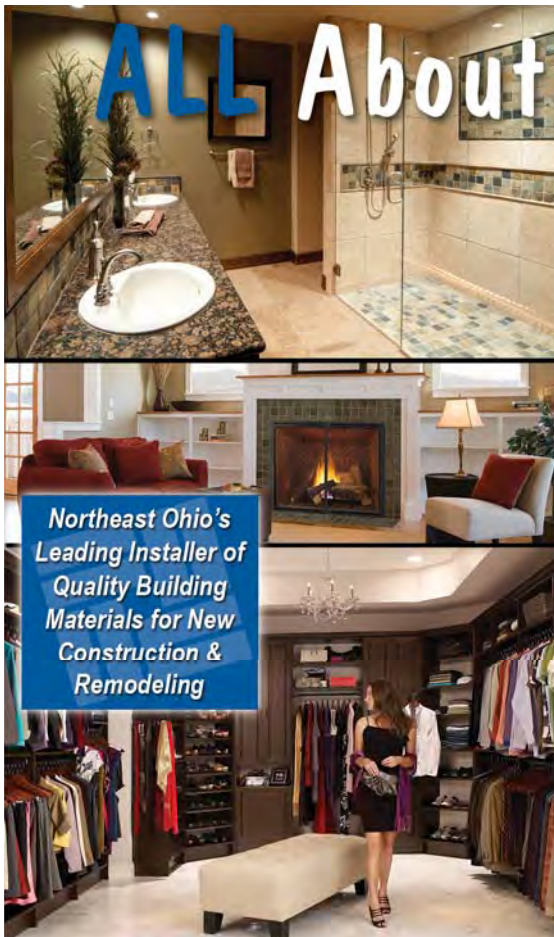
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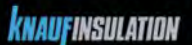
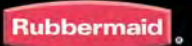
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moves to a community and buys a new house, they will likely shop at local stores to buy furniture and accessories to decorate the home. They will fill their car's gas tank at local gas stations so they can get to the stores, have local mechanics work on the car when it breaks down or needs the oil changed, or buy a new car at a local dealer when it's time to replace the old one.

The family may need to hire local companies for regular services to maintain their home, such as landscaping, house cleaning, pet sitters or pool upkeep.

The children will enroll in local schools. This increases enrollment,

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From the Executive Director

Members and Friends:

We are once again gearing up for what we expect will be a highly successful Parade of Homes. We are anticipating this because of several things ... the economy continues to get stronger and stronger as evidenced by the stock market and the rising number of permits being pulled in the area. We also have a diverse group of builder participants and homes that are participating in this event, as well as the continuing exceptional support of our associate members in the form of Parade Sponsorships.

There's still time if any of our members want to jump on the ride and sponsor this Parade, but you need to do that soon. Contact Sharon at the office as soon as possible if you are interested in supporting your builders.

Please see the letter on page 19 from James Renacci, 16th District Ohio House Representative regarding the OSH Act. I had reached out to him recently on this issue and I'm sure you will find it interesting. I encourage all of you to contact him on your own as well.

Enjoy spring ... it appears to almost be about here!

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V/L N Revere & Sourek: 6 acres. Well/septic. **\$249,000. Mike Stoerkel 330-701-4426.**

4875 Stonehedge: 3+ acres. Lake front property. Well & septic. **\$250,000. Mike Stoerkel 330-701-4426.**

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V/L Canton Rd: 2.5 acres wooded/cleared. Zoned residential/office limited use. Public water/sewer. **\$55,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

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S/L 30 Hawksmoor Way: 2.7 acres, 329x439, water view. Wooded lot. Private sewer/well. **\$119,900. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

COPLEY

V/L S. Medina Line Rd: Highland Schools. 2.77 acres, well & septic. **Mike Stoerkel 330-701-4426.**

4520 Medina Rd: 2.21 acres across from AGMC Wellness Center - Office/Professional. **\$300,000.**

V/L Medina Road – COMMERCIAL – 95x288 - Corner of N. Hametown & Rt. 18. **\$150,000.**

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16216 Galehouse: 3.5 acres. Chippewa Schools. Public water, septic. Beautifully wooded & elevated views. **\$67,500. Mike Stoerkel 330-701-4426.**

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V/L 93 & 94 Ghent Rd: 9.8 acres. Open, rolling, lake, public water, sewer. **\$1,300,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

GRANGER – Highland Schools

Western Reserve Homestead: Restrictions – 2200 sq.ft. min. Ranch / 2500 sq.ft. 2-story.

S/L 7 Windfall Rd. 2 acres, flat lot. Well/septic. South of Granger Rd. Minutes from 71/271. **\$69,900.**

S/L 9 Granger Rd. 2.85 acres, flat lot. Highland LSD. Well/septic. South of Granger Rd. Minutes from 71/271. **\$48,900. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

Millers Meadow: 1 lot remaining with scenic view. 5 acres with bank barn. Bring your builder. Public water with tap-in paid. Minutes from 71/271/77. **\$145,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

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V/L Maple St: Approximately 1/4 of an acre of commercial land. Land is located on Maple Street which flows traffic in from nearby Rt. 43. Fairly flat piece of vacant land. **\$17,500. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900, Nelda DiRocco 330-289-6918.**

HINCKLEY – Highland Schools

S/L 38 Northern Light Circle: 4+ acre wooded. Cul-de-sac, lakefront. Well/septic. **\$325,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

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Lincoln Commons: 2 lots remain. Cul-de-sac in unique urban renewal community surrounded by amenities & walking distance to University/Downtown Kent. Public water/sewer. No HOA. Bring your own builder. 1200 sq.ft. for ranch, 1600 sq.ft. for 2-story. **\$37,500 each. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900 and Ryan Shaffer 330-329-6904.**

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V/L Ellsworth Rd: 5 acres. Level, wooded, septic, well. **\$47,500. Ryan Shaffer 330-329-6904.**

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PALMYRA TWP

V/L Jones Rd: 5 acres. Level, wooded, septic, well. **\$39,900. Ryan Shaffer 330-329-6904.**

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SHARON TWP – Highland Schools

7595 V/L Beach Road: Approx. 200 acres located in Sharon Twp, 7595 Beach Rd. contains 81.94 acres. The farm house with 2 acres is not included but is for sale. Total of 3 parcels. Public water, septic, well. All info subject to all government approvals. **Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

Blue Ridge Estates Lot 38: Great opportunity to build in privacy & seclusion, 2+ acre lot in Highland SD, septic/well, cleared & ready to build. **Lot 38 \$75,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

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V/L Shenandoah Ridge Oversized: Private lot w/wooded backyard on dead end street. **\$39,900. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

WADSWORTH

Quail Lake Farms 10333 S/L 33 Quail Lake Circle: Level lot on cul-de-sac. Backs up to small pond. Sewer/well. Doylestown mailing address. **\$99,000. Gary Stouffer 330-835-4900.**

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HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION BILL REINTRODUCED

Representative Bill Patmon recently reintroduced legislation requiring statewide registration of home improvement contractors. HB 148 has been assigned to the House Government

Oversight and Accountability Committee, but has not yet been scheduled for hearings. As you may remember, Rep. Patmon introduced a similar bill during the last general assembly. OHBA was closely involved in discussions between both the sponsor and chairman during the last General Assembly, and plans to continue working with Patmon, and the new chairman, Rep. Blessing, as HB 148 moves through the process. OHBA has scheduled meetings with both, as it is important to get involved at this time. If you are interested in a copy of HB 148, it is available at the following link

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-148>

Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.

OHBA TESTIFIES ON HOME RULE TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT BILL

As SB 43 continues to move through the Senate despite some recent concerns and opposition, OHBA Executive Vice President, Vince Squillace, testified ensuring the committee was aware of the need for clear, clean language giving the proposed authority. In sum, he explained OHBA's desire to assure proper results of efficiency and indicated OHBA is preparing language to state clearly Home Rule Townships may apply to the State to become a certified building inspection department in the same manner and with the same powers as allowed for Country building inspection departments. Such language would minimize the chances for conflicts and will assure proper coordination and efficiency in enforcing building code regulations.

OHBA continues to follow this topic very closely, as it appears to be moving relatively quickly. Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions. ■



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OHBA Plans for 2017

OHBA is off to a good start for the year. We recently concluded our organizational board meeting where trustees are properly seated so to fulfill their duty and obligation to OHBA. Remember, if your local has not nominated your trustees, please do so ASAP. As a trustee or alternate you are notified of pertinent information and releases from us. It is important you are properly included on that list.

Just a glance at our government affairs agenda reveals many challenges and opportunities face OHBA and the industry this year. The most recent session of the General Assembly kicked off in January and continues through December 31, 2018. Next year will find all statewide executive offices up for grabs. Already a number of candidates have expressed a desire to run. Also up for election next year are all 99 House member and half of the Senate. Campaigning and electioneering never seems to end. This bears close watching and attention from OHBA.

Our officers and Area VP's are anxious to hear from you as to how OHBA may be of assistance. We all encourage attendance at our meetings as that is the best way to get involved and contribute. Our membership committee just hosted a membership conference April 4th in an effort to share, learn and develop ways to grow our membership. We will share more with you about what was discussed at this meeting.



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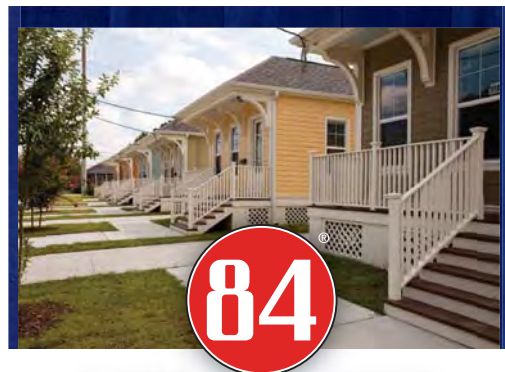
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We congratulate Ken Cleveland for his continued support of our Association and sincerely thank him for his generous donations. This helps to continue the momentum of growth of our organization and helps us make a difference in our community.



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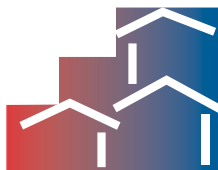
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As I'm sure most of you are aware, there is a lot of activity in Medina County and your support will keep that momentum rolling.

Be sure to take time to visit each of the model homes being presented. The builders have made a huge commitment themselves to being in this Parade, even some of the



homeowners have allowed their homes to be presented as well. The best way we can support them, aside from what all of you have already done, is to tour the homes, tell your friends and neighbors and show your support that way.

We would like to thank all of our Parade Builders as well for continuing to participate in this event that puts our association at the

forefront of residential construction in Northeast Ohio. Participants for this year's spring event include several recognizable members, as well as several new ones: Artisan Building and Design, LLC, Aspen Building Company LLC, Bridgeport Custom Homes & Design, Charis Homes LLC, Dwight Yoder Builders, Gasser Builders, Inc., Gatliff Custom Builders, Landmark Homes (2 models), Legacy Homes of Medina, Legacy-Carrington Builders, Modern Home Concepts (2 models), Old World Classics, Wayne Homes (2 models), and Windridge Homes (2 models). This is our list so far, but we anticipate with his many homes on having a highly success spring Parade event!



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The Brunswick Historical Society is appealing to local organizations to help them bring a piece of history to the area. The Historical Society has the opportunity to bring an 1856 log cabin to Heritage farm. This log cabin, originally located in Newark, was one of the first Ohio stops on the Underground Railroad. It also operated as a command center during the Civil War. It has been taken down and put into storage in Newark, OH. Brunswick had two stops on the Underground Railroad – both homes which are no longer standing. The plan is to rebuild it at Heritage Farm, a perfect and welcome location for this log cabin.

The plan, if it can come to fruition, is to utilize the cabin not only as an historical treasure, but also to house current historic objects that, due to generous donations, are being crowded into existing buildings at this point with very little room to work with or enjoy due to the quantity.

This is a unique situation so funding is being sought locally. It will take \$18,000 to buy the cabin and additional funds to relocate and rebuild it – hopefully by area volunteers. We have a one-year time period in which to do this. We are hoping to use old foundation stones to be as authentic as possible. It will likely cost at least another \$30,000 to complete. We are taking donations and looking for grants to help us accomplish this. If you are interested, please contact: Sam Boyer, Vice President of The Brunswick Area Historical Society Heritage Farm Museum, Box 714, 4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 or via phone at (330) 441-0292. ■

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BWC Proposes Another \$1 Billion Workers' Compensation Rebate

Giving Back to Ohio Business

Each year, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation helps nearly 250,000 employers protect their employees. The premiums paid by Ohio's businesses and public employers help provide safety services to reduce workplace incidents and care to get injured workers back to work and back to life. An improving safety climate, good fiscal management and better than expected investment returns have resulted in the State Insurance Fund having a net position of more than \$9 billion. So, for the third time in four years, BWC is poised to return more than \$1 billion dollars to Ohio's private and public employers. Combined with nearly 30 percent in average rate cuts and \$3 billion in previous rebates and credits, this rebate would mean BWC will have helped return more than \$6 billion to Ohio's economy.

What does the proposal include?

BWC is proposing a one-time rebate of approximately \$1 billion for private employers and public-taxing districts. This includes an estimated \$967 million to private employers and \$133 million to public employer taxing districts. In total more than 200,000 employers will receive rebates.

BWC is also considering an additional, significant investment in workplace wellness and safety. BWC has begun developing ideas to support this request and expects a proposal in April that will help significantly reduce workplace injuries.

To become effective, the proposal must go to the BWC Board of Directors for a first read on March 15, and then must have a second read and be approved by its board on April 28.

How much will employers receive and when?

If approved at the board's April 28 meeting, most rebates would equal 66% of the employer's premium for the policy year ending June 30, 2016 (calendar year 2015 for public employers). If approved, BWC expects to begin sending checks in early July.

Private employers in the group-retro program will have their rebate amount calculated and paid following the 12-month premium calculation scheduled to occur in October 2017.

Who is eligible for the rebate?

Both private employers and public employer taxing districts that pay into the State Insurance Fund are eligible for the rebate. Details of eligibility will be posted to bwc.ohio.gov in the near future, but generally the employer must have been billed premium for the policy year ending June 30, 2016 (Dec. 31, 2015 for public employers), and be current in meeting their policy requirements. Employers with an outstanding BWC balance will have their rebate first applied to that balance. Employers that report through a

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meaning more teachers, janitors, cafeteria workers and other school support staff will need to be hired. Those kids will also join sports leagues and other activities, buy equipment and pay registration fees that provide stipends for referees and coaches.

All of this economic activity puts income into the pockets of local business owners and their families, who can then afford to go out and spend money themselves, which recycles even more money into the community's economy.

The new family also pays local and state taxes. These tax revenues help pay for a wide range of government services, including school teachers, police departments, refuse collection, parks maintenance and road repairs.

Over the long term, as the families who move into new homes become part of the community, their positive impact continues. NAHB estimates that those 100 new homes also provide the community with additional, annually-recurring impacts of \$4.1 million in local income, \$1 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 69 local jobs.

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Professional Employer Organization should receive their rebate from their PEO, which is required to pass a portion of the rebate on to their members.

How is it possible that BWC has \$1 billion to provide rebates?

Despite a nearly 30 percent reduction in rates since 2011, the net position of BWC continues to grow. The State Insurance Fund's net position stands at \$9.6 billion as of Jan. 31. This is primarily due to strong investment returns. Annualized return of investments was 7 percent over the last three fiscal years, including a total net return of 5.8 percent in FY2016. BWC's expected annual investment return is four percent. Prudent fiscal management and declining claims also factor into BWC's financial strength.

Will this impact BWC's ability to operate as normal and continue to care for injured workers?

No. Investments have performed so well, that even with the \$1 billion rebate, BWC's finances will remain very strong, so operations will continue as normal and injured workers will continue to receive the care they need to heal and return to work. In fact, we are developing a proposal to invest a significant amount into worker safety and wellness, which should benefit Ohio workers by further reducing workplace injuries. After the rebate, BWC will still have a net position of \$8.5 billion.

What else has BWC done to help Ohio businesses?

Since the beginning of 2011, BWC has saved Ohio businesses \$4.8 billion through rebates, credits and rate reductions. That includes:

- Giving rebates of \$1 billion in 2013 and another \$1 billion in 2014.
- Providing \$1.2 billion in credits to transition to a modern billing system at no cost to employers.
- Reducing rates for private employers an average of 28.2%. That means BWC collected \$1.7 billion less from employers than had 2010 rates remained steady.
- Reducing rates for public employers an average of 29.6%, or \$334 million less than had 2010 rates remained steady.
- Moving from the state with the third highest private employer rates in the country in 2008 to the 11th lowest.

Source: *Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation* (<https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/home/current/releases/2017/031317.asp>)

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March 17, 2017

Dear David,

Thank you for contacting me regarding H.J.Res. 83. Your views are important to me as I work to effectively represent you and Ohio's 16th Congressional District.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act), signed into law in 1970, created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This agency collaborates with employers, independent safety experts, and other stakeholders to close gaps in safety and improvement enforcement of health and safety standards for American workers.

Under the OSH Act, employers are required to record and maintain a log of workplace injuries and illnesses that occur during a five-year span. However, the law explicitly states that employers can only be cited for record-keeping violations within a six-month period.

On December 16, 2016, OSHA issued a rule which extended this six-month penalty period to five years despite the letter of the law and Congress's sole authority to write laws. On December 29, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit unanimously found that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration could not cite an employer for violations that were several years old, arguing that the statute of limitations, as outlined in the OSH Act, had run out.

H.J.Res. 83 was introduced on February 21, 2017 by Rep. Bradley Byrne to disapprove and nullify the rule. This legislation passed the House on March 1, 2017 with bipartisan support. Following its passage in the House, H.J.Res. 83 was referred to the Senate where it currently awaits a vote. I encourage you to contact Senators Portman and Brown regarding your thoughts on this bill.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me on this issue. In the future I encourage you to visit my website www.renacci.house.gov where you can email me any other concerns that you have. If you would like to stay up to date with what I am doing in the 16th District and in Washington, follow me on Facebook and Twitter to receive frequent updates at www.facebook.com/repjimrenacci and www.twitter.com/repjimrenacci.

Sincerely,



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