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October 2016

Fall Sporting Clay Shoot Set for Oct. 20th

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We have finally started feeling a little bit of fall in the morning air and that means it's once again time for our association members and guests to get together for our Fall Sporting Clay Shoot. The date is set for October 20th at Etowah Valley Sporting Clays in Dawsonville.

As is our tradition, immediately following the shoot, we will all join together for a barbeque lunch which is followed by prize giveaways. We always manage to have some wonderful door prizes that have been donated by our associate members. Following the door prize giveaway, we will have the drawing for our grand prize. This year the grand prize winner will have their choice of a pelican cooler, or a Stoeger M3500 shotgun.

If you have not taken the time to come out to one of our shoots, you don't know what you are missing. Whether you are an expert, or novice shooter, you will enjoy a day of shooting, food, fun, and fellowship.

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Calendar of Events

October 6

Membership Meeting

October 20

Fall Sporting Clay Shoot

November 10

Membership Meeting

November 17

HBA Board Meeting

December 1

Membership Meeting

NAHB Talks with Chilean Lumber Sources

U.S. home builders in early September conducted four days of talks with Chilean government, trade and industry officials geared toward increasing **exports of softwood lumber** and other wood products to America.

“The meetings with more than 100 Chilean lumber-producing companies, trade organizations and government officials were extremely productive,” said Jerry Howard, chief executive officer of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). “We support opening up competition in the U.S. lumber market because we know that it will benefit American families who want

to buy homes and U.S. builders who are seeking a steady supply of affordably priced lumber.”

The meetings in Chile come at a time when the U.S. and Canada are in discussions over a new softwood lumber trade agreement between the two nations. Although U.S. home builders would prefer to purchase all of their softwood lumber and wood products from domestic producers, America today does not have the domestic capacity to meet its demand for lumber.

A nine-year softwood lumber agreement between the U.S. and Canada expired in October 2015.

FEMA Proposes New Floodplain Rule

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has proposed a rule that would require anyone using FEMA funds for new construction or substantial improvements to build two to three feet higher than the 100-year floodplain.

The rule, proposed in August, stems from an updated Floodplain Management Executive Order issued by President Obama in January 2015. E.O. 13690 created the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS),

which requires a higher level of flood protection for federally funded projects to protect taxpayer investment in light of increasing flood risk.

In response to NAHB concerns, FEMA clarified that the rule only applies to FEMA funds used for new construction, substantial improvement, or to address substantial damage to structures or facilities.

The rule does not apply to the availability or cost of flood insurance policies

NAHB, HBRAM Ask Court to Review MS4 Permit

NAHB and the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Massachusetts today asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit to review the Environmental Protection Agency’s municipal separate **storm sewer system** (MS4) permit for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Massachusetts MS4 permit, the EPA has tied the regulation of stormwater to impervious surfaces,

which include rooftops, driveways and roads. With this permit, EPA is coming very close to regulating the number of homes that can be built on a site, and the layout of roads and driveways of a project.

“This permit is just another attempt by EPA to unlawfully expand its authority beyond Congress’ intent,” said NAHB Chairman Ed Brady.

Don't Miss the Remodeling Show, Oct. 3-7

Growing your business means knowing the latest skills to amaze current clients and attract new ones.

The **Remodeling Show | DeckExpo | JLC LIVE Show** in Baltimore Oct. 3-7 offers numerous opportunities to gain a competitive edge.

The Remodeling Show offers a vibrant exhibit hall with hundreds of the industry’s top manufacturers.

News from the Midyear Meeting

Your NAHB Board of Directors had a busy 2016 Midyear Meeting in Miami in August. In addition to speeches by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton’s economic advisor Gene Sperling, the board heard economic forecasts and discussed plans to better position NAHB for the future.

If you’re logged in as an NAHB member, you can **review videos** of the presentations made on the board floor and read a **summary of highlights** from the meetings.

New Overtime Rule Takes Effect December 1st

The Dept. of Labor has a new salary cap for salaried employees. As of December 1st, the new salary cap is \$23,660 which is half of the current \$47,476.

As we know, the construction industry is a seasonal, and cyclical industry where employees may work 50 to 60 hours a week during peak times and once the winter weather sets in, the same people may only work 20 hours per week.



HBAG Fall Board Brings Valuable Information to Local Association

The Home Builders Association of Georgia held its Fall Board Meeting at the Westin in Jekyll Island September 20 - 22. The HBAG is made up of all the local home builder associations statewide and its board of directors are members of those local associations.

This year's fall board meeting was attended by Tim Williams and Mike Roberson from our local association. Tim Williams has been a long time member of the HBA of North Georgia and has served as President of our local association as well as President of the state association (HBAG). Tim is involved, not only in local and state association, but he is also involved in the national association (NAHB). He will be the first to tell you that the more you put into your association, the more you will get out of it.

The state meeting is not just about the state association, but it is about helping builders be their best. Each meeting has programs designed for builders to help them be the best in their business. Between the programs put on by the HBAG and the interaction with other builders, the state meeting is a chance to recharge and re-energize.



The Westin, Jekyll Island GA. Not the worst place in the world to spend a couple of nights.

Let me guess. You don't have time to take off and go to these meetings. Guess what? Neither does anyone else that goes to these meetings. They have to make time to go. Would that many successful builders make time in their schedule if they were not benefiting from the meetings. Try it one time and see if you do not come home with more ideas for your business that you can possibly implement.

Key Vote Nears on Building Codes

Fire sprinklers. Building tightness tradeoffs. More stringent requirements to protect against natural disasters: Code officials will consider thousands of IRC and energy code proposals next month when the International Code Council (ICC) holds **public comment hearings** in Kansas City, Mo.

Fortunately, NAHB Construction, Codes and Standards volunteers and staff have waded through the hundreds of pages of documents and code-speak to highlight the ones we need to think about the most.

15 Most Critical Changes highlights those proposals that, because of extraordinary expense on the negative side or better building practices on the positive, are most important to the home building industry and to home buyers, whose interests we represent.

The most controversial may be a proposal to move fire sprinkler requirements for one- and two-family homes and townhouses into the appendix of the International Residential Code, which is where they were before being moved to the main body of the code in 2009. This would mean fire sprinklers would not be required unless the state or local jurisdiction moved to adopt the appendix.

It's important that home builders, remodelers and their trade partners share this document with their local building officials so they are prepared to vote in support of our recommendations at the ICC Public Comment Hearings Oct. 19-25 in Kansas City.

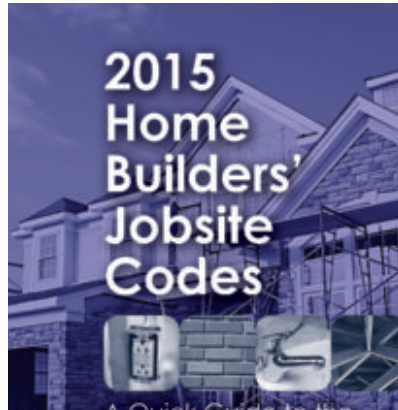
Contact your **NAHB staff liaison** for assistance and to obtain a list of eligible governmental members in your state.

New Homes Built in 2015 Have More Bedrooms

Roughly 11% of single-family homes started in 2015 have 5 or more bedrooms, 36% have 4 bedrooms, 43% have 3 bedrooms, and 10% have 1 or 2 bedrooms, according to **NAHB analysis** of recently released U.S. Census data.

Three bedroom homes have long been the most common type of new single-family home built. But the share of new homes with 3 bedrooms has declined, going from 54% in 2009 to 43% in 2015.

The share of new homes with four bedrooms went from 29% in 2009 to 36% in 2015. Moreover, the share of homes with five or more bedrooms went from 6% in 2009 to 11% in 2015.



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