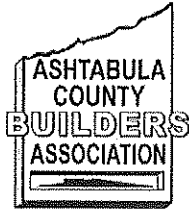
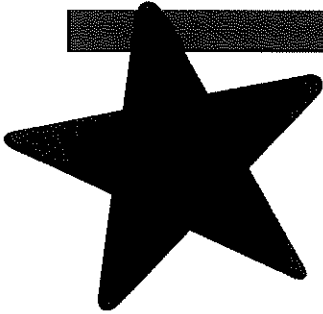


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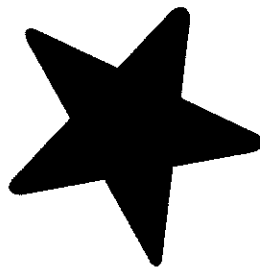
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hello fellow members and friends,

Well we are right in the heart of winter and with temperatures between 10 degrees and sometimes above 50 degrees, northeast Ohio weather is crazy and very unpredictable. "If you don't like the weather stick around for an hour and will change", my grandpa told me years ago and he was so right.

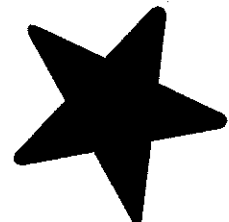
January's meeting was a great one with over 30 members in attendance to hear what Mr. Ray Saporito had to say about how Ashtabula County is dealing with all the new septic issues. I personally thought that he did a wonderful job addressing the issues that were brought to the table and answering everyone's questions.

February's meeting will also be a great one to attend as we will meet out new Ashtabula County Building Department Director, Mr. Todd C. Nagy. I have known Todd for several years also worked with him on several projects in the county. Please join me as we welcome out chief building official.

Don't forget to mark your calendars! The annual Ashtabula County Builders Raffle is set for Saturday, May 7th. Doors will open at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds Expo Building. Come out and enjoy the amazing food prepared by the ladies of the Community Care Committee of Andover and support a great cause. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the meeting or from any of the board members.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday, February 11th at the Elks Club.

Thanks for your time,
Ashtabula County Builders President
Calvin L. Brown Jr.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

TODD NAGY
Ashtabula County Building Department
Elks Lodge

MARCH 10, 2016

TBA
Elks Lodge

APRIL 14, 2016

TBA
Elks Lodge

MAY 7, 2016

REVERSE RAFFLE
Fair Grounds 4-H Building

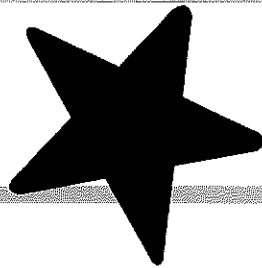
JUNE 9, 2016

STEAK FRY
Elks Lodge



Cost of Meals \$30.00 per person
Choice of Prime Rib, Baked Chicken or Baked Fish
Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event.

ANY SUGGESTIONS
FOR MEETING
SUBJECTS OR
NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Please Contact Michelle



BANKER BOB'S CORNER

Sawmill Time

Every morning for years, at about 11:30, the telephone operator in a small Sierra-Nevada town received a call from a man asking the exact time. One day the operator summed up nerve enough to ask him why the regularity. "I'm foreman of the local sawmill," he explained. "Every day I have to blow the whistle at noon so I call you to get the exact time." The operator giggled, "That's really funny," she said. "All this time we've been setting our clock by your whistle."

An Extra Bonus

The homeowner was delighted with the way the painter had done all the work on his house. "You did a great job," he said and handed the man a check. "Also, in order to thank-you, here's an extra \$80 to take the missus out to dinner and a movie." Later that night, the doorbell rang and it was the painter. Thinking the man had forgotten something he asked, "What's the matter, did you forget something?" "Nope." replied the painter. "I'm just here to take your missus out to dinner and a movie like you asked."

ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

MAY 7, 2016

Grand Prize: \$1500.00

50/50 raffle - Bingo - Black Jack - Silent Auction

*\$100.00 Early Bird
Drawing at 6:15 p.m.*

\$50.00 a couple

Includes:

Dinner and Open Bar
Door opens at 5:00 p.m.
Raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Ashtabula County Fairgrounds 4-H Building

All Proceeds will benefit:
**Community Care Committee &
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS

Housing's Contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Housing contributes to GDP in two basic ways: through private residential investment and consumption spending on housing services. Historically, residential investment has averaged roughly 5% of GDP while housing services have averaged between 12% and 13%, for a combined 17% to 18% of GDP. These shares tend to vary over the business cycle.

Residential investment includes construction of new single-family and multifamily structures, residential remodeling, production of manufactured homes and brokers' fees. Consumption spending on housing services includes gross rents (which include utilities) paid by renters, and owners' imputed rent (an estimate of how much it would cost to rent owner-occupied units), and utility payments. Including owners' imputed rent in GDP has been standard practice in national income accounting for a long time. Were owners' imputed rent not included, an increase in the homeownership rate would cause GDP to decline.

Table 1 reflects the categories in the "expanded detail" GDP statistics published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Some of the numbers differ from previously reported results due to revisions in the consumption categories instituted by BEA in mid-2009.

Table 1 shows all GDP components in real (i.e. adjusted for inflation) terms, incorporating BEA's most recent inflation-adjustment factors. This is consistent with the way GDP statistics are most often presented and discussed. "Economic growth," for example, is typically defined as the percentage change in real GDP.

Construction, Codes and Standards

Virtually all residential construction must adhere to comprehensive building codes and standards governed by local and state laws. Because of the cost and complexity of developing and maintaining such codes, state and local governments typically adopt nationally recognized model codes, often amending them to reflect local construction practices, climate and geography. Most U. S. communities adopt the International Code Council's I-Codes for this purpose. The I-Codes address all aspects of single- and two-family as well as multifamily construction, including structural elements and the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and energy conservation requirements.

The requirements established by national code bodies, the modifications made by state and local governments, and the standards set by national organizations that are used in developing the model codes can significantly affect the construction, configuration and cost of new residential buildings as well as remodeling or additions to existing ones.

The original purpose of codes was to protect public health and safety, but government agencies have increasingly turned to codes to implement other policies, such as energy efficiency, resilience, sustainability, and property protection.

