

The Builder News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

Calendar of Events

August 2026

August 4 - WRBA 9-Hole Golf Outing, Golden Sands Golf Course, Cecil. Check in at 1:30 p.m., shotgun start at 2 p.m., followed by dinner and prizes at 6 p.m. Golf/dinner for members is \$55, \$75 for non-members. Dinner only is \$20. Register online at www.wolfriverbuilders.org

August 5 - Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee Connections,' 8-9 a.m., US Air Motorsports, W5901 County Road BE, Shawano. Coffee Connections last only one hour and feature a different speaker at the beginning. The rest of the hour allows fellow members to share what's happening with their business or nonprofit.

August 25 - WRBA Board of Directors Meeting, 5:45 p.m., The Launching Pad, Shawano

Sept. 8 - WRBA General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers, cocktails/networking 5:45, dinner and meeting to follow, Remi's Reel Em' Inn, Cecil. Register at link: <https://forms.gle/iVVpwPUBp4Z4FeZE6>

Mission Statement

The Wolf River Builders Association's purpose is to serve as an advocate and resource for area building industry professionals, while supporting a commitment to our community through leadership and education.



Wolf River Builders Association

Professionals You Can Trust!

August Golf Outing & Dinner

When: Tuesday, August 4th

Where: **Golden Sands**

300 W. Nabor Rd., Cecil

715-745-2189

Check-in: 1:30

Shotgun Start: 2:00

Networking/Cocktails: 5:00

Dinner & Prizes: 6:00

Please register online ASAP at

www.wolfriverbuilders.org

Please invite spouses, employees, and prospective members. Golf/dinner for members is \$55 (\$75 for non-members). Meal only is \$20. RSVP by Aug. 1 - required for meal planning.

Progressive Attendance Pot

\$40 for Golf Outing

Door Prize donations always welcome!

Just bring it along!

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB –

<http://www.nahb.org/savings>

From your President

As we move through another busy summer, it's encouraging to see steady growth throughout our area. Residential construction remains active, commercial projects continue to advance, and many of our builders and trades members are staying busy as we head into the second half of the season.



Before we know it, one of our favorite events of the year will be here.

WRBA Annual Golf Outing – Tuesday, August 4th

Our Annual Golf Outing at **Golden Sands Golf Course** is just around the corner! This event continues to be one of the highlights of the WRBA calendar, bringing together members, sponsors, and industry partners for an afternoon of networking, friendly competition, and some certain laughs. We look forward to another great turnout and appreciate everyone who has helped make this event possible through sponsorships, volunteering, and participation.

I'd also like to recognize one of our longtime members, **Bank First**, for their continued commitment to supporting housing and construction throughout our communities. Bank First is currently offering up to \$1,500 toward closing costs on construction loans, providing another valuable incentive for families looking to build. Programs like this help make homeownership more attainable while supporting the builders, contractors, suppliers, and tradespeople who make these projects possible.

Storm Recovery: A Reminder to Choose Local

The recent storms that swept through our area brought hail, high winds, and significant damage to many homes and businesses. As cleanup and insurance claims begin, it's also the time when out-of-town contractors often arrive looking for work. While many companies operate professionally, homeowners should be cautious of high-pressure sales tactics, large upfront payment requests, or contractors with little local presence.

As members of the WRBA, we encourage homeowners to work with established local contractors whenever possible. Local professionals have built their reputations within our communities, stand behind their work, and are here long after the storm has passed. We also encourage homeowners to verify licensing and insurance, ask for local references, and carefully review contracts before signing. Taking a few extra minutes to research a contractor can help avoid costly mistakes and ensure quality workmanship.

As many of you know, the building industry continues to face significant challenges. According to the Wisconsin Builders Association, government regulations now add an estimated \$88,500 to the cost of building a new home in the Midwest. Lengthy permitting processes can also delay construction for more than a year, making it increasingly difficult for Wisconsin families to achieve homeownership while creating additional costs throughout the construction process.

With the August 11th primary election approaching, it's important that our industry stays engaged. Housing affordability and regulatory reform remain critical issues affecting every builder, supplier, and trades professional. The Wisconsin Builders Association has endorsed Tom Tiffany for Governor, citing his longstanding support for expanding housing opportunities, reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, and strengthening Wisconsin's building industry.

Whatever your perspective, I encourage every member to stay informed, exercise your right to vote, and support leaders who recognize the importance of a healthy construction economy.

Thank you for your continued membership, involvement, and commitment to the Wolf River Builders Association. Together, we continue to strengthen our industry, advocate for the building trades, and help create thriving communities across our region.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the golf course!

Sincerely,
Bryce Szymanski, President
Wolf River Builders Association



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9-HOLE GOLF OUTING

Four Person Best Ball Format - Invite your Customers, Business Prospects, Family & Friends!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
GOLDEN SANDS GOLF COURSE, CECIL

EVENT SCHEDULE

1:30 PM - Registration
2 PM - Shotgun Start
5 PM - Social/Networking
6 PM - Dinner & Prizes

REGISTRATION FEES

Golf/Cart/Dinner
WRBA Member: \$55
Guest/Non-Member: \$75
Dinner Only
Member \$0 | Guest \$20

TEAM & DINNER REGISTRATION

Register online at
www.wolfriverbuilders.org
(one "member" price per WRBA membership)

Fees may be paid in advance on our website, by mail (PO Box 595, Shawano), or at the event.
Please register by July 31st.



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Progressive Attendance Drawing



The name drawn for the \$20 pot at the Summer Picnic was A-1 Elevator. A representative was not in attendance to claim the prize, so the pot at the Golf Outing will grow to \$40.

Unfamiliar with the “Progressive” Attendance Drawing”? For each General Membership Meeting, each member will have a chip with a number that corresponds to their name placed in the bucket, whether the member is in attendance or not.

If present and your name (#) is drawn, you will win the pot! If you are not present and your name is drawn, the pot will grow by \$20 for the next meeting or Hard Hat Happy Hour event. Minimum pot will always be \$20. It costs you nothing, but you could be a winner if you're there!

Make sure you are there to win if your name (#) is called!

Upcoming Events/Meetings

August 4 - Golf Outing - Golden Sands, Cecil

September 15 - Officer Elections - Location TBD

October 13 - Officer Installation - Location TBD

NOVEMBER - NO MEETING

Dec. 8 - Breakfast Meeting - Farm Inn on Main

BOLD = PUBLIC EVENT / Spread the word!

Please **invite member prospects** to membership meetings! We'll pay for their meal for the first meeting to give them the opportunity to see what we are all about. We'll also give **you** a \$10 Kwik Trip Card for bringing them! Share our membership info by sharing this link: [WRBA Potential Member Letter](#)

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Take a look at cost-effective options with superior health care provider networks that are available through the partnership of the Wolf River Builders Association and the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA).

Through the buying power of WRBA and WBA, you can get large group service and prices for your business of any size. New and existing members can take advantage of this opportunity to choose coverage from WPS Health Insurance and Arise Health Plan. You get help controlling costs and navigating a complex health care system through special pricing exclusively for members.

If you are interested in reviewing the options, simply contact:

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September 23, 2026

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Wisconsin sees stable single-family housing permit activity so far in 2026

Wisconsin's single-family housing market remained steady through the first half of 2026, with new home construction permits edging up 1.1% statewide compared to the same period in 2025, according to data released by the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA).

Municipalities across Wisconsin issued 7,034 single-family housing permits during the first six months of 2026, up from 6,960 permits during the same period last year. While second-quarter permit activity dipped 3.6% compared to April through June of 2025, the year-to-date numbers indicate continued demand for new housing across much of the state.

"Despite ongoing affordability challenges and economic uncertainty, Wisconsin's housing market continues to demonstrate resilience," said Andy Selner, President of the Wisconsin Builders Association. "Wisconsin must continue advancing policies that support home construction and expand housing opportunities for families across the state."

Several counties experienced particularly strong year-to-date growth, including:

Barron County (+63.2%)

Racine County (+58.7%)

Fond du Lac County (+47.0%)

Sheboygan County (+48.9%)

Bayfield County (+44.4%)

Portage County (+38.3%)

Columbia County (+35.4%)

Green County (+34.1%)

Calumet County (+27.8%)

Meanwhile, some of Wisconsin's largest markets posted slower permit activity during the first half of the year, including Outagamie (-22.8%), Milwaukee (-38.7%), Kenosha (-48.6%), and Jefferson (-37.6%), illustrating the uneven pace of residential construction across the state.

The Wisconsin Builders Association continues to advocate for policies that increase housing supply by reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers, addressing workforce shortages, and improving housing affordability for Wisconsin residents.

The permit data is compiled using information submitted by municipalities to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS), as required under 2015 Wisconsin Act 211.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2026

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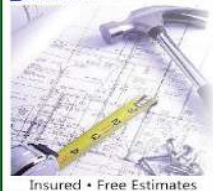
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