

The Builder News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

Calendar of Events

January 2026

January 7 - Chamber of Commerce 'Coffee Connections,' 8-9 a.m., Sweetlife Eatery, 116 N. Main St., Shawano. RSVP 715-524-2139 or chamber@shawanocountry.com. This is a great opportunity to meet other business people, share information and ideas. Attendees introduce themselves and their business to the entire group. This is a free event, but registration is appreciated.

Jan. 13 - WRBA Christmas Party & Awards, Harlow's Supper Club, Bonduel. 5:45 cocktails, 6:30 dinner. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/aDtVUFTNL3pLA1Tn7>

January 27 - WRBA Board of Directors Meeting, 5:45 p.m., The Launching Pad, Shawano

February 10 - WRBA Hard Hat Happy Hour, 5:30-7 p.m., Wolf River Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Shawano. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/ctE1nDuHEbNT3isH9>

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.



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January Christmas Party and Membership Milestones

When: Tuesday, January 13th
Where: **Harlow's Supper Club**
120 E. Green Bay St., Bonduel

Cocktails/networking: 5:45 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.,
short program to follow.

PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

at www.wolfriverbuilders.org/register,
or via Email -
wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

One meal per membership is free,
however "no shows" will be charged.
Add'l meals for spouse or guests - \$20.00

Progressive Attendance Pot
\$40 for January Meeting

Door Prize donations always welcome!
Just bring it along!

We hope to see you there!

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB –
<http://www.nahb.org/savings>

From your President

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of the Wolf River Builders Association, our industry, and the communities we serve. The start of the year is a great time to reflect on where we've been—but more importantly, to look ahead at the opportunities in front of us.



Thanks to your generosity and involvement, the WRBA Scholarship Calendar Raffle has kicked off 2026. These funds allow us to continue supporting local students who are pursuing careers in the trades. These individuals represent the future of our workforce—our next generation of carpenters, electricians, HVAC technicians, welders, and builders.

Last year, we were proud to award four \$1,000 scholarships to area students enrolled in trade and technical programs. Those scholarships helped cover tuition, tools, and training, directly investing in the skilled workforce our local businesses and communities rely on. We appreciate everyone who purchased tickets, promoted the raffle, and helped make that impact possible.

As we move into the new year, we're already seeing positive signs across the region. Several commercial projects are underway or preparing to break ground, and residential activity continues to remain strong. This momentum is encouraging, and it reflects the dedication and quality work of our members. If you have current or upcoming projects—residential, commercial, or community-focused—please share them with us. Highlighting member work and staying connected is a priority for the WRBA.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

January 13 – WRBA Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Harlow's Supper Club in Bonduel. This is always a great opportunity to relax, connect with fellow members, and celebrate the accomplishments of the past year while kicking off the new one together. We look forward to seeing you there.

Additional meetings and events for the year will be announced soon, and we encourage everyone to stay engaged, attend meetings, and participate

whenever possible. Your involvement is what keeps the WRBA strong and relevant.

As we head into the new year, thank you for your membership, your professionalism, and your commitment to building better communities. On behalf of the WRBA Board, I wish you and your families a healthy, successful, and prosperous New Year.

Bryce Szymanski

President, Wolf River Builders Association

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Available

WRBA has Kwik Trip Gift Cards!
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Denominations currently in-stock are gift cards in the amount of \$10, \$50 \$22.50 Grocery-only cards (\$25 value) and \$30 Car Wash Cards (\$36 value)

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Cards are also available at any of our general membership meetings! Help support WRBA!

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Scholarship deadline March 15

The Wolf River Builders Association Scholarship offers a yearly scholarship presented to a student/students continuing their education in a building-associated trade.

- **Eligibility:** The student must be at least a senior in high school and be in good standing with the school. The student must also be a legal resident of either Shawano, Oconto or Menominee counties and be enrolled in a construction technology program or a related construction field of study. Past recipients are eligible.
- **Criteria:** Each student will be judged according to academic achievement, prior work experience in the area of construction technology, recommendations by faculty and employers and specific career objectives
- **Selection:** Applications must be submitted to the Wolf River Builders Association by March 15. The announcement of the winning candidate(s) will occur by April 30.

The 2026 [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINK](#) is available here and in area schools.

Membership News

Memberships Renewed – Welcome Back!

- Maule Construction LLC - John Maule
- Wausau Homes of Appleton - Mike Gibbons
- Market Messenger - Patti Peterson

Members – Renewal Due February

- Lakeview Revival WI Inc. - Bryce Szymanski
- Perry Seamless Gutters - Parker Perry
- Raddant Electric Service - Sheri & Keith Raddant
- Schneider & Son's Landscaping Inc. - Angela Schneider
- Shawano Family Dentistry - Andrew Stevens
- The Sherwin Williams Company - Dafne Can
- Torborgs Shawano Lumber - Jim Torborg

Membership Milestones

Five Year Member Certificate

- Wausau Homes of Appleton

Fifteen Year Member Certificate

- Felts Construction Co., Inc.
- J.C. Santy Construction LLC
- Shawano Well Drilling
- Floors Unlimited

Twenty Year Member Certificate

- Sherwin-Williams

Board of Directors Recognition

- Don Pedersen - KerberRose S.C. - 10 Years
- Bryan Nemetz - Bryan Nemetz Construction - 5 Years

Upcoming Events/Meetings

February 10 - Hard Hat Happy Hour - Wolf River Habitat for Humanity Re-Store

March 10 - Breakfast Meeting - Farm Inn on Main

April 14 - LOCATION TBD

Progressive Attendance Drawing



The name drawn for the \$20 pot at the October Installation meeting was Sherwin-Williams. A representative was not in attendance to claim the prize, so the pot at the January meeting will rise 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!

Help boost our membership!

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](#)

There are many reasons to maintain your membership! We'd love to hear what you find valuable in your membership! Let us know!
Membership: Bryce Szymanski – 715-304-8005

Member Spotlight

WRBA would like to have you present information about your business at a monthly general membership meeting and in our newsletter.

It could be general information about who you are, how your business got started, what your company does, or info on a special promotion that you are holding, a sale that you have going on, etc. Consider it free advertising! Contact Nathan at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com to set this up.



Daily prizes Jan. 1-24 - Prizes from \$100-\$1000 - 24 winners chosen

Drawings for our 2026 scholarship cash raffle will be ongoing through January 24.

We still have tickets available for \$20 each. Drawings will be held daily, with prizes of up to \$1000. Every ticket is eligible for every drawing.

The proceeds will help support our scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors pursuing a future in the building trades, as well as continuing education students.

If you'd like to help support our scholarships while having a chance to win cash, please contact us at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Wolf River Builders Association

2025/2026 Board of Directors

President	Bryce Szymanski Lakeview Revival WI Inc. 1005 S. Sawyer St. Shawano, WI 54166 Mobile: 715-304-8005
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	Mark Flunker – Wolf River Habitat for Humanity (Mobile: 715-584-5995)
Associate Directors	Alex Tessar - Alex Tessar Enterprise Inc. (Mobile: 715-701-3891)
	VACANT – This could be you!! (and your phone number too)
Executive Officer	Nathan Falk Email: wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com Website: www.wolfriverbuilders.org Ph: 715-853-2310



Hard Hat Happy Hour

A networking event for our builder and associate members, as well as prospective members!

Tuesday, February 10
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wolf River Habitat for Humanity
414 E. Elizabeth St., Shawano

Networking / door prizes / appetizers
50/50 raffle drawing at 6:30

There is no guest charge. Please pre-register the names of those attending [HERE](#) or email wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

We are also looking for door prizes for the event - please bring something if you're willing to.

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COMPANY		SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
 	BMW	Earn up to \$1,500 on a new BMW or up to \$500 on a new MINI	BMW	memberdeals.com/nahb/shopping.php?action=view&sub=BMW&login=1
	GOODYEAR	Members must log into NAHB.org to save 15% on Goodyear Tires.	Goodyear Tires & Services	nahb.org/goodyear

TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

COMPANY		SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
 	AVIS	Save up to 30% off Avis PAY NOW rates when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number G572900.	Rental Cars	avis.com/nahb 800-331-1212 AWD #G572900
	BUDGET	Save up to 35% off Budget PAY NOW rates when making a reservation using Budget Customer Discount (BCD) number Z536900.	Rental Cars	budget.com/nahb 800-283-4387 BCD #Z536900
	WALT DISNEY WORLD	Explore Walt Disney World Resorts at special member discounts	Theme Parks	nahb.org/savings Click on "Walt Disney World" button under "Personal Savings"
	HERTZ	Save up to 25% on everyday base rates and additional program benefits with Hertz Gold Plus	Rental Cars	nahb.org/hertz
	HOTELPLANNER	NAHB members can save up to 65% on hotel room rates at over 800,000 properties worldwide in more than 250 countries.	Hotels	nahb.hotelplanner.com 800-497-2175
	MEMBER DEALS	Up to 50% off.	Theme Parks, Movie Tickets, Concerts, Water Parks & Gift Cards	memberdeals.com/nahb/?login=1 877-579-1201
	SAM'S CLUB	Save over 60% on a new membership plus receive travel and entertainment credit	Club Membership	nahb.org/savings Click on "Sam's Club" button under "Personal Savings"
	SIRIUSXM	Get a free four-month trial to SiriusXM's Platinum streaming	Music	nahb.org/xm

Health & Wellness

COMPANY		SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	ACTIVE & FIT DIRECT	Find your perfect gym for \$28/month.	Fitness Membership	nahb.org/AFD

ELECTRONICS & SOFTWARE

COMPANY		SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
 	DELL COMPANY	Up to 40% off Dell computer servers, electronics & accessories. Free IT consultations for members.	Computers & Hardware	dell.com/nahb 800-757-8442
	MICROSOFT OFFICE	Up to 90% discount on a one-time purchase of Microsoft Office Home & Business 2019 and 2021	Microsoft Apps	nahb.org/office

NAHB Members Saved over **\$40,000,000** last year

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	MERCEDES-BENZ VANS Save up to \$500 on select vans, combinable with advertised sales incentives offered by Mercedes-Benz Vans.	Mercedes	nahb.org/mbvans
	GOODYEAR Members must log into NAHB.org to save 15% on Goodyear Tires.	Goodyear Tires & Services	nahb.org/goodyear
	NISSAN Save \$900 to \$11,000 on sedans, crossovers, SUVs and trucks.	Nissan	nahb.org/nissan
	RAM Save up to \$1,000 on select vehicles, stackable with advertised discounts offered by RAM	RAM	nahb.org/ram
	FORD Save \$500-\$5,000 on Ford Pro's trucks, vans and SUV's.	Ford	nahb.org/ford
	HOLMAN Members can receive a free first-month lease payment.	Vehicle leasing and fleet management	nahb.org/holman

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	LOWE'S NAHB members can save MORE with MyLowe's Pro Rewards with Member Volume Discounts over \$2,000, up to 10% off online and much MORE. Plus get 5% off every day plus 2% statement credit with a MyLowe's Pro Rewards or Commercial Account Credit Card. See Lowes.com/Terms.	Building Materials	lowes.com/nahb 877-435-2440
	BEST BUY BUSINESS NAHB members get member-exclusive pricing on thousands of appliances and smart-home technology.	Appliances, smart-home technology, and whole-home audio from top brands.	nahb.org/bestbuy
	DELL Up to 40% off Dell computer servers, electronics & accessories. Free IT consultations for members.	Computers & Hardware	dell.com/nahb 800-757-8442

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COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	T-MOBILE Save 12% on wireless. Extend discount to employees with Employee Work Perks program.	Cell Phones, Internet, Plans & More	nahb.org/t-mobile

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COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	VOYAGER Save on Fuel with Voyager card for Business Savings anywhere Mastercard is accepted.	Fuel Savings & Fleet Management	usbank.com/splash/corporate-payments/transportation/nahb.html

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BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	Up to 75% off online regular prices on their Best Value List of preferred products. Plus, free shipping over \$50.	Office Supplies
	HEARTLAND	Merchant processing and payroll solutions at reduced fees for NAHB Members.	Payment & POS Solutions
	INDEED	Register a new account and get a \$250 credit towards sponsored job postings.	Job Board and Hiring Resources
	MICROSOFT OFFICE	Up to 90% discount on a one-time purchase of Microsoft Office Home & Business 2019 and 221.	Microsoft Apps
	QUICKBOOKS	Save up to 50% on select new QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Desktop Solutions.	Accounting and financial management
	RINGCENTRAL	Save 15% off monthly on a new RingCentral Office service. Receive \$50 off the list price on any RingCentral phone. Current NAHB RingCentral users are eligible for discounts by calling and re-signing a 24 month agreement.	Message, Video & Phone
	UPS SHIPPING	Save 65% on domestic UPS Next Day and 42% on UPS Ground shipping.	Business Shipping
	TFORCE FREIGHT	At least 75% off Less Than Truckload (LTL) shipping over 150lbs.	Freight Shipping

NAHB ASSOCIATION DISCOUNTS

COMPANY	SAVINGS	PRODUCTS	INFO
	NAHB INTERNATIONAL BUILDERS' SHOW®	Up to \$200 off show registration. Up to \$3.75 per sq. ft. off exhibit space.	Trade Show
	STRUCTURE PRODUCTIONS	Discounts on professional video and television production services.	Visual Media
	NAHB CONTRACTS	Up to 30% off contract rates.	Legal
	HOUSINGECONOMICS	\$100 off annual subscription.	Economic & Housing Data
	BUILDERBOOKS	10% off books. Up to 45% off research.	Books
	ONLINE EDUCATION	Up to 30% off webinars; Up to 50% off online courses.	Education

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JOIN US... Meet Your Area Builders & Building Professionals to Learn About Networking Opportunities and the Way We Help Each Other and Our Communities!



Wolf River Builders Association

Our next membership meeting will be held Jan. 13, 2026 — send us a message for location & time.

WRBA is always looking for new members to expand our team of professionals! Come mingle & your meal is on us!



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