

The Builder News

The Official Publication Of The Wolf River Builders Association

Calander of Events

October 2017

- Oct. 9 *Columbus Day*
- Oct. 10 WRBA General Membership Mtg
Golden Sands Golf Course, Cecil,
Installation of Officers
- Oct. 12 Virtual Member Meeting Day from
Pyle Center in Madison. Accessible
from WBA website.
- Oct. 14 Wolf River Lutheran High School
Family Fun & Auction, 10 – 3:00,
- Oct. 17 Chamber Business Connection,
Beans & Books Coffeehouse, LLC,
1235 E. Green Bay St., 5-6:30
- Oct. 24 WRBA Board of Directors Meeting,
Launching Pad, 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 31 *Happy Halloween!*

Coming Events

**No General Membership or Board Meeting in November.

- Nov. 2 Chamber - Fall Business Luncheon
At Menominee Casinio Resort Conf.
Center, *Emotional Intelligence:
Awareness, Adaptability & Empathy
for 21st Century Leadership*,
11:30 – 1:00
- Dec. 12 WRBA General Membership Mtg –
Breakfast Meeting! Angie's Main
Café, 6:15 a.m.

Mission Statement

The Wolf River Builders Association's purpose is to associate the builders within Menominee, Oconto and Shawano Counties for the purpose of mutual advantage and cooperation; to collaborate with all fields related to the building industry for the benefit of the industry as a whole; and to assist in the accomplishment of the mutual objectives of the National Association of Home Builders and Wisconsin Builders Association.



WRBA

Wolf River Builders Association

Professionals You Can Trust!

October General Membership Meeting & Installation of Officers

When: Tuesday, October 10

Where: **Golden Sands Golf Course**

300 W. Nabor Road, Cecil

715-745-2189

Networking/Cocktails: 5:45 – 6:30

Dinner: 6:30; Meeting to follow.

Any Questions, leave a message

@ 715-853-2310 or via Email -

wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Installation of Officers will be done by guest
Pam Van Dera - Associate Vice President of the
Wisconsin Builders Association.

Progressive Attendance Pot

\$40 in pot for October

Also Looking For Door Prizes -
Just bring it along!

Hope to see you there....

Check out the Member Benefits through NAHB -

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



Progressive “Attendance” Drawing



No drawing was held for the September meeting at Gehm’s Club 117 in Bonduel since Diane forgot the chips! The pot was \$20 in September, and we will still add \$20 to it and make the total for the October meeting \$40.

The name drawn at the August meeting was Mark Flunker with Wolf River Habitat for Humanity. Mark was there and won \$20! **Congrats Mark!!!**

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. Minimum pot will always be \$20. It costs you nothing, but you could be a winner if there!

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

Advertising Program - 2017

We are in the last quarter of the advertising program. If you are not participating at present and would like more information or to be included in our monthly ads, contact Diane. Space is limited and on a first come, first served basis. With the 2017 program, we have a circulation of over 40,000; about 39,000 of those being direct mailed. The papers include the Super Shopper, the Community Shopper and the Oconto County Times Herald. This will help to get our name out in the Oconto, Aniwa, Antigo, Birnamwood, Bowler, Eland, Elderon, Galloway, Hatley, Mattoon, Rosholt, Tigerton, Tilleda, and Wittenberg areas as well as the Super Shopper territories that we had been covering.

The pricing for one space is still \$90 per quarter, (three issues--one ad/month--a cost of only \$30/month). You can also do a double ad on a quarterly basis for \$180/quarter.

The October ad deadline is October 13th. If you would like to be added to our program or if you are already advertising and have a change for your ad, please let Diane know a.s.a.p., but no later than October 13th. The October issue will be out Oct. 20 and Oct.25 – depending on the paper. Contact Diane via email at wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com

Grow our membership!

Please **invite member prospects** to membership meetings! We’ll cover dinner for the first meeting to give them the opportunity to see what we are all about. And we will give **you** a \$10 Kwik Trip Card for bringing them! **For the October 10th meeting if we have at least three prospects in attendance, you could win a \$50 Kwik Trip Card! We are participating in the NAHB membership push in October,** and will also have a guest from WBA for our installation of officers for this meeting. WBA Associate Vice President Pam Van Dera will be doing our installation. Pam is from First Merit Bank and is a member of Mid-Shores Home Builders Association.

Promote membership and the benefits!! There are lots of reasons to maintain your membership! We’d love to hear what you find valuable in your membership ...the networking? Dinner meetings? Discounts through NAHB? Contracts, Legal Hotline, or Rebate Program through WBA? Advocacy? Let us know! *Membership Chairperson: Trish Kieckhafer – 715-853-9961*

Education

Do you need to get your DCQ Credits?

You can check the WB Foundation website for online courses that are available for WI DCQ Credit at <http://homebuildersuniversity.com/wisconsin-home-builder-classes/> To learn more about the WB Foundation, go to www.wisbuild.org/wb-foundation.html . Some of the new courses that are available thru the Foundation include Home Construction Contract & Liens, 2016 UDC Code Changes, and Separated Buildings, Fire Separation, & Dwelling Unit Separations. There are enough credits available online to get all 12 of the required credits to renew your DCQ.

If there is any interest for specific subjects for classes, please let Greg or Diane know and we will see what we can do. Topics do not need to be only builder related, although we will do what we can to help the builders get CEU's!

We are in the process of trying to set up a CPR class. Date, time and location are yet to be determined – We are hoping possibly in January or February. If you have any interest in attending this type of class, let Greg or Diane know.

Education Chairperson: Greg Brown – 715-526-2175



WRBA Home Show – New Venue!!

Well, the dates and location have finally been set. The 2018 WRBA Home Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24th & 25th at the brand new Wolf River Lutheran High School located at W7467 River Bend Rd. The school is just off County Hwy 22 near the State Hwy 29 interchange.

On September 30th, the High School held an Open House and WRBA was in attendance with flyers announcing the new location for our show as well as information on the Association and our upcoming membership drive.

We again plan to welcome the traditional type of booths as well as the artists and crafters. The school looks like it will be a great venue for us, and it's a great location – visibility from the highway, easy to get to, etc.

As members of the WRBA, we hope all of you will consider being a part of the show this next March. The more participation, the better the show. We really need your support for this event. If a booth is not an option, a bucket raffle donation would be greatly appreciated!

Packets of information are in the works and will be emailed/mailed as soon as they are ready.

Home Show Chairperson: Cap Wallrich – 715-526-2156

Now Hiring - Executive Officer

As many of you know, two years ago I took a full time job in Shawano besides this position as the Executive Officer for WRBA. I would like to find someone who is interested in taking over this position. It is part time and can be fairly flexible other than meeting dates and times. **If you are interested in getting more information or know of someone who might be, please let me or one of the board members know.** *Diane Montour*

Save The Date!

The 2018 Wisconsin Better Buildings: Better Business Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on February 14-16. This is a great place to get your education credits, plus there are a wide variety of exhibitors and many opportunities for networking with other builders and subcontractors from across the state.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Available

WRBA has Kwik Trip Gift Cards. Denominations available include \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Contact Diane for more information.

Retired:

Member Gary Felckowski with Gary's Doors & Service has decided to retire after "thinking about it" the last few years. This time he says it's for sure – he will not be renewing. Wish Gary well in all the future holds if you see him!

WRBA 2017 Golf Outing – Golden Sands G. C.

A huge thank you to all who sponsored holes for this event – Gary's Doors & Service, Cellcom, Torborg's Shawano Lumber, M J Electric, Wallrich Agency, Greg Brown, Sherwin-Williams, Wolf River Habitat for Humanity, KerberRose S.C., and Golden Sands Golf Course.

Thank you also to those who donated door prizes – Cellcom, Torborg's Shawano Lumber, Sherwin-Williams, VG Builders, Top Shelf Builders, WRBA



*Without the hole sponsors and door prize donations, the event would not be the success it is. And an extra thank you to **Cellcom** who provided a sleeve of golf balls for each of the golfers!*

Winner of the Golf Outing this year was the team of Don & Staci Pedersen, Steve Fellman and Bill Rapaich. Second place was the Andy Prey, Aaron Wallrich, Cap Wallrich, Josh Van Gheem team. Mark Flunker, Bill Nischke, Randy Bohm, Mark Magee and Russ Crawford placed third.

Membership News

Memberships Renewed – Welcome Back!

- Cellcom
Representative: Tom Krause
- Contractors Choice
Representative: Brenda Thomas
- CoVantage Credit Union
Representative: Darci Kotter
- Dearco Paint, Glass & Decorating
Representative: Greg Rusch
- J C Santy Construction LLC
Representative: Brad Santy
- Knope Heating & A/C
Representative: Kort Knope
- L J Sperberg Construction Inc.
Representative: Larry Sperberg

Members – Renewal Due September

- Top Shelf Builders Inc. – Bill Rapaich
- Wallrich Agency Inc. – Cap Wallrich

Members – Renewal Due November

- Stone Creations of WI – Trish Kieckhafer
- Woodstock Hardwood Flooring & Design Ctr – Philip Kersten

Members – Renewal Due December

- Maule Construction LLC – John Maule
- V G Builders LLC – Steve Van Gheem
- Dynamic Designs Unlimited – Tammy Brzezczkowski

Non-Renewing Members

The following members have either allowed their membership to lapse with NAHB or have opted to not renew their membership. If you see this past member, please encourage them to renew today.

- Gary's Doors & Service – Gary Felckowski (retired)

**Note – the renewals listed in the August Newsletter went all the way back to payments received in March thru July...sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Membership Dues — Installment Payments

If desired, you may make installment payments on your membership dues renewal. You may split the payment up into two or three payments, with the final payment due by your renewal date. There will be no refunds if dues are not paid in full. And one payment in full when due is always an option!

2017/2018 Election of Officers was held at the September Meeting. Installation of those officers will be held at the October 10 Meeting.

Wolf River Builders Association 2016/2017 Board of Directors

President	Bill Rapaich Top Shelf Builders Inc. W8043 County Road M Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-2016
President-Elect	Greg Brown SCHS Trades Program 220 County Road B Shawano, WI 54166 715-524-2016
Treasurer	Don Pedersen KerberRose, S.C. 115 E. 5 th Street Shawano, WI 54166 (715) 526-9400
Secretary	Cap Wallrich Wallrich Agency 300 E. Green Bay St. P. O. Box 90 Shawano, WI 54166 715-526-2156
Past President	John Maule - Maule Construction LLC (715-745-2256)
Builder Directors	Trish Kieckhafer – Stone Creations of WI (715-526-8690) Mark Flunker – Wolf River Habitat for Humanity (715-584-5995)
Associate Directors	Mike Johnson – M J Electric (715-853-7630) K J Schreiber – Tiletown Flooring LLC (920-655-6100) Sam Schabow – Sherwin Williams Co. (715-526-1818)
State Directors	John Maule – Maule Construction LLC Bill Rapaich – Top Shelf Builders Inc.
Executive Officer	Diane Montour Email: wolfriverbuilders@gmail.com Website: www.wolfriverbuilders.com Ph: 715-853-2310

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Cellcom Article -

Reasons to Check Out a Mobile Wallet

A mobile wallet refers to the apps that allow you to pay with your phone, including Android Pay, Samsung Pay and Apple Pay. These apps store your credit, debit or prepaid card information securely on their servers and allow you to pay for purchases in-store or online without having to swipe your card or enter your information. Beyond convenience, there are some good reasons to consider taking advantage of the technology.

- **Security** – Mobile wallet apps do not send your card information to complete a transaction. Instead, a unique code is generated to send your data to the merchant. This means the digital risk for information being compromised is low. There is also a decreased risk from a physical security perspective. Having a wallet lost or stolen doesn't leave you with any protection from your cards being used. If you lose your phone, your mobile wallet still requires a PIN to unlock on top of the password you already have on your phone.
- **Online Shopping** – We live in the age where a few taps can get you almost anything you want, but that means we're constantly entering credit card information into our go-to shopping websites or even storing that information on accounts we created. Using a mobile wallet when you're shopping from your phone means you can enter your card details with a few convenient taps and perhaps eliminate the need to create an account and store these details with a retailer, reducing the inherent risk of your credit card information being stored in multiple locations.
- **Rewards** – Your mobile wallet can be a one-stop shop for everything you need at the checkout, including those loyalty points. Many retailers let you load your reward card right into your mobile wallet so you won't need to use multiple apps or pull out your trusty key tags.

A couple caveats to consider. Your bank has to support the use of these apps and while hundreds of financial institutions offer the functionality it is not yet ubiquitous. Another more obvious consideration, your phone has to be charged. If you're constantly running on low battery, you'll want to have a backup option or a portable charger at the ready.

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