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The Home Builders and **Remodelers Association** of Monroe County consists of Builder members regulated by the State of Michigan and Associated Members (suppliers, subcontractors, industries with the building industry.

FROM THE E.O. | Bill Kipf

e need to grow our membership. In strength there is power. The HBA of Monroe County ages to bat locally when possible to help promote our industry and members. On a State and National basis, the importance grows. 2021 is a code change cycle for Michigan. After hearing some of the proposed changes from the International Code Conference, I can tell you that we need to be united in our approach to make sure that the State of Michigan does not do things that will drive the cost of new construction even higher for things that do not provide homeowners with a reasonable return on their investment in a new home. This is not free. A portion of every

membership dollar goes to the State and National associations. These dollars provide the people that fight these battles! Please promote a membership to all you come in contact within the industry. If you don't feel comfortable, send me the contact info and we will contact them.

We hope to have an event later this fall to support our efforts with the Student Chapter from Monroe High School and their Trojan Build project. They did sell their second home that was built last school year. There is very strong interest at the school for the CTE classes and in particular the Trojan Build. Your support helps us help bring more interested young people into the industry.

MONEY ON REBATES!



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CLICK HERE TO EARN

Be sure to look into the rebates and affinity programs offered thru the NAHB and HBAM. It is a great way to earn money back on the material vou purchase. We have members that earn back well in excess of 3 times their annual dues, and one that earned more then 6 times their annual dues. Don't leave \$\$\$\$\$ on the table!

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FROM THE BCC

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Please be advised that you can also access agendas and meeting minutes at <u>BCC Boards/</u> <u>Commissions Meeting Calendar</u>.

Sincerely, Keith Lambert, Director Bureau of Construction Codes



Membership benefit

HBA Membership, among other things, is about having a network of colleagues who can help provide possible answers or suggestions to problems you are encountering. We have more than 5,000 members across the state who might be able to help with any challenge you are facing. So we've created a simple way for you to seek out, in a confidential way, any assistance or advice you might need.

Your identity will be kept confidential on any question or problem you are facing. Your identity will only be revealed with your approval (should you want to consult with the member that may have the answer or advice you're looking for).

Send your question/challenge to <u>memberhelp@hbaofmichigan.com</u> or contact Colleen in the HBA of Michigan office. We'll ask the question for you and share responses or connect you, as needed, to the source.

You're not alone out there. I've always found that HBA members are ready and willing to help a fellow member. So don't hesitate to ask!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone. I hope you are still surviving the challenges we have with deliveries and back orders in our supply chain. Today I want to share a short story that will show everyone one of the benefits of being an HBA Member.

Recently I had and Issue with a product I bought from Lowes.

I went through the hoops of their complaint process for several weeks.

Then I contacted our National contact with the Lowes program we have with our NAHB.

I supplied my documentation to show the problem and issues I had.

Four days later it was resolved.

Please promote our association to other contractors whenever you can.

We will always be stronger together than apart.

Take care,

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F.G. Angelo Steak Roast

CANCELED!!! The annual FG Angelo Steak Roast is canceled this year due to the Governor's orders concerning the pandemic. Hopefully we will be able to continue the tradition in 2021. Please do your part by wearing masks when appropriate (I know, I don't like them either). Stay safe out there!

Important Safety Reminder and Illustration of HBA Membership Value

Late last week, two non-HBA members were fined several thousand dollars each for COVID-19 and other worksite safety violations (a roofing company in southwest Michigan and a builder in mid-Michigan). <u>Click here</u> to read complete article.

Please make sure your safety plan and procedures are up-todate and being utilized at your worksites. During the shutdown of the construction industry earlier this year, your state association worked hard to educate members on the necessary safety protocols that were going to be needed in order to return to work. That effort, in part, helped our industry be one of the first to be allowed back to work in our state. These training sessions were recorded and they, along with other important links to operating safely, can be found on our website <u>www.hbaofmichigan.com</u>. Just click on the COVID-19 tab. If you have any questions or have had a MIOSHA site visit, please contact Lee Schwartz on our staff <u>lee@hbaofmichigan.com</u> or by phone at 517-646-2565

