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Betting on Missoula's Builders Charity Blast equaled \$20,000 for Parenting Place!



Members of Parenting Place and MBIA gathered around the check presented by Missoula's Builders to the Parenting Place for repairs to their buildings.

APRIL 2024 ISSUE

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Door prize winner at Open the Door at Northwest Pipe



MBIA winners at Home and Remodel Expo

Best Presentation Award



LOREN Mostad of Mostad Construction

Best MBIA Member Booth



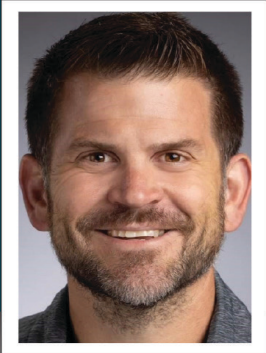
Dan Martinsen, Manager of Pierce Flooring

Best of Show Award



Chriss Stutzman of Stutzman's Amish Furniture

Not shown:
 Best Non-MBIA Booth Award:
 Fabricon



Wisdom from Matt MBIA President

Happy Spring!

As we wrap up the first quarter of 2024, I want to thank all of our new members and, of course, our returning members. I am also extremely thankful for the effort of our board to continue to support the things that we are trying to accomplish.

We look forward to additional attendance at our upcoming Open the Door events and can't wait for this year's Parade of Homes.

We are always looking for volunteers for all of our committees, so please don't be shy. Our Government Affairs Committee continues to lead the way in advocacy in the development and building aspects of growth within the community and we are so thankful for all the hard work and time they spend doing this.

Looking forward to some warm weather and seeing more of you at our events.

Matthew A. Cavanaugh

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Dear Valued Members,



Welcome to what may be False Spring #2!

We have so much planning going on in the MBIA office. The rest of the year is just about set, with lots of details to work out to make everything we are doing at the MBIA help you succeed and grow!

APRIL

Started with **OPEN THE DOOR** on April 2, at the College of Technology looking at the latest Student Build homes. Wonderful to see the excitement on the faces of our future builders!

Kick-off for the **2024 Parade of Homes (September 13-15)** has started by welcoming our new **Parade of Homes Chair, Darci Hanson**, from Northwest Pipe. She has asked **Brandon Rigoni** of **Hoyt Homes** to serve as second chair. The first big deadline we are looking at is **May 31**, to get the early bird fees. We will be contacting our Builder Members this month about **homes started after March 2022. We would also like to consider Townhomes, ADU's, remodels in our parade this year, as we are looking at affordable housing as part of our goal.** We will also be asking members to join the various committees required to make this huge Missoula tradition a success for all!

Our **Membership Committee** is roaring into gear and will be contacting all new members to properly welcome you on the First Friday morning of every month. (See Paige's article in this newsletter.) On **April 27, THE TRAP SHOOT** kicks off at the Trap and Skeet club. Check with me if you are interested in trying your luck. Pre-registration is required.

MAY

OPEN THE DOOR will begin the new date change, which we hope will stand: the **FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** It's a great networking event we want to present to and for all members and guests every month. If you are interested in hosting, please call me at the office and I will be more than happy to help you. In 2024, there is no charge to you for hosting, except for the refreshments and a couple of door prizes. We get the word out for you and it's a great way to show off your facilities!

On **May 2** we meet at **First Interstate Bank** on the 6th Floor at the downtown location.

JUNE

June 6 is scheduled for **OPEN THE DOOR** (working with a couple of members, jump in if you're interested).

June 26 is the **MBIA GOLF SCRAMBLE/BENEFIT.** **Brett Calahan** at **First Interstate Bank** is the event **Chair** and will be getting in touch with all later this week. It will soon be up on the website as well.

Increased OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday, 9a m to 4p m

Madeline Heitzman

Executive Officer MBIA

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OPEN THE DOOR

MBIA NETWORKING

Thursday May 2nd, 2024 5-7pm
First Interstate Bank (downtown location)
101 East Front Street, 6th Floor
Missoula



2024 Parade of Homes

Darci Hanson
from Northwest Pipe
our 2024 Chair
of Missoula
Parade of Homes



Darci Hanson

Second Chair is
Brandon Rigoni
from Hoyt Homes

Help Needed...

MBIA TRAP SHOOT • April 27 Chair:
Luke Chambers, Nick Kaufman

GOLF TOURNAMENT • June 26
Larchmont Golf Course
Chair: Brett Calahan

PARADE OF HOMES • September 13-15

Contact Madeline at the MBIA office
to offer your help on the committees.

Text/Cell 406-540-3598

WELCOME

MARCH 2024

RENEWALS

BUILDERS:

Hoyt Homes

Straight Line Construction

Mighty Door Roofing

Bain & Co. Building

Mostad Construction

ASSOCIATES:

MarshMcClennan Agency

Direct Source

IMEG Corporation

Pierce Flooring

Liberty Electric

ERA Lambros, RE

Ace Roofing

Clearwater Systems



Hello MBIA members -

Exciting news from the Missoula Building and Industry Association membership committee. Starting next month, the Membership Committee is launching several initiatives aimed at enhancing member engagement and fostering stronger relationships within our builder community.

Every first Friday of the month, our Membership Committee will visit each of our new members' locations. For those members without a brick-and-mortar establishment, we'll extend a warm invitation to the "Open the Door". The purpose of these visits is to extend a personal welcome, learn more about their businesses, and explore potential collaborations. During these visits, we'll also take the opportunity to showcase our new members in our newsletter and across our social media platforms. This exposure will not only welcome them into our community but also provide them with valuable visibility and networking opportunities.

Also, be sure to check out our "Open the Door" networking events hosted at various member locations each month. We hope that these monthly visits facilitate networking and collaboration among our members and contribute to the growth and success of each member's business.

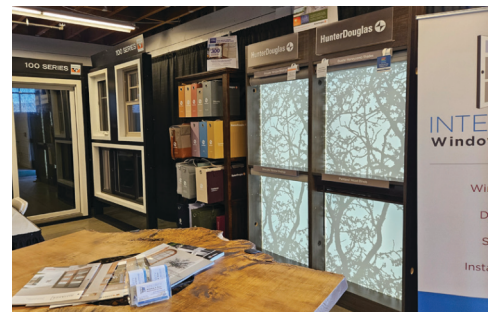
Thank you for your continued support of the Missoula Building and Industry Association. Our membership, board commitment and garnered community support is stronger than ever. Together, we will continue to grow, thrive, and strengthen the building sector in Missoula.

In gratitude,

Paige Pavalone

Membership Committee Chair, MBIA

Photos from the Home and Remodel Expo



Missoula Building Industry Government Affairs Information

March, 2024

National News Digest from NAHB

YAHOO FINANCE

Mortgage rates clock in at 6.87%, will remain higher for longer, experts say.

Mortgage rates surged closer to 7% this week, a blow to hopeful homebuyers this spring. The rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage increased to 6.87% from 6.74% the week prior, according to Freddie Mac.

CNBC

Homebuilder sentiment turns positive for the first time since July.

U.S. homebuilders are feeling more confident about their businesses than they have since last summer, as they see better demand despite stubbornly high mortgage rates.

February home sales spike 9.5%, the largest monthly gain in a year, as supply improves.

Sales of existing homes surged 9.5% in February from January to 4.38 million units, on a seasonally adjusted annualized basis, according to the National Association of Realtors. Housing analysts had been expecting a slight drop.

FOX NEWS

Nation's biggest builders are making houses smaller in shift toward affordable housing.

A new report from The Washington Post detailed how the U.S. is experiencing a "boom in smaller construction" as some of the nation's most "powerful home builders" are making new homes that are smaller than they used to be.

NEW YORK TIMES

What comes next for the housing market?

The Federal Reserve still expects to cut rates this year, and a change in selling practices could shake up home shopping. Here's the outlook: <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/21/business/economy/housing-market-changes.html> (Subscription may be required.)



STATE DISCUSSION

Michelle Felde is a Life Member of the Montana Building Industry Association. Ryan Frey is the designated representative for the Missoula Building Industry Association. Both Michelle and Ryan are doing a great job bringing Missoula issues to the attention of the state association.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Montana State Building Association meetings:

- June 27, 28 in Great Falls
- October 11, 12 in Whitefish

CITY OF MISSOULA TOPICS

The City of Missoula approved the Near-Term Code Amendments on March 26, 2024. These amendments were vetted by the Government Affairs Committee and the changes, as adopted, make the review process less complex. <https://www.engagemissoula.com/2023-zuo>

ANNUAL HOUSING REPORT

The Missoula Organization of Realtors presented their Annual Housing Report in March. You can find the report here: <https://www.missoularealestate.com/five-valleys-housing-report/>. Dwight Easton presented the highlights to the report. Sterling CRE also presented their Real Estate Outlook you can find out what Sterling CRE is up to here: <https://www.sterlingcreadvisors.com/sterling-cre-commercial-real-estate-news/>

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2024 GRIP SAFETY TRAINING SCHEDULE

SAFETY TRAINING CLASSES ARE INCLUDED WITH GRIP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

| MONTH | TOPIC & TIME | DATE & LOCATION | MONTH | TOPIC & TIME | DATE & LOCATION |
|-------|---|---|--------------------|---|---|
| JAN | Forklift Cert. Theory 7:00-10:30am Hoisting Rigging & Signal person 11:00-12:00 | Kalispell – Tuesday January 9 Missoula – Wednesday January 10 Hamilton – Thursday January 11 Billings – Tuesday January 16 Bozeman – Wednesday January 17 Great Falls – Thursday January 18 Helena – Tuesday January 23 Helena – Wednesday January 24 ** | JUNE–SEPT | SITE VISITS | Site visits will be scheduled based on mod factors, enrollment status, travel schedule and by request. |
| FEB | MEWP Cert. Theory 7:00-10:00am Excavations & Trenching 10:30-12:00 | Kalispell – Thursday February 6 Missoula – Tuesday February 7 Hamilton – Wednesday February 8 Billings – Tuesday February 13 Bozeman – Wednesday February 14 Great Falls – Thursday February 15 Helena – Tuesday February 20 Helena – Wednesday February 21 ** | OCT | MEWP Cert. Theory 7:00-10:00am Excavations & Trenching 10:30-12:00 | Kalispell – Tuesday October 1 Missoula – Wednesday October 2 Hamilton – Thursday October 3 Billings – Tuesday October 8 Bozeman – Wednesday October 9 Great Falls – Thursday October 10 Helena – Tuesday October 15 Helena – Wednesday October 16 ** |
| MAR | Scaffold User, Fall Protection Stairs & Ladders 7:00-10:30am Electrical Safety 11:00-12:00 | Kalispell – Tuesday March 5 Missoula – Wednesday March 6 Hamilton – Thursday March 7 Billings – Tuesday March 19 Bozeman – Wednesday March 20 Great Falls – Tuesday March 21 Helena – Thursday March 12 Helena – Wednesday March 13 ** | NOV | Scaffold User, Fall Protection Stairs & Ladders 7:00-10:30am Electrical Safety 11:00-12:00 | Kalispell – Tuesday November 5 Missoula – Wednesday November 6 Hamilton – Thursday November 7 Billings – Tuesday November 12 Bozeman – Wednesday November 13 Great Falls – Thursday November 14 Helena – Tuesday November 19 No Overflow Class due to Holiday |
| APR | CPR/First Aid Certification 7:00-11:30am | Kalispell – Tuesday April 2 Missoula – Wednesday April 3 Hamilton – Thursday April 4 Billings – Tuesday April 9 Bozeman – Wednesday April 10 Great Falls – Thursday April 11 Helena – Tuesday April 16 Helena – Wednesday April 17 ** | DEC | CPR/First Aid Certification 7:00-11:30am | Kalispell – Tuesday December 3 Missoula – Wednesday December 4 Hamilton – Thursday December 5 Billings – Tuesday December 10 Bozeman – Wednesday December 11 Great Falls – Thursday December 12 Helena – Tuesday December 17 No Overflow Class due to Holiday |
| MAY | Forklift Cert. Theory 7:00-10:30am Hoisting Rigging & Signal person 11:00-12:00 | Kalispell – Tuesday May 7 Missoula – Wednesday May 8 Hamilton – Thursday May 9 Billings – Tuesday May 14 Bozeman – Wednesday May 15 Great Falls – Thursday May 16 Helena – Tuesday May 21 Helena – Wednesday May 22 ** | OSHA 10 OSHA 30 | 2 Days 4 Days | OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 Classes will be offered as requested. Classes will only be available on weeks other trainings are not already scheduled. Classes will need to be scheduled 90 days in advance. 10-30 attendees per class. |

LOCATIONS

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| KALISPELL HAMPTON INN 1140 Highway 2 West |
| MISSOULA Best Western Grant Ck Inn, 5280 Grant Creek Rd. |
| HAMILTON BITTERROOT RIVER INN 139 Bitterroot Plaza DR |
| BILLINGS HAMPTON INN 5110 Southgate Dr. |
| BOZEMAN C'MON INN 6139 East Valley Center Rd. |
| GREAT FALLS Main Stay / Sleep Inn, 520 Country Club Blvd. |
| HELENA MBIA OFFICE TRAINING ROOM 1717 11 th Ave |

**** Indicates availability for a "make-up" class for those who cannot make a regularly scheduled class.**

Additional Classes are available as needed but must be scheduled in advance.

All Classes are free for GRIP Program Enrollees. GRIP is paid for by State Fund as part of the benefits of insuring with State Fund Worker's Comp and is a benefit for GRIP Members. GRIP is supported by MBIA in Partnership with Mt. State Fund.

Classes are offered to all MBIA Members.

Space is limited to 30 people per class. Please register 15 days in advance. Visit www.montanabia.com/grip-safety or call 406.442.4479