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You and Your Guest are invited to The Greater Columbus Home Builders Association's 23rd LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

WHAT: A FISH FRY

WHEN: OCTOBER 11, 2018

Registration: 6:30 pm – 7 pm

Dinner 7 pm

WHERE: RIVER CITY DOOR CO.

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President's Letter

I would like to thank all of our special associate members and builders for joining us for our associate appreciation steak dinner. Mike Gill and staff served up a wonderful meal, and it was a great evening socializing with all of the membership. Please make sure to thank Liberty Utilities and Lovelace plumbing for sponsoring the evenings events. Also remember to do business with a member!

The state fall board meetings in Charleston were well attended by members from across the state. Many topics were discussed from finances to regulatory affairs. Attending the event made me realize how important being a member of the association is to our industry. It is most crucial to grow our membership and support our B-PAC and BUILD-PAC in order to fight negative regulations that are trying to be passed.

Our annual legislative fish fry is right around the corner on October 11th. The upcoming elections are very important for the direction of our great state. Please attend and bring a friend so that we can build a relationship with our elected officials so they will know who you are when we need to reach out to them with concerns.

I look forward to seeing you October 11th!

-Bradley Jones

Mission Statement

The Greater Columbus Home Builders Association is a nonprofit trade association representing the construction industry in Muscogee, Harris, Marion, Chattahoochee, Talbot and Taylor Counties since 1947.

We benefit our members by providing continuing education and political advocacy and promoting innovative building practices. We benefit our community by providing desirable places to live, work and play.

Our members are committed to upholding ethical and professional standards while advancing the quality of life in our community.

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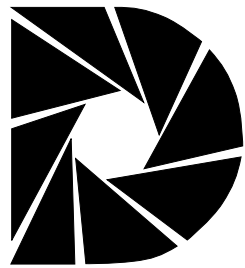
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October 2, 2018
 Officers & Board Members
 4:30 p.m. Executive Committee
 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting
 GCHBA Office

SAVE THE DATE
 Sporting Clay Shoot
 December 7th
 See details page 9
 for more details

October 11, 2018
 Legislative Fish Fry
 Registration 6:30 p.m.
 River City Door Co

PERMIT INFORMATION AUGUST

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SINGLE FAMILY

Aug. 18	Aug. 17	Jan-Aug. 18	Jan-Aug. 17
23	17	197	164

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Aug. 18	Aug. 17	Jan-Aug. 18	Jan-Aug. 17
28	11	157	124

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Economic Outlook

Looking forward, there are signs that conditions in the housing market should show continued improvement in the coming months:

- While the economic recovery has been uneven, it continues to add jobs, a key driver for housing market recovery.
- Low interest rates, rising wages and post-bubble house prices that have settled back to normal in most of the country means that housing affordability is high in many markets.
- Growing household formations, along with shortages of lots and labor, have resulted in tight housing inventories in many markets across the nation.

NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index – The index, which measures builder confidence in the market for newly built single-family homes, fell one point to 67 in August from a reading of 68 in July. Any number over 50 indicates that more builders view sales conditions as good than poor.

NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz’s analysis: “Builders continue to report strong demand for new housing, fueled by steady job and income growth along with rising household formations. At the same time, they continue to monitor how tariffs and the growing threat of a trade war are affecting key building material prices, including lumber. These cost increases, along with rising interest rates, shortages of skilled labor and a dearth of buildable lots are contributing to growing affordability challenges. Builders need to manage these factors to keep their homes competitively priced, particularly for the entry-level market.”

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Lumber Prices Hurt Housing Affordability

- High lumber prices are harming home builders and home buyers.
- Since January of last year, rising lumber prices – made worse by 20 percent tariffs on imported Canadian softwood lumber – have increased the price of an average single-family home by thousands of dollars.
- The tariffs are acting as a tax on American home builders and home buyers, making housing less affordable for American families.
- This is why it is absolutely imperative that the Trump administration resumes talks with Canada to find a long-term solution to this trade dispute that will ensure American home builders and consumers have access to a reliable supply of softwood lumber at reasonable prices.
- At NAHB's urging, 171 House members have sent a letter to the administration urging the United States to restart softwood trade negotiations with Canada.
- While it is important to find an equitable solution to the trade dispute more needs to be done.
- At a June 19 meeting with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, he shared our concern that prices have risen sharply higher than the tariff rate would indicate. Ross agreed to look into the possibility that factors other than the tariff may be manipulating the market.
- And since the U.S. imports roughly one-third of its lumber from Canada and does not have the capacity to meet demand, NAHB is working with Congress and the administration to take steps to boost domestic lumber production.
- The spending bill approved earlier this year by Congress includes several reform measures that would reduce the red tape that inhibits our nation's forestry professionals from harvesting timber from federally-owned lands.
- NAHB will continue working on all fronts to find solutions that will ensure a lasting and stable supply of lumber imports into the United States at a competitive price.

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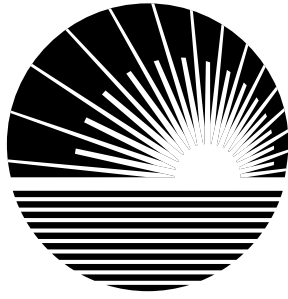
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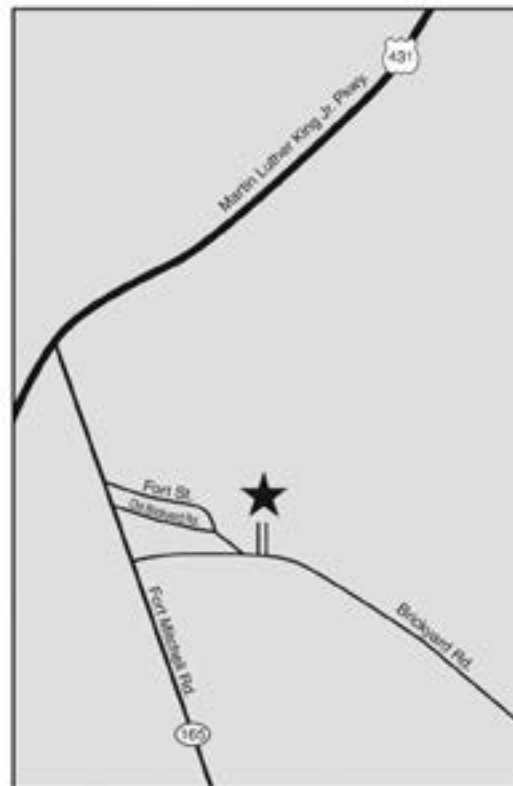
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