

The Punch List

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President's Letter

Mike Krauter, President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well in these hard economic times. This has been the worst winter for me in over thirty years. I have to keep reminding myself to keep the faith. Work will come. Sometimes that is easier said than done.

Chuck Gilmore and I went to the NCHBA 2011 regional meeting over in Ashville last month, and the economy was one of the main issues. There was plenty of discussion about it but no real solution, unless one of us wants to go talk to the president. This was my first time at a regional meeting. I found it to be very informative and enlightening. There were several topics discussed, building codes, continuing education, legislative actions, and ways to help us during these hard times. I will try to take some time during our February general meeting to discuss these and other topics.

I found out the other day that we were not chosen to receive the Jaycee building. I felt like if we had our own building it would be a great asset to our organization and to our community. Even though we didn't get the building, I will not let that stand in the way of getting more involved in our community.

Many of you may have heard about the construction of The Haven, a homeless shelter for our community. This is something that has been a real need for our community for some time. I just got back from talking with Michael Collins, the Director of Bread Of Life and he informed me that there are any where from 75 to 90 homeless people in our county. The Haven will be a temporary shelter.

The Haven has 72% of the money needed for the total construction cost. There was a groundbreaking ceremony in January and work has begun.

I have been informed that the contractor will allow outside volunteer help in the construction of the building. I am issuing a challenge to all members of the Home Builders

Association to get involved in the construction of The Haven. I have volunteered my services with my crew to help with construction. I will be in touch with the contractor of the project to work out the details with volunteers. I urge you to consider helping out, whether it be with labor, materials, or a donation. Lets help offset the other 28% needed to complete this project. I know most of us are in bad shape but just think of those who have no place to call home. When you make the decision to help just give me a call or send me an email.

For more information on The Haven, look them up on the web - www.thehavenshelter.org.

See you February 24.

God Bless.
Mike Krauter

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Next Meeting:

February 24th 6:30 p.m.

Old Hickory House Restaurant
842 Country Club Road Brevard

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From the Building Director

The following permits were issued for the month of December 2010 along with a comparison of December 2009.

	January 2011	January 2010
New Houses - County	3	3
New Houses - City	1	1
Remodels - County	9	8
Remodels - City	5	4

New Codes are available at www.ncbuildingcodes.com. As of June 22, 2007 the 2006 Residential Code Book is available at www.iccsafe.org or by calling 800-786-4452.

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Need to Renew?

Don't forget!!!

Meeting Dates 2011

February 24th

April 28th

June 23rd

August 25th -
cookout

October 27th

November 17th -
installation

New Members

None – again,
we need to recruit!!!

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Sign up for a Committee!

Please give back to your association!
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Legislative/Build-Pac
Phyllis Goff

Special Projects
Mike Krauter

Spike/Membership
Tim Robinson

Programs
John Holbrook

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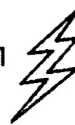
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From the Desk of Your EO

Patsy Sexton

We have been advised of the following calculations for tax purposes:

For a member who pays their regular NCHBA dues of \$60.00 in 2011, 31% or \$18.60 will not be eligible for deduction as a business expense, and \$41.40 of the NCHBA dues may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. For affiliate members, NCHBA dues are \$5.00 so the amount not deductible is \$1.55 and \$3.45 may be deductible.

The National Association of Home Builders has made a similar calculation with respect to their portion of your 2011 dues. For 2011, NAHB has determined that 18% of their regular annual dues of \$150.00 is non-deductible. Thus, for the NAHB portion of your dues \$17.00 is not deductible and \$123.00 may be deductible. NAHB affiliate dues are \$5.00 making the non-deductible portion \$0.90, leaving \$4.10 which may be deductible.

On the Lighter Side

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past).

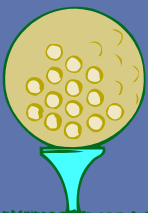
For several weeks, after she had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'And all girls'.

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.

Her Mom's curiosity got the best of her and she asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?'

Her response, 'Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'

Golf Tournament Dates



Spring - April 29th

Fall - October 7th



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The North Carolina Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc. awards Scholarship's based on a combination of need and merit to four year college students entering their junior or senior year and technical school students entering their second year who have declared their major in a construction related field.

To be eligible at student must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be nominated by a NCBHA member firm.
2. Nominees shall be immediate family members – related by blood, (ie. Children, step-children or grandchildren).
3. Students related by marriage, (ie. son-in-law, daughter-in-law, etc.) shall not be eligible.

4. Immediate family members of any current trustee of the NCHB Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc. shall not be eligible.
5. Awards are for one year, but scholarship winners may submit a renewal application and be considered for renewal if they make satisfactory progress in their studies.
6. Only full-time students will be considered. NCHBA defines a full-time student as one taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

Deadline for entries: April 20, 2011

For a nomination form or an application packet Click on the website at www.nchba.com or call the NCHBA at (800) 662-7129.

Is Sagging Floor a Major Problem?

The fibrous material in wood are somewhat elastic and will stretch under tension. Typical 2-by-10 floor joists, spanning 16 feet, can be expected to sag about one-eighth to one-quarter of an inch.

The floor system can be repaired. Damaged joists can be replaced and extra support or an extra beam can be added. The floor may need to be raised using jacks over several months before adding a new beam.

The fibrous materials in wood are somewhat elastic and will stretch under tension.

Wood is very elastic and under normal loading springs right back to its original shape when live loads (people, furniture, etc.) are removed. The problem occurs when permanent loads are too great, causing overstress. In this case, wood can deflect permanently, called "plastic deformation" or "creep". As stated before,

this is most common in overspanned joists. You also see it frequently in overspanned roof rafters.

Regarding tension, tension is only part of the stress story. In any bending member there is also compression and shear. To mention one without the others is kind of like the ying without the yang, a cheeseburger without the cheese, the One Stooage.

Typical 2-by-10 floor joists, spanning 16-feet, can be expected to sag about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch.

As was discussed earlier, a joist spanning 16-feet can be expected to sag, under full load, 3x – 4x that amount (0.8-inch) and still be in compliance with code. The maximum allowed deflection (sag) has nothing to do with the joist's size, it is a function only of span; 0.8-inch applies to 16-foot long 2x10s, 4x6s, I-joists, whatever.

To be continued.....

Spike Club

As of October 30, 2010

John Wimberly
Life Spike: 298 credits

Tim Robinson
Life Spike: 150.50 credits

Doug Connell
Life Spike: 121.50 credits

John Holbrook
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Steve Blythe
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Scott Elliott
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18.50 credits

Dave Hogsed
13 credits

Jay Coan
14 credits

*Please note that NAHB has removed those Spike Members who failed to earn 1 new or renewal credit in Membership Year 2007.