

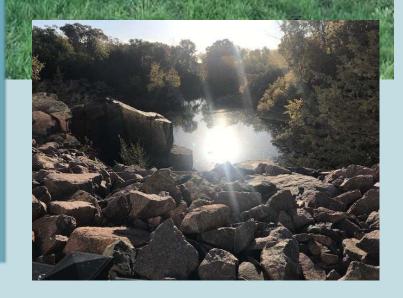


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Thank you CMBA Members for attending the meetings that were held on Tuesday October 26th at the CMBA office. I know a lot of information was discussed at that meeting and I welcome you to contact me if you have any questions at wanda@cmbaonline.org or call me at 320.251.4382. If you were unable to attend the meetings, please reach out. And don't forget to sign up for the Membership meeting at the Red Carpet Event Center on November 10th, where all votes will be tallied. Registration link is on page 9.

Heading into 2022, we have a lot of things planned from membership meetings, celebration in January, morning meetings, and all the events that make the CMBA membership and community strong. We could use your help and participation on some of the planning committees, your input is extremely valuable. One of the CMBA's biggest events is right around the corner, the Home and Lifestyle Show, you will be receiving the registration this month. If you participated in the virtual 2021 Home and Lifestyle Show you will have first choice of booth options, then registration will open to all members. This year we have added an area for Builder Displays, so don't miss this opportunity on the registration form. We are working with local schools on projects such as benches and doghouses to display at the Home Show and they will be available to be auctioned during the show. A huge thank you to the Home Show Committee for all their dedication to the upcoming show, and to Greg Hancock with Thermo Tech Premium Windows and Doors for being our first committed Platinum Sponsor for the 2022 Home and Lifestyle Show. There are more sponsorship opportunities available check them out on the registration form. We had the opportunity to attend a listening group at Leighton Broadcasting mid October that provided us with insight and ideas that we are excited to incorporate into the show.

Enjoy this seasonable weather we are having, and if you need anything we are here, this is your association! Be well.

Danda Schoeder

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View CMBA Online Calendar Here Calendar subject to change - watch online



CMBA will be bell ringing on November 15th from 2-4pm at Byerly's in St. Cloud and December 16th from 2-4pm at Coborn's in Sauk Rapids. You are welcome to join us!

CMBA will be adopting a local family with Share the Spirit, more details to come, if you are interested in helping make this family's Christmas extra special please call the office at 320.291.3508.



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Central MN Builders Association 2021 Board of Directors

Lately, I've been trying to think of something interesting to write in these messages. I'd like to provide you with information that is important, or at least something that might provoke some thought. Well, I'll have no trouble thinking of a topic this month. The CMBA is embarking on its most important decision in the history of the CMBA, and this organization that we all love is at a crossroads. The CMBA board members have agonized through hour long budget meetings searching for solutions, and we feel we have found the best option available. The board's responsibility is to look for the best interest of the organization, which has now been offered up to vote for the general membership. All members have been sent a ballot, and for me, the answer is clear. A YES vote to all of the proposed by-law amendments could stabilize the future of the CMBA. Information has been provided to you, and I implore you to access that information if you feel as though you do not have enough knowledge on the situation. I'm happy to discuss with anyone willing to risk a 57 minute phone conversation with me as well. That doesn't mean the

topic is complex, it is actually quite simple. Please turn in your ballot; the CMBA's future depends on your informed decision.



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Steve Gottwalt, CMBA Government Affairs Consultant

CMBA Government Affairs Committee goes to The Ledge. The CMBA



Government Affairs Committee met

October 19th at Waite Park's brand new concert venue, The Ledge. In addition to updates and discussion about building-related issues at the federal, state and local levels, CMBA Government Affairs Committee participants got up-close and personal with the new, \$15 million amphitheater located between two granite guarries off Parkway Drive just west of Menard's. Waite Park built The Ledge with state, local and private dollars, and it opened to rave reviews this summer. The meeting attracted more than 20 participants, including area legislators, most of whom stayed for a special VIP tour of The Ledge. The meeting also featured the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank's Ron Wirtz who presented results of their recent Construction Sector Survey (see below), and Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Regional Labor Force Analyst, Luke Greiner, who provided Central Minnesota-specific data about our construction sector labor force. For details, visit here. More pictures from event on page 23.

Next CMBA Government Affairs Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Meetings are open to all CMBA members. Watch for details, and/or RSVP to Steve Gottwalt, steve@cmbaonline.org, 952-923-5265.



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK Save . . . Ron Wirtz, with the

says ... Ron Wirtz, with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, joined the CMBA

Government Affairs Committee's October 19th meeting to share results of the Federal Reserve's latest District 9 (upper Midwest) Construction Sector Survey taken in August. Wirtz noted home builders are still leading the recovery, but remain hampered by supply chain issues and labor shortages. He highlighted these key takeaways:

Revenue trends remain positive, overall



- Residential construction is still leading the pack, but has also 'come back to the pack'
- Some caution and "challenge fatigue" setting-in
- Supply chain issues are huge; project delays have worsened; cancellation rate has worsened
- Pipeline of future projects has also contracted
- Materials prices remain high, exacerbating delays, dampening demand and hurting profits
- Construction firms are hiring, but labor availability is getting worse; wage pressures are strong
- Construction firms remain generally optimistic overall, despite these challenges

Wirtz thanked CMBA members for their participation in the Construction Sector Survey, which helps guide the Federal Reserve's policies in the upper Midwest. Visit <u>here</u> for Wirtz's complete presentation. The Federal Reserve conducts its next Construction Sector Survey in November. Watch for more information from CMBA about how you can participate.

Record worker shortages plaguing Central Minnesota builders.

Minnesota is experiencing a record number of available job openings across the state and across many sectors, and here in Central Minnesota, builders are seeing a particularly intense shortage of



workers. Minnesota DEED Regional Labor Analyst, Luke Greiner, told CMBA, "In Central Minnesota we have almost 22,000 job openings across all sectors, exceeding our previous record by almost 7,000 – that's huge!" Greiner added, "Every region is seeing unbelievable numbers of job vacancies, and it's really across the board for occupations." Greiner noted the Central Minnesota job vacancy rate is 8.4%, which means "8.4% of all jobs are currently vacant – that's easily a new record." He added, "Within the building trades in our region, the largest numbers of openings were for **construction laborers**, accounting for 47% of vacancies." Greiner presented current local labor force analysis at CMBA's October 19th Government Affairs Committee Meeting.

OF MINNEAPOLIS



NAHB continues calls for federal action to lower lumber prices. President Joe Biden has announced the U.S. will ease National Association tariffs on European steel and aluminum, but NAHB officials have expressed concern and

disappointment that no action was taken to lift duties on Canadian lumber that continue to harm housing affordability. A report in the Wall Street Journal noted that U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said the deal with the European Union "will provide relief in the supply chain and drive down cost increases. Of course, it is also good for the American manufacturers who use steel and aluminum in their products." This prompted NAHB Chairman Chuck Fowke to state: "... what about cost relief for millions of American home buyers and home owners who have seen the cost of housing rise by tens of thousands of dollars over the past year due in part to unprecedented lumber price volatility fueled by tariffs on Canadian lumber? Until a long-term solution can be reached, the administration needs to suspend duties on all imported building materials and goods, including Canadian lumber, to ease supply chain bottlenecks that are causing project delays and putting upward pressure on home prices." For more information, visit www.NAHBnow.com.

CMBA provides comments to Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability. CMBA has been involved

in local affordable and workforce housing discussions, and was recently asked to



submit comments to the Minnesota Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability for its November 2nd hearing. CMBA Government Affairs Consultant, Steve Gottwalt, noted the challenge of building affordable housing "is getting worse. and requires state policy changes that ease cost burdens on home building." Supply chain issues, materials cost inflation. workforce shortages, new regulations and fees, and tight housing inventory are all driving up the cost of home building, and driving down affordability. CMBA has also been asked to provide comments at the Commission's next hearing November 16th. Input from these hearings will help inform legislative decisions during the upcoming 2022 session.

CMBA participating in Contractor Recovery Fund

Work Group. Local legislators, Rep. Shane Mekeland of Clear Lake (HD15B, R) and Sen. Jeff Howe of Rockville

> Contact Information: CMBA Consultant for **Government Affairs** Steve Gottwalt, 952-923-5265. steve@cmbaonline.org

(SD13, R), are co-chairing a work group looking at potential changes to Minnesota's Contractor Recovery Fund (CRF). CMBA, legislators, DLI regulators and other stakeholders participated in the Work Group's first meeting October 21st. and discussed possible reforms including: increasing the frequency and dollar amount of CRF payouts to impacted home owners, adding-in solar contractors, using an expedited home owner qualification process, and guarding against spending-down the CRF too quickly. Some of these measures could be introduced in the 2022 State Legislative Session.

Apply to serve on Minnesota's Construction Codes Advisory Council. The Construction Codes Advisory Council reviews laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements related to building construction. Three seats are open for application: boiler industry; commercial building; and fire marshal. Click here to apply. Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website for more information about boards and council positions including how to apply and frequently asked questions.

CMBA Cities/Counties Update - Watch for this month's edition, documenting area city councils' and county boards' recent decisions relating to development and building. Visit www.CMBAonline.org.

Biden administration poised to impose COVID-19 vaccination mandate on large employers. As of this writing, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB)



is expected to release details about the administration's mandate for employers with 100 or more workers to require COVID-19 vaccinations or daily testing. Details are likely to include: the timing of federal enforcement around the mandate, how big fines will be for non-compliance, and whether or not employers will have to pay for COVID testing. Some labor unions are pushing for even stronger protections while 16 states have indicated they will sue to block the vaccination mandate. CMBA continues monitoring this and other local, state and federal regulations impacting our industry.



Building Permit Report

Jurisdiction	Jan-Sept 2016	Jan-Sept 2017	Jan-Sept 2018	Jan-Sept 2019	Jan-Sept 2020	Jan-Sept 2021	Sep-20	Sep-21
Cold Spring	12	15	20	10	14	12	2	4
Foley	5	6	9	6	5	0	2	0
St. Augusta	16	14	13	7	16	16	4	1
St. Cloud	75	90	70	69	84	72	11	5
St. Joseph	14	11	16	9	9	7	4	0
Sartell	62	43	46	40	30	83	6	4
Sauk Rapids	42	21	28	22	13	12	3	0
Waite Park	4	2	5	3	4	4	1	N/A
Rice	3	6	9	20	21	21	1	0
Rockville	11	3	6	4	3	7	0	0
Total	244	211	222	190	199	234	34	14

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Building Permit History Report January - September

Residential real estate activity composed of single-family properties, townhomes and condominiums combined. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures. Based on residential market activity in the cities of St. Cloud, St. Joseph, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park.

Activity Overview

Key metrics by report month and for year-to-date (YTD) starting from the first of the year.

Key Metrics	Historical Sparkbars	9-2020	9-2021	Percent Change	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	Percent Change
New Listings	9-2018 9-2019 9-2020 9-2021	218	194	- 11.0%	1,747	1,853	+ 6.1%
Pending Sales	9-2018 9-2019 9-2020 9-2021	191	175	- 8.4%	1,532	1,660	+ 8.4%
Closed Sales	5-2015 5-2019 5-2020 5-2021	190	193	+ 1.6%	1,396	1,524	+ 9.2%
Days on Market	8-2018 9-2019 9-2000 9-2021	42	22	- 47.6%	46	26	- 43.5%
Median Sales Price	5-2019 5-2019 5-2000 5-2021	\$230,000	\$235,050	+ 2.2%	\$209,000	\$230,000	+ 10.0%
Avg. Sales Price	9-2018 9-2019 9-2020 9-2021	\$245,198	\$264,364	+ 7.8%	\$221,127	\$251,708	+ 13.8%
Pct. of Orig. Price Received	5-2018 5-2019 5-2020 5-2021	98.3%	101.0%	+ 2.7%	97.8%	101.4%	+ 3.7%
Affordability Index	5-2018 5-2019 5-2020 5-2021	164	156	- 4.9%	181	160	- 1 <mark>1.</mark> 6%
Homes for Sale	B-2016 B-2019 B-2020 B-2021	309	219	- 29.1%	-		57-1
Months Supply	9-2018 9-2019 9-2020 9-2021	2.0	1.3	- 35.0%			

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Biographies for Builder and Associate Nominations for the 2021 CMBA Board of Directors

One vote per member company, if you did not receive a ballot please contact the CMBA office at 320.251.4382

CMBA Board of Directors, Candidate BIOS

Associate Nominees

2021 Elections





Other: Laura's husband Steve is the former Randall Fire Captain (10 years), they live with their daughters Priscilla (8) and Porshia (7), Laura also has a stepson Brett (16). Laura's education includes U of M and St. Cloud State – undergrad Sociologist, Former EMT-B at St. Cloud Tech, and Business Services Spec 4 yr. customized training – MN DEED/UofM/MNSCU Partnership. Laura is also very involved in the community with local projects, Chamber events, Junior

Achievement Teacher volunteer and sub-para.

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Listed in alphabetical order according to last name.

CMBA Board of Directors, Candidate BIOS



Builder	Nominees	2021 Elections	1			
101 101	Listed in alphabetical or	der according to last name.				
Operations of Single Family Homes and Sales Lumber One, Avon		CMBA Involvement: Jack has served on the Board of Directors as the 2 nd Vice President and Treasurer, he is also actively involved with the Tours of Homes Committee.				
		Why I want to serve on the Board: "I want to help make a difference in the building industry, to educate customers and contractors on trends, changes and challenges from both a material supplier and contractor. I want to help grow our future and become more involved with our youth through the Tools for Schools Initiative."				
		Other: Bachelor's Degree in Finance from St. John's University and involved on the Alumni Boards at St. John's University. Jack and his wife Ali live in Albertville with their beautiful daughter Emery (2) and one more on the way!				
	Project Manager SB Restoration	CMBA Involvement : LaNae is a newer Project Manager at SB Restoration but has worked for CMBA members in past years leading to her recent position. She has been part of the CMBA Home Show, Kids Build and participated on the Remodelers Council. This past spring she was responsible for the entry and organization of a home in the CMBA Tour of Homes.				
		Why I want to serve on the Board: "I would love to give back to the community and to be able to bring a different perspective to the CMBA."				
Years Company Member since: 2	in business: 24	Other: LaNae has a Bachelor of Science and lives in the community of Sartell with her family, spouse Julie and two children Cameron and Daven.				
	Steve Noble President Noble Custom	CMBA Involvement : Steve has been a member with the CMBA for over 25 years, over the years he has served on many CMBA committees and has chaired some as well. He is also a CMBA past president and served on the CMBA Board of Directors from 2000-2004				
	Homes, Inc.	Why I want to serve on the Board: "I feel it is time to get more locally involved again and I would like to see an increase in State and National commitment"				
Years Company in business: 25+ Member since: 1996		Other: Steve is married to Heather Noble and has eight children. He is actively involved with BAM (Builders Association of Minnesota) where he serves on the Executive Board and is a past president of BAM. He has been recognized with a Spike Award and is also involved with the Planning and Zoning Commission and past Habitat Board Member.				
-	Stuart Swenson Owner	CMBA Involvement : Stuart has served one term on the Board and serves on the Government Affairs Committee.	_			
E	Suncom Development, Management, and	Why I want to serve on the Board: "I want to continue my understanding of the bureaucracy of the construction industry and with my knowledge and leadership hel the CMBA navigate."	p			
	Construction	Other: Stuart lives in St. Cloud with his wife Andrea and 15-year-old son Landon. He also has a BA from Harvard. He is part of the Whitefish Area Lodging Association and is involved with the Community of Minnesota Resorts. Stuart has				

received awards from the Youth Hockey Board and for Coaching.

Years Company in business: 25 Member since: 2003

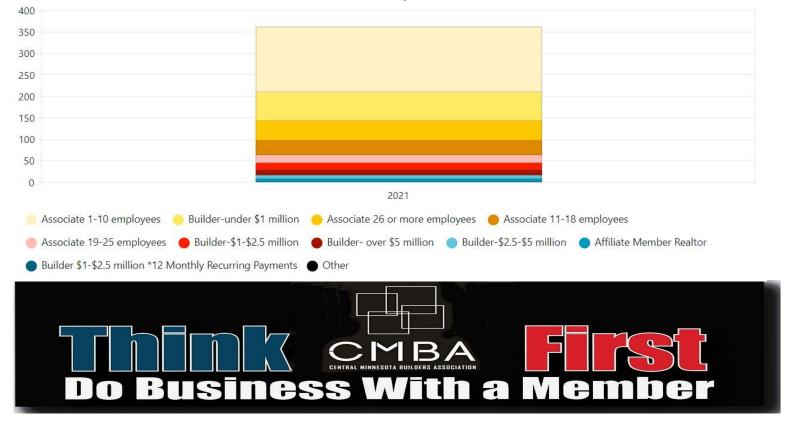


Milestones in Membership

Thank you to all who renewed their membership in August we are highlighting the Milestone years!



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In October we welcomed one Member to the

CMBA membership community!



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- Case demographics
- Weekly reports
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New COVID-19 Vaccine Information

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

Vaccine Data Dashboard tracks Minnesota's progress on:

- Distribution of COVID-19 vaccine throughout the state
- Doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered
- Who's getting vaccinated

There is a delay between a vaccine being given and when it is reported to the Minnesota Department of Health. This happens because the state must validate and process the data before reporting.







Builders Report Worst Lot Shortage Ever



While builders continue to grapple with labor and material supply-side challenges, they are also confronting what could be an even more urgent problem: a scarcity of lots.

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The Tools for Schools Committee processed the grants and the requests were sent to the Initiative Foundation to be sent out to the schools in September. Over \$22,000 was distributed to local area schools. We have received some updates as to what those grants are being used for.

"At Becker High School we offer several Wood Technology and Construction Technology Classes. I would use the funds to purchase a new router table that connects to our current saw stop table saw. The new router table will save space and allow students the freedom to work at a comfortable pace. Because changing bits on this router table is simple it enhances independent learning. I feel this new router table will help foster student learning by keeping students safe and excited about the construction field. As a result, students will continue to be involved in construction related classes."

- Jeff Zimmer, Becker High School



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"I want to start out again by saying thank you to CMBA for their generosity in helping our schools! With the grant we received, we purchased this Toolbox to keep our specialty tools in. We can roll this out to the outside building where we build the sheds and keep our tools nearby when working. We then can wheel it back to our lab when the class is done at the end of the semester."

- Alan Walz, Melrose High School



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MN DEED's Luke Greiner, Regional Labor Market Analyst Labor Market Information Office (<u>http://mn.gov/deed/data</u>)



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John Pederson from TCC Materials lounging in one of the dressing rooms.

Jeff Howe, building official for the project giving Dale Gruber the details that went into completing The Ledge



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