

September  
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# MEMBER NEWSLETTER



## HBA HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

### ***Rolling Into Fall: Stronger HBAs, Stronger Community***

What a season it's been at the HBA of Southwestern Michigan. Our Annual Golf Outing was a fantastic sold-out event — full of fun, great conversations, and the kind of friendly connection that makes our association shine.

I had the privilege of attending the NAHB AMC Convention in St. Louis, where Executive Officers from across the country came together to share ideas, build connections, and push each other to grow. The focus on *Building Stronger HBAs Together* couldn't be more fitting, and it's something I'm excited to carry forward as we head into fall.

Speaking of fall, we've got great things ahead. Registration is open for our Member Meet & Mingle, and we're gearing up for more member connections, more collaboration, and more progress as we continue planning for the 2027 Home Show.

Together, we are Building Stronger HBAs — and I'm grateful for the momentum, collaboration, and shared commitment that keeps our association moving forward.

### **September Member Meet & Mingle**

Join us for our first HBA Member Meet & Mingle of the season! Catch up with fellow members over great food and a relaxed evening on the patio.

Wednesday, September 16  
5:30–7:30 PM

Villa Nova Pizza  
134 E. Buffalo St., New Buffalo

**Hosted by Lakeshore Recycling & Disposal**

Beer tasting compliments of Seedz Brewery  
Pizza & light appetizers provided  
Cocktails available for purchase

Special Guest Speaker:  
Barbara Craig, Lake Michigan College

Learn how the Michigan New Jobs Training Program can support workforce development and create new opportunities for our industry.

**Register by September 11**  
**Email: [Patty@hbaswm.com](mailto:Patty@hbaswm.com)**



## OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION UPDATE

OSHA has updated its Hazard Communication Standard, and several compliance deadlines are coming up for employers who use hazardous chemicals.

### Key Dates:

Nov. 20, 2026: Updated hazard classifications and label information required for substances.

May 19, 2028: Updated classifications and hazard information required for mixtures.

**What This Means for Residential Construction:**  
Employers may see updated Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and revised hazard information from suppliers. You'll need to ensure any reclassified materials are reflected in your chemical inventory, SDS access, and employee training.



Full details and FAQs:  
Read the full OSHA update here:  
<https://www.osha.gov/hazcom>

## DON'T MISS! IBS 2027 DEMO ZONES



**REGISTRATION:**  
**BUILDERSSHOW.COM**

Registration for the NAHB International Builders' Show opened September 1, and this year's Demo Zones are essential stops.

**Construction Performance Zone:** Discover innovations that increase efficiency, durability, and home performance through hands-on demonstrations.

**Craft Techniques Zone:** Experience live demos focusing on skill and quality, perfect for enhancing your techniques and sharing insights with your team.

As you plan your IBS 2027 trip, make time for both Demo Zones. They turn product discovery into real-world learning and add even more value to your Builders' Show experience.

## FALL RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

The 2026 Fall Recruitment Competition, powered by LG Pro Builder, kicks off Sept. 1 and runs through Nov. 30.

Builder and Associate members are automatically entered as they work to recruit new members. Nine winners will be announced before Jan. 31, 2027.

NAHB offers tools and resources to support your recruitment efforts.

Full rules and eligibility available online.

### Prizes include:

- LG front-load or top-load laundry pair
- Registration for the 2027 IBS
- Reserved seat at IBS Opening Ceremonies
- Ticket to the IBS House Party
- VIP ticket to the IBS Closing Concert



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# HBA HIGHLIGHTS



Our Annual Golf Outing was a standout day from start to finish! Great shots, friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and meaningful new connections across our membership. The energy on the course was incredible, and it was wonderful to see members engaging, supporting one another, and enjoying a beautiful day together. A huge thank-you to our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who joined us; your support is what makes this event such a success each year. Check out photos from the day on the HBA Facebook page - [facebook.com/HBASWM](https://facebook.com/HBASWM)

## St. Louis | NAHB Association Management Conference 2026



About 300 association professionals gathered in St. Louis for NAHB's AMC, and it was an energizing week of learning, idea-sharing, and connecting with peers from across the country. As this was my first AMC, I'm truly thankful for the opportunity to attend and gain a deeper understanding of the work happening throughout the Federation. I appreciated the chance to meet new colleagues, reconnect with industry leaders, and hear what other associations are doing successfully.

Investing in professional development is so important for my growth and the health of our association. I'm looking forward to attending more conferences to keep building my skills and insights that benefit our members. St. Louis was a valuable experience, and I'm excited to bring these ideas home and put them to work.



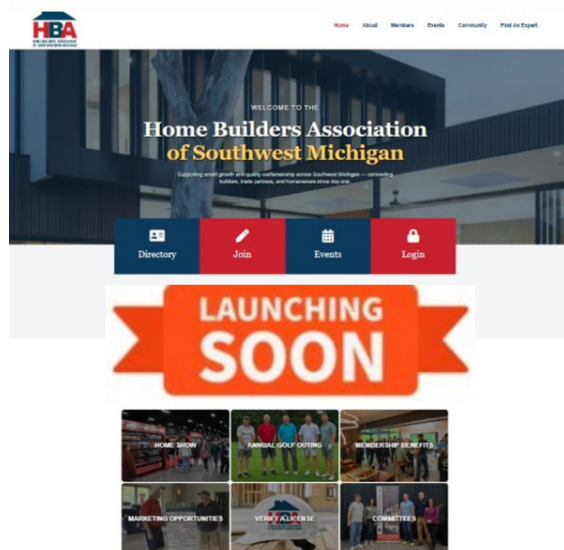
## Final MDOT Clean Up for 2026

Join us *Wednesday, September 23* at 4 PM for our final MDOT Cleanup at the I-94 St. Joseph/Stevensville Carpool Lot. After we wrap up, we'll head over to Coaches in Stevensville for a fun happy hour. Come out, lend a hand, and enjoy a little mid-week fun with your HBA crew.

# NEW WEBSITE & GROWTHZONE MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM COMING SOON

We're excited to share that the HBA of Southwestern Michigan is getting a fresh digital upgrade. Our brand-new website and GrowthZone membership platform will launch soon, giving members a faster, easier, and more streamlined way to access resources, register for events, update company information, and manage membership all in one place.

This upgrade is designed to make your experience smoother, more intuitive, and better connected as we continue building stronger HBAs together. Stay tuned for more details and launch information coming soon.



**BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE!**  
Showcase Your Business at the  
**2027 HBA HOME SHOW**

The Mendel Center  
Lake Michigan College  
1100 Yore Ave  
Benton Harbor

Connect with homeowners.  
Grow your business.  
Get noticed.

## 2027 HOME SHOW EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

**RESERVE YOUR BOOTH EARLY!**

**EMAIL [PATTY@HBASWM.COM](mailto:patty@hbaswm.com)  
FOR A REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration is now open for the 2027 HBA of Southwestern Michigan Home Show,  
**January 30–31 at the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College.**

This annual event brings together homeowners, builders, remodelers, and home improvement professionals for two days of inspiration, networking, and community connection.

New this year: The Michigan Makers Market joins the show, featuring local artisans, crafters, and specialty small businesses — adding even more creativity and variety to the experience.

Don't miss your chance to showcase your products and services to thousands of attendees.

Connecting our members with great education is a big part of what we do. We continue to develop programs that support Builders and Associates in their work and strengthen professionalism across our industry.

### **Upcoming Classes**

*November* – Respirator, Lead & Asbestos Safety Training

*January* – Proper Installation of Engineered Wood  
*February* – Fall Protection Training

Registration details will be posted on our website as each class opens.



**Have news to share? We'd love to spotlight your business!**  
**Contact Patty Knicker at [patty@hbaswm.com](mailto:patty@hbaswm.com) to share your Member News.**