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Welcome

NEW MEMBER

Kimberly Swiatek

Pella Windows & Doors of WNY

Matthew McCauley

M & M Granite

NYSBA Research & Education Foundation Tools of the Trade Program



NYSBA Research and Education Foundation Tools of the Trade Program is now open for 2026.

Here is the link to the website:

nysbaref.org/tools-of-the-trade

The first 30 days of availability, one grant is available per NYS region.

These grants are worth \$500 and are available to be used towards tools, equipment or clothing. Applicants must aspire to join a career in residential construction and work for a residential construction related company in NYS.



Energy Code Training Series

2025 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS-2025) is now in effect. If you build or remodel residential properties in New York State, this code applies to your work.

New York State Builders Association (NYSBA), funded by NYSERDA, is offering a **[free webinar training series](#)** designed for builders, remodelers, and contractors statewide.

SESSION 4 — AUGUST 13 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Mechanical Systems Installation & Compliance

This session covers HVAC sizing (Manual J, S, and D), duct sealing and testing, and whole-house ventilation under ECCCNYS-2025, with strategies to reduce costly mechanical rework through better coordination. .

Register **[HERE](#)** for Session 5-August 13

FUTURE WEBINARS

The sessions are to open to all interested participants.

Live Webinar:

1. Mechanical Systems Installation & Compliance | August 13
2. Performance & ERI Compliance Pathways | September 17
3. Integration of High-Performance Building Practices | October 8
4. Energy Code Compliance in Additions & Alterations | October 29

BNBA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



NYSBA LATEST NEWS BRIEF

21st Century Road to Housing Act, was signed into law, representing the most significant federal housing legislation in decades. This law is intended to increase housing production, expand homeownership and rental opportunities, and help address the nation's growing housing affordability crisis. This is a major victory for the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)** and the residential construction industry.

Throughout the legislative process, NAHB successfully advocated for many of the bill's key provisions, including:

- Land Use & Zoning: Encourages HUD to work with states, local governments, and industry stakeholders to promote policies that increase housing production.
- Multifamily Housing: Raises FHA-insured multifamily loan limits for the first time in 12 years and indexes them to inflation.

- Environmental Reviews: Streamlines NEPA reviews for qualifying small-scale and infill housing projects.
- Community Lending: Expands access to credit by strengthening community banks that finance residential construction.
- Housing Rehabilitation: Establishes grants and forgivable loans to help repair aging housing and address health and safety issues.

NAHB also succeeded in removing a proposed federal requirement that would have forced institutional investors to sell build-to-rent homes after seven years — a proposal that threatened to significantly reduce production of single-family rental housing, an increasingly important option for many families

For more information:

[Landmark Federal Housing Bill Becomes Law](#)

Bruce Blakeman running for Governor met with BNBA Members

If you have not had the chance to listen, meet or catch Bruce Blakeman on social media or tv, he is running for Governor of New York. On July 27th several BNBA members met with Bruce Blakeman and learned what Bruce stands for and that he is ready to give his efforts to affordable housing, give the people of New York options for energy, lower taxes and hire more police officers to make this community safer. These are just a few topics he touched on. There is a video below with WGRZ that also explains what Bruce is going to fight for once he is in office. He also has a Facebook page if you want more information-[Facebook](#)



BEING A MEMBER MEANS: This is a great opportunity to spread the word about the tireless work that the **BNBA** (Buffalo Niagara Builders

Association), **NYSBA** (New York State Builders Association) and **NAHB** (National Association of Home Builders) do for our members.

Not only is this a great way to network within the home building community, but a great reason to get involved in the everyday issues that face the industry. Wetlands, Sprinkler mandates, local Town and Village laws including moratoriums, and the biggest one is the Gas Ban, just to name a few.

Membership Application - <https://form.jotform.com/82334039574156>

The BNBA strives to serve its members and is only as strong with the support of this collective effort.



Government Affairs Corner

Topics Discussed

Local

- o Would still like to meet with the Town of Amherst. Jen will reconnect with them and try to get a date set. Town of Lancaster has raised some concern as well. A meeting may be arranged in the future to discuss some current issues.
- o Utility meetings are scheduled. National Fuel is 7/15 and National Grid will be 8/6. There are a sizable number of members that are signed up to attend the National Fuel meeting.
- o Last month there was a meeting with the Town of Clarence, it was a successful meeting. They were very receptive and are looking to work together to help the home builders move forward with new builds.

State and National

- o Nothing to report.

New Business

- o Nothing to report

Old Business

- o Nothing to Report

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be on Monday, August 10th at 11:30am via Zoom. [If you would like to be on the call, email me and I will send you the link.](#)
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As you may know from following the ruling Tuesday, a federal appeals court has upheld New York's law restricting fossil fuel use in new buildings, allowing the state's plan to transition toward all-electric construction to continue pending further legal action.

BNBA President Phil Nanula speaks on WGRZ Channel 2.

[WGRZ-Channel 2 News with Ron Plant/Phil Nanula](#)

BNBA President Phil Nanula was on HammerTime Radio on July 4th, regarding the ruling recently on the Gas Ban and how far we have come.

[Domenic Cortese-Hammertime Radio with Phil Nanula](#)
Starting at 5:30 min

July 17 Member Domenic Cortese of Hammertime Radio was standing in for Tom Bauerle/WBEN hosted BNBA Pres. Phil Nanula talking about home availability and affordability. Below is the link to listen in.

<https://www.audacy.com/stations/wben/shows/tom-bauerle-499f5/episodes/651ce865b082>

Part 2, Starts at timeframe 3:10pm



[**NYSBA-New York State Builders Association Named 2025 Top Trade Associations**](#)

If you would like to receive updates on Albany about Acts, rulings or laws, general information and/or the NYSBA News Brief from NYSBA: [NYSBA Emails](#)

Website-<https://www.nysba.com/member-benefits>

Once you are on the website you have access to Government relations, advocacy for our local area/state, member insurance, member rebates for several home building products.

[NAHB-National Association of Home Builders](#)

Create an account for NAHB. [Register | NAHB](#)

Once you are on their site you have access to benefits, advocacy, communications, blogs, economic news, video updates, education, discounts, newsletters, Issues of Pro Builder & Pro Remodeler Magazines plus much more.

Sign up for NAHB Blog- <https://www.nahb.org/blog>

Sign up for additional newsletters like-Eye on Economy, Green Intersects eNews, Student Chapter Update, Weekly Education Update. [Subscriptions](#)

STAY INFORMED



2026 Event Schedule

Event- Annual Golf Outing

Date- August 4th, Tuesday

Place- Diamond Hawk Golf Club

Time: 9am Check in/10am Start

Event- Thirsty Thursday

Date- September, 10th

Place- Giancarlo's-Williamsville

Time: 5:00 to 7:00pm

Sponsor: SRS Building Products and
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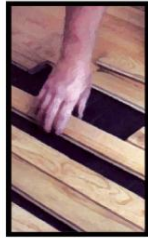
How it works

- 1 Sponsor(You)
- 2 Pick a month
- 3 Pick a Thursday

These are cash bar gatherings.
No need to RSVP, just stop in!

It is posted on social media,
emails and monthly newsletter.

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M P CARROLL HARDWOOD National Lumber

AWARD WINNING IMPACT STUDY VIDEO



VIDEO WINS AN AWARD: This video won Best Learning Video from the Brandon Hall Group. Bulletproof, a GLI Company paired with Elliott did an amazing job incorporating what the BNBA wanted to regarding Home building in this area.

Dr. Elliot Eisenberg, PH.D, Expert Economist explains the importance of the home building industry in our area. The BNBA and the National Association of Home Builders have studied the Metro Buffalo area and Dr. Eisenberg reports on the results in the short video. **Impact Study Video.** This is the recording of the interview with Elliot at the VIP Builder Presentation Event. This was through zoom from Florida.



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Building Permits for New Residential Single-Family Construction

2025 SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS

May

Amherst-17
Buffalo-12
Cheektowaga-13
Clarence-38
Grand Island-23

2026 SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS

May

Amherst-27
Buffalo-12
Cheektowaga-22
Clarence-46
Grand Island-29

Hamburg-22
Lancaster-7
Orchard Park-27
West Seneca-10
Total-169

Hamburg-12
Lancaster-19
Orchard Park-15
West Seneca-12
Total-194



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Annual Golf Outing

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16 Local Affiliates
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Any questions on this newsletter or more information on any topic, please reach out to Jennifer Dougherty at jennifer@conexbuff.com.

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