

Building Clark County News

Professionals Committed to Excellence



January 2020 Edition



Meet BIA of Clark County's 2020 Officers
Page 6

Inside this issue

Government Affairs Brief

What's new in code, regulation, legislation & more!

Page 2

Membership 4-1-1

Monthly benefit feature and information you need to get the most from your membership!

Page 4

BIA Upcoming Events

Upcoming BIA events you can't miss

Page 5

Member News Bulletin

News and updates provided by members, for members

Page 6

NAHB & BIAW Headlines

Everything you need to know from state and national

Page 7

Education Classes

Upcoming education classes and news from BIA councils

Page 8



President's Message Dave Myllymaki, ReNew Creations

It's my first month as President of the BIA of Clark County and I'm excited to serve our membership. I'm positive about what the next year will bring, the leaders I'm serving next to on the Board of Directors, and the staff I'll be working with closely. The BIA has been such a great asset to my company's growth and has helped me form a family and support system within the industry.

I invite you to attend an event this year, inquire about membership benefits you might not be using, and to get involved politically. In this publication, you can learn more about getting connected to the many BIA events, services, and benefits.

I'm looking forward to meeting each of you this year!

Sincerely,
Dave

FEBRUARY 6

Nothing but Networking with
HAPO Community Credit Union

FEBRUARY 20

Dinner Meeting with New
Tradition Homes

Government Affairs Brief

Read monthly government affairs update online

What's new in code, regulation, legislation & more!



The Clark County Permit Center entrance, Courtesy of The Columbian



Contact Ryan: 360-694-0933 or ryan@biaofclarkcounty.org



If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.... Get Involved!

**WA State Legislature
Regular Session
Jan 13 – April 28**

**Vancouver City Council Workshop
Stronger Vancouver
February 3, 4:00-6:00 pm
Vancouver City Hall**

**Clark County Staff & BIA Builder Lunch
February 19 (Tentative)
American Legion Post 14 - Vancouver**

**Clark County DEAB Meeting
February 6, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

**BIA Government Affairs Committee
February 10, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

Shake Up at Clark County Community Development

Clark County separated the Community Development Department into two departments: Community Development Department and Code Administration Department

Mitch Nickolds, previous Community Development Department Director, became the head of the Code Administration Department, while Interim Fire Marshal Dan Young began leading the Community Development Department.

“This is another step toward our goal of reforming the building permitting and inspection processes in order to increase efficiency and consistency,” County Manager Shawn Hennessee said in a news release.

Code Administration will be responsible for code enforcement, the Clark County Fire Marshal's office, geographic information services, animal protection and control. Community Development will continue to oversee building safety, permits, land use, wetlands and habitats, development engineering, business technology, administration and finance.

Our industry has long pointed out that the previously combined responsibilities of the

Community Development Department were too broad, disparate and unique to fall under one umbrella, managed by one department head.

With Mitch's background in code enforcement and community programs, this seems to be a good fit. The BIA has had a productive and successful relationship with Dan Young over the past few months and we are confident the dialogue with our members and the systemic changes in code enforcement he undertook over the past few months will translate into positive changes in the permit centers productivity, consistency and efficiency.

One of the first efforts that Mr. Young began implementing is the permitting process change which took effect on Jan 2.

There will be more updates on those changes as we receive them... stay tuned!

Advocacy is effective if we have your engagement!

We want to hear from you: Testify at public hearings, offer expertise on many subject matters, encourage members to get involved.

Auction for Political Action

Help us fill the war chests for the 2020 election cycle

Sponsorship, auction item donation, direct donations, and attendance on the Auction for Political Action hosted by the Building Industry Group PAC will be held on May 14 at the Heathman Lodge.

Building Industry Group Political Action Committee: pac@biaofclarkcounty.org

Clark County Permitting Process Changes

January 1st marked the implementation of a new permit application and review process at Clark County

Clark County began implementing a new permit application and review process for residential and commercial building construction, and for expansion of existing buildings, if applicable.

This process is established to ensure all applicable construction development within the community is reviewed by the necessary County departments in a timely manner. Upon acceptance of a complete Building Permit Application package, County staff shall have 15 workdays to review and respond to the applicant and identify any concerns/problems and provide conditional approval of the requested permit(s).

The building permit will be issued conditioned with completion and verification of all required plan and project revisions. Applicants who do not submit a completed application package will be provided a checklist that identifies the missing components and asked to return once the application has been completed.

During the review period staff shall identify all rules, regulations and standards with which the proposed development does not comply and, further, record and communicate any modifications of the proposed development which would assist applicant in achieving full compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and standards. If reviewers encounter conditions in the proposed project plans that are substantial enough to prevent permit issuance, the review period will be temporarily suspended, and applicant will be notified as to the required project modifications or plan revisions.

We are currently developing the checklists and compiling examples of completed permit applications and sequences to guide applicants to success with their initial permit applications to the greatest extent possible. This information will be viewable online in the next few weeks.



2019 Auction for Political Action

Read our article: ["Vancouver Stronger Threatens Housing Affordability"](#)

Update: Stronger Vancouver Proposal

Key dates to be aware of:

- February 3: Finalize capital improvements; work session on programs and revenue nexus
- February 10: Finalize programs/revenue; preview levy design
- February 24: Workshop on levy design (single/multi-year, rate, election timing)
- March 9: Work session on complete package
- March 16: Review legislative documents (resolutions and ordinances); vision and values check
- April 6: First reading with hearing
- April 20: Second reading with hearing and potential adoption

BIAW Legislative Priorities

What legislative priorities is your state and local association taking on?

- Permit Timeline Accountability
- Reduce Redundancy for Housing
- Attainable Housing Standards
- Streamlining the Plat Process
- Youth Construction Opportunities
- Ensure Specialized Construction Safety

Members Save Millions
nahb.org/savings
NAHB.

Quality Benefits for your employees
Big Savings For you

The BIAW Health Insurance Trust helps navigate the complexities and costs of employee benefits

capitalbenefitservices.com
425-641-8093



New Members

- Ancru Construction
- Chancellor Designs
- Coldwell Banker Bain/Childers & Hess Team (Kristy Childers)
- Coldwell Banker Bain/Childers & Hess Team (Molly Hess)
- DeCorado Stone & Brick
- Lumos Hearth & Home
- Pacific Siteworks
- Pennington Design Group
- Phoenix Protective Corp
- TopGun Framing

Renewing Members

30 YEARS

- Ariel Truss Co. Inc.
- DeWils Industries Inc.

11-20 YEARS

- Blue Mountain Pools Inc.
- Bradlee Distributors Inc.
- Elite Realty NW
- Paulson's Floor Coverings
- Prestige Development
- Team Construction

6-10 YEARS

- Breaking Ground Excavation
- Copper Creek Homes Inc.
- Current Home Technologies
- Homola Plumbing
- Image 360
- Olin Homes
- Precision Estimating
- RailPro
- Sunlight Electric Inc.
- Vik's Professional Cleaning
- WESSCO-Waste Equip. Sales & Service

1-5 YEARS

- Cascade Electrical
- Generation Homes Northwest
- Grand-View Landscape Inc.
- HAPO Community Credit Union
- Lowe's-Vancouver
- Massie & Company PLLC
- NSD Enterprises LLC DBA (Albert's Roofing)
- Pro-Stat Electric Services
- Pyramid Heating & Cooling
- RG Construction Services
- Silver Buckle Homes

Affinity Program Feature

BIA's Affinity Programs add extra value to membership!

Free basic listing available on NewHomeSource.com courtesy of BDX!



First impressions are everything; contractors and builders put their best foot forward by creating project portfolios, websites, social media accounts, and maintaining a good reputation.

Now, contractors and builders have a new tool to use when trying to create a great first impression: [Builders Digital Experience \(BDX\)](#). BDX creates a complete digital experience for clients wishing to imagine what their new home may look like. BDX also provides a variety of services to help grow your business. For example, BDX's services include website development, mobile marketing capabilities, interactive floor plans, photo realistic renderings, video production, email services, social media packages, and

innovative sales center technologies. Because BDX integrates new digital technologies like virtual reality and 3D renderings, they're able to create an immersive and exciting experience for the buyer.

BDX also offers a way to list current homes for sale on their new website, NewHomeSource.com. As a BIA affinity program, all members are eligible for FREE basic listings on NewHomeSource.com.

If you want the most cutting-edge digital experience for your clients and you would like to receive your free basic listing, check out thebdx.com or contact Joleen Taylor at jotaylor@thebdx.com.



Membership Questions?

Contact Karen Hall at khall@biaofclarkcounty.org

BIA Council Happenings

BRACE YOURSELVES.... ENERGY CODE UPDATES ARE COMING.

A workshop presented by the Green Building Council & BIA Government Affairs Committee

Jan. 29 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | DeWils Design Center

JOIN US FOR OUR QUARTERLY EVENT

ROCC
REMODELERS
OF CLARK COUNTY

FEBRUARY 19 | 8AM

RSVP by Feb. 14 to ryan@biaofclarkcounty.org

GUEST SPEAKER & BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY:
James Hardie Building Products, Inc.

LOCATION:
BIA of Clark County
103 E 29th St., Vancouver, WA 98663

360-694-0933 **BIA** REMODELCLARKCOUNTY.COM

BIA Events



Sponsor a BIA Event

Sponsoring a BIA event is the perfect way to promote your company! We have plenty of options available still:

- Member Dinner Meetings
- Golf Tournament
- Chef, Hop & Vine presented by NW Natural
- New Homes Tour presented by Fairway Independent Mortgage
- NW Natural Parade of Homes presented by DeWils & HomeStreet Bank
- Columbia Credit Union Remodeled Homes Tour presented by Contract Furnishings Mart

Contact Danielle Kilian:
danielle@biaofclarkcounty.org

Hapo
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION
presents

Nothing but Networking BIA's Blazer Night

February 6, 2020
7:00 pm

vs. SAN ANTONIO SPURS

insurance services
biggs.
 est. 1935

Preferred Insurance
 Provider of the
 BIA of Clark County
(360) 695-3301

GET NOTICED

LIST YOUR
 HOMES
 FOR FREE

BIA Dinner Meeting:
**Government Regulation
 & Impacts on Your Small Business**

featuring Mark Harmsworth, Research Fellow, Washington Policy Center

Thursday, February 20
 The Heathman Lodge
5:00 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner & Presentation
 sponsored by New Tradition Homes

NT
 NEW TRADITION
 HOMES

BIA

CASINO NIGHT

March 26, 2020 • 5:00 pm • Heathman Lodge

Riverview COMMUNITY BANK

NT
 NEW TRADITION
 HOMES

The building industry needs more workers.
 Be a part of the solution.

2019 Recipients:
 100% of proceeds fund scholarships and grants for individuals pursuing a career in the building industry.



DeWils Donates \$10,000

Member DeWils Design Center delivering \$10,000 to Peace Health Neonatal Intensive Care Unit!

We're so thankful not only to have DeWils as a part of the BIA family but as active and engaged members of the wider community! Way to go, DeWils!

ICYMI:

[2020 Housing Market Forecast](#)

[Study Highlights Washington's Housing Shortage](#)

[2020 vision for Clark County businesses going into session](#)

[Pacific Lifestyle Homes opens new community](#)

[CEO of Matrix Roofing to speak at Ridgefield Chamber event](#)

[Job hopping will be workforce trend in 2020](#)

[Washington's Paid Family & Medical Leave Act](#)



Cascade West Development Featured on Front Cover of Modern Home Builder



Sarah Neibert Elected Chair of Scholarship Committee

In December, Sarah Neibert of Affinity Homes, was elected Chair of the the Scholarship Committee, a committee of the Building Futures Foundation.

Sarah has been involved with the BIA for many years. She has stepped up in the role of Chair of the Foundation after helping coordinate the annual fundraising event, Casino Night. This event helps raise critical funds to provide scholarships and tool grants to those entering the construction industry.

Sarah was integral in the success of the fundraising efforts in the Auction for Political

Action hosted by the B.I.G. PAC.

Sarah and her husband, Chuck, were named "Volunteers of the Year" at the November 2019 Dinner Meeting in recognition by the 2019 President Michael Shanaberger.

In 2020, Sarah and Chuck are already busy; They have already organized the donation of hammers for the students at Cascadia Technical Academy's Construction Technology program.

We are excited for the Foundation's upcoming year with Sarah as Chair!

NAHB & BIAW Updates

Builder Confidence Reaches 20-Year High

Builder confidence in the market for newly-built single-family homes increased five points to 76 in December off an upwardly revised November reading, according to the latest NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index.

“While we are seeing near-term positive market conditions with a 50-year low for the unemployment rate and increased wage growth, we are still underbuilding due to supply-side constraints like labor and land availability,” said NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz. “Higher development costs are hurting affordability and dampening more robust construction growth.” [KEEP READING.](#)

MIT Report Suggests Greater Use of Factory-Built Homes

Factory-built houses — i.e., modular, panelized or pre-assembled homes — could help increase affordable housing stock and significantly aid in disaster response and recovery, according to a new study from the MIT Humanitarian Supply Chain Lab. But factory-built homes comprise just 3% of single-family homes in the United States.

The report, “Disaster Housing Construction Challenges in America,” seeks to inform emergency managers, state housing agencies, policymakers, community leaders, home builders and other stakeholders about how to make better use of factory-built homes. [READ MORE.](#)



[L&I to Implement new electronic OSHA 300 Record keeping Reporting Rules](#)

[Meet the 2020 BIAW Senior Officers \(including BIA of Clark County's Tracy Doriot\)](#)



[Congress moves on tax extenders](#)

[Congress Funds NFIP Through September](#)

[Deal Reached on USMCA Trade Pact](#)

[FHA Announces 2020 Loan Limits](#)

[Proposal Would Modernize CRA Rules](#)

[NGBS Certifies 200,000th Home](#)

JORDAN RAMIS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Legal Counsel to Clark County Builders
DirtLaw
www.jordanramis.com

Return on Industrial Insurance

You could get a refund on the premiums you pay into workers compensation

The best way to save money and grow your bottom line is through enrolling in programs that give you a percentage of your money back. If you're committed to safety and to getting back a percentage of your workers' compensation premiums, contact Karen Hall today!

[INQUIRE ABOUT ENROLLING IN THE ROI PROGRAM](#)

Return On Industrial Insurance
R.O.I.I.® Select



Apply now for
R.O.I.I.® Select
1-800-228-4229 or
enroll@biaw.com

Make real change.

Lisa Hastings
ROI Select Managing Manager
1-800-228-4229 ext. 171
lhastings@biaw.com

BIA Leadership

President: Dave Myllymaki, ReNew Creations

Vice President: David Millar, Millar Construction

V.P. Secretary: Aaron Helmes, Generation Homes NW

V.P. Treasurer: Dave Campos, iQ Credit Union

V.P. Associate: Mark Kroll, Biggs Insurance

Past President: Michael Shanaberger, Romano Construction Services

Caleb Blanton, New Tradition Homes

Chuck Neibert, Affinity Homes

Paul McGraw, Servpro of E&W Vancouver & Clark County

Jeremy Kushner, RailPro

Tracy Wilson, DeWils Industries

Kevin Trevena, Parr Lumber

Sunny Parsons, Cascade Flooring America

Janice Hall Matteo, Elite Realty NW

Sheri Hunzeker, WFG National Title

Aaron Marvin, A.C.T. Builders

Albert Schlotfeldt, Schlotfeldt Law Firm

Eric Golemo, SGA Engineering

Jamie Howsley, Jordan Ramis PC

Tony Curtis, Current Home Technologies

Tracy Doriot, Doriot Construction

Matthew Clarkson, Soaring Eagle Homes



**BUILDING FUTURES
FOUNDATION**

SCHOLARSHIP & TOOL GRANTS

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL MAY 1, 2020

Visit <http://bit.ly/BFFapps> OR www.biaofclarkcounty.org



Want to help us raise money for scholarships and tool grants?

Attend, sponsor, or donate to **Casino Night** presented by **Riverview Community Bank**. Details [online](#) or inquire with Andrea Smith at andrea@biaofclarkcounty.org

Education Classes

Continuing education opportunities to help you get to where you want to go, personally and professionally!

January 29 & 30

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CESCL Certification

January 31

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CESCL Recertification

February 19

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Washington Family and Medical Leave for Employers with Less than 50 Employees

Monday, March 23

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CAPS 1: Marketing & Communicating with the Aging In Place Client

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CAPS 2: Design Concepts for Livable Homes and Aging In Place

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CAPS 3: Details & Solutions for Livable Homes and Aging In Place

Learn with us. Grow with us.

February 6, 2020
Vancouver Hilton
7:00 am - 4:30 pm
Reception to follow

One Day Only
12 Breakout Sessions
2 Keynotes
6 CE Credits

Register at www.swca.org/SUMMIT

Beyond the Limits: Lessons from Everest
Stacy Allison, President, Stacy Allison Construction

Construction's Economic Forecast
Chris Clark, President and CEO, Resolute Trust Company

BIA Members Receive SWCA Member pricing with discount code: BIA2020

Register at www.swca.org/summit

**WHERE DO YOU TURN
WHEN YOU NEED
ANSWERS?**



The only destination for all your buying & building information

PROFESSIONALS • SMART INVESTMENTS • BETTER LIVING

THINKCAMPAIGN.COM

Think. Ask. Do.



103 E 29th St Vancouver, WA 98663

Phone: 360-694-0933

BIA Staff

Executive Director: Avaly Scarpelli

Membership Director: Karen Hall

Government Affairs Director: Ryan Makinster

Events Director: Danielle Kilian

Communications & Education Manager: Andrea Smith

Officer Manager & Bookkeeper: Sandy Howard

Membership Assitant: Justin Wood