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by Cascade West Development
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President's Message Dave Myllymaki, ReNew Creations

I know I speak for the entire Board of Directors and membership when I say that we are very pleased at the continued hard work and dedication of all the staff at the BIA these past few weeks!

We know that these combined efforts are making a difference both financially for the association and the morale

for our members, just knowing that the BIA, BIAW and NAHB are fighting for us to get back to work as quickly as possible.

I would urge you to check out the [COVID-19 resources page](#) to get connected to financial help, City and County protocol for inspections and permitting, and more.

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[Casino Night presented by Riverview Community Bank](#)

Government Affairs Brief

Read monthly government affairs
update online

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



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



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

COVID-19 RESOURCES YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT NOW:

Washington Small Business
Emergency Grant

WA L&I Grace Period to Pay
Workers Comp Premium

WA's SharedWork Program

SBA's Paycheck Protection
Program

WA Unemployment
Insurance

*(can even help you get paid during
Stay-at-Home order if self-em-
ployed)*

SBA's Economic Injury
Disaster Loan

[LEARN MORE](#)

Stay-at-Home Order & City/County Protocol

Clark County

For single-family and multi-family residential development and building projects, final inspection to complete the real estate transaction and construction work as necessary to prevent spoliation and avoid damage of previously erected structures is recognized.

All construction on existing residential structures (remodel, addition, site work, accessory structure, etc.) as is necessary for "emergency repairs and projects that ensure structural integrity" or on previously framed structures as described above will be inspected.

City of Battle Ground

Battle Ground allows construction to prevent spoliation and

completion of pre-sold partially erected homes if the buyer is an "essential worker." An affidavit is required to be completed for pre-sold and partially erected homes.

City of Camas

Camas only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the Governor's Executive Order.

We are working with the city to develop a solution. Please encourage your customer to send a letter to the Mayor and City Council supporting our efforts. [Download letter](#) format and [talking points](#).

**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

Elections matter... your support matters!

Please sponsor or donate to the 2020 Auction for Political Action and get involved. Encourage your friends and subs too... you don't need to be a BIA member to support the PAC.

Are you a BIG PAC Trustee? If not, [contact Ryan](#) and get signed up today!

Stay-at-Home Order & City/County Protocol

City of La Center

La Center allows construction to prevent spolioation and completion of pre-sold partially erected homes. An affidavit is required to be completed for pre-sold and partially erected homes. Prior approval is needed before any construction can resume.

City of Ridgefield

Ridgefield allows construction to prevent spolioation ([Ridgefield Order #1](#)) and completion of pre-sold or partially erected homes if the buyer is an "essential worker." ([Ridgefield Order #2](#)). Prior approval is needed before construction can resume.

City of Vancouver

Vancouver only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the governor's Executive Order.

Permit services: Land use, building and permit applications are available online or by phone 360-487-7800.

City of Washougal

Washougal only allows construction to occur on projects that are explicitly exempt under the Governor's Executive Order. Inspections will be restricted to unoccupied structures. Buildings and structures must be completely vacant prior to inspections taking place. Skype, or other similar electronic media inspections may be utilized based on need and type of inspection.

Applications and plan submittals in compliance with the Governor's proclamation will be accepted by appointment only.

City of Yacolt

No information provided.



Energy Code Implementation Delayed

Gov. Inslee announced a delay in implementing the new state building codes from July 1 to Nov. 1. Our state counterpart, BIAW and the Washington Association of Building Officials, jointly asked the governor for the delay to ensure builders and officials could be adequately trained on the new codes prior to their implementation. This delay is crucial for our members to be fully educated on the changes in the codes and to allow for the materials to be available locally before the building codes are implemented.

NW Natural & Clark Public Utilities

NW Natural Green Tags

NW Natural relies on a Green Tag placed by the building inspector / official to provide a visual indication for the approval of gas piping in a residential project. Since site visits are not happening in some jurisdictions NW Natural has created a Virtual Green Tag program.

Clark Public Utilities

Following normal procedures while adhering to "social distancing" protocol. If the project is accepted for inspection by a jurisdiction CPU will request an explanation of the project and how it complies with the governor's order and proceed.

Questions? Contact the building construction department at 360.992.8558.



Renewing Members

40+ Years

Olson Engineering Inc.

20-30 Years

A & J Custom Cabinets

Alite Construction LLC

Grover Supply / G&G Electric

Hansen Drilling - A MESA Company

Hydro Tech Fire Protection Inc.

NW Industrial Mechanics Inc.

Peterson & Associates PS

RSV Building Solutions

Russell & Sons Plumbing Inc.

Selby Bridge Company Inc.

T Square Remodeling

10-19 Years

Cascade Flooring America LLC

Fisk Communications Contracting Inc.

Halme Excavating Inc.

Hi-Mark Concrete Inc. (Skil-Crete Inc.)

Holland Residential

Kaski Concrete Inc.

Robertson & Olson Construction Inc.

SGA Engineering PLLC

5-9 Years

Avalanche Concrete Construction

B & K Construction

Builders FirstSource

Bunch Construction Inc.

Coldwell Banker BAIN

Earthworks Excavating Services

Five Star Construction of Vancouver Inc.

Ginn Group

Goldwal Construction Inc.

Haskin Electric Inc.

Northwest Custom Electric

Northwood Cabinets Inc.

Olympic Siding Inc.

Osprey Homes LLC

RH Insulation Co. LLC

Stearns Lending

1-4 Years

4D Electric LLC

All Seasons Insulation

Ascent Electric

B & B Tile & Masonry

Carpet USA

Cosco Fire Protection

Design NW

Distinctive Landscape LLC

ETR Residential LLC

Hayward Uskoski and Associates

Home Certified Inc.

James Hardie Building Products

Krenzler Homes Inc.

Liberty Door & Window

MC Custom Homes

Mr. Electric/Advanced Electrical Concepts

NW Accounting Professionals LLC

Pacific Trim Panels

Raz Construction Co.

Sorensen Construction

ValleyScapes

Membership Benefit Feature

BIA's Programs & Services add extra value to your membership!

BIAW's Return on Industrial Insurance (R.O.I.I.)

Don't let Labor & Industries keep your workers' compensation premium dollars.... If you already run a safe jobsite, you can earn a rebate!

Our deadline for July enrollment in R.O.I.I. enrollment is fast approaching so don't delay!

The BIAW's R.O.I.I. program has returned more than \$500 million in refunds to participating companies since 1982. Last year our member rebates totaled over \$39 million! R.O.I.I. is a safety incentive program with a simple goal: **No Injuries = big rebates!**

R.O.I.I. saves you money and time. BIAW's expert staff will help your company navigate workers' compensation claims. If your employee is injured, your claims representative will manage your claim for you to help your employee get better and return to work as fast as possible.

Additionally, our experienced claim representatives go straight to the source on your behalf. We keep a pulse on your claim at every juncture until it closes, giving you peace of

mind. We offer complimentary safety strategies and services as part of the program including audit assistance, teaching best practices, builder safety kits, and on-site training upon request.



Builders and contractors should be rewarded for their good safety records. R.O.I.I. does just that, with nearly 2,000 companies paying over \$85 million in premiums you know you have the backing of a strong organization that has the resources to act as an advocate for our contractors.

If this sounds like a program your company could benefit from and want to know if you qualify just fill out this quick inquiry form.

For more detailed information on the R.O.I.I. Select program, visit R.O.I.I. online or email Karen Hall.



Membership Questions?

Contact Karen Hall at khall@biaofclarkcounty.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

C. Thompson Construction LLC

C.Thompson Custom Homes proudly provides premium custom home building services and general contracting servicing SW Washington and Oregon.

CIC Credit

CIC Credit holds a vast variety of highly advanced credit tools and resources.

Cowdrey Mechanical Systems, LLC

Proudly serving the Pacific Northwest for nearly 7 years. Provides comfortable air for your home and business.

BIA Events



Sponsor a BIA Event

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

- Member Dinner Meetings
- Golf Tournament
- Spring New Homes Tour presented by Fairway Independent Mortgage
- Fall New Homes Tour
- Columbia Credit Union Remodeled Homes Tour presented by Contract Furnishings Mart & DeWils
- Turkey Shoot

Contact Danielle Kilian:
danielle@biaofclarkcounty.org

2020 NW Natural Parade of Homes

We are saddened to inform our builders, vendors, sponsors and our valued attendees that the NW Natural Parade of Homes will be canceled this year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the stay-at-home orders, and the ban on all non-essential construction, we are unable to meet our September deadlines. We fully understand that these are extraordinary times and the safety and well-being of our builders, suppliers and vendors is extremely important to us. Though we may disagree with the home building exclusion as set forth, we are respecting the request, and are continuing our outreach to Governor Inslee's office advocating for our industry. We will see you in 2021!

BIA Dinner Meeting:
Technology in Construction
Featuring Tim Costello, President & CEO of BDx, Inc.



Thursday, May 14
The Heathman Lodge
5:00 pm Social Hour
sponsored by Current Home Technologies
6:00 pm Dinner & Presentation

Insurance Services
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BIA of Clark County
(360) 695-3301

CASINO NIGHT
June 12 • 5:00 pm • Heathman Lodge

Riverview Construction Services
NT NEW BUILDERS BUSINESS

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

2019 Recipients:
50% of proceeds from relationships that grant or establish primary income to the building industry.



NEW HOMES TOUR
FAIRWAY



JUNE 20 & 21 // 27 & 28 11 AM - 5 PM
Experience the finest in new home construction throughout Clark County!

Enter a Home in the Tour

BIA Members step up community support during the coronavirus pandemic



- Parr Lumber Company’s employee, Shelley, has already made 120 masks for super market and retirement center staff. *Pictured left.*
- Real Living, The Real Estate Group delivered 50 pizzas to Peace Health to feed doctors, nurses, and staff to say thanks for their work on the frontlines.
- Ginn Group offers temporary housing for frontline workers at Peacehealth, allowing a healthy way to decompress after their shifts. [READ.](#)
- Pacific Perks serves up warm coffee and beverages to frontline workers. [READ.](#)

ICYMI:

[BIA’s Executive Director on KGW News, Stay-at-Home Order](#)

[Construction will play a role in economic recovery after pandemic](#)

[Columbian Newspaper Editorial Board supports construction as “essential”](#)

[Temporary stoppage in Washington rattles contractors](#)

[Construction industry urges Inslee to reconsider its status](#)

[Senate Republican Caucus sends letter to Governor to reclassify construction](#)

[L&I offers employers grace period to pay workers comp premiums](#)

Let us know how your business is affected!

Please share your struggles and the real impacts of the ban on residential construction.

We want to know your real-life examples of frustrated clients, employees unsure about their futures, theft on jobsites, etc.

Feel free to use the hashtag **#housingisessential** and **#BIAcares** for any housing construction news, articles, etc. you post or share.

You may also email these to ryan@biaofclarkcounty.org or communications@biaw.com.

Watch our Public Service Announcement Video: Housing is Essential in Clark County



NAHB & BIAW Updates

NAHB's Economic Outlook: Layoffs Continue but Virus' Growth Rate Slows

The wave of jobless claims continued this week with 6.6 million new claims, raising the total to over 16 million over the last three weeks. These numbers support our forecast for an unemployment rate that will temporarily rise to at least 13%. [Continue Reading.](#)

NAHB Lauds Washington Reps. Newhouse and McMorris Rodgers for Deeming Housing as "Essential"

NAHB commended the efforts of Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) to urge Washington Governor Jay Inslee to include residential construction as "essential" under the state's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order. [Continue Reading.](#)



[Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant](#)

[SBA's Paycheck Protection Program](#)

[CARES Act, Families First Coronavirus Response, Unemployment Insurance](#)

[What construction activity is "essential" in WA? BIAW Ask a Lawyer Webinar](#)

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](#)



[NAHB CORONAVIRUS WEBINARS
UPCOMING & ON-DEMAND](#)

[HUD issues guidance on Multi-family Mortgage Forbearance Under the CARES Act](#)

[Building 1,000 homes packs an economic punch](#)

[Fed Announces \\$2.3 trillion loan program to support economy](#)

[New OSHA Guidance: COVID-19 illnesses not recordable for construction](#)



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BIA COUNCILS

Remodelers Council of Clark County

Green Building Council



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

August 18

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

OSHA Fall Prevention Training (NAHB Free Class)

September 9

8:00 am - 11:30 am

Significant Changes to the 2018 Codes



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