

North Central News

The Newsletter of the North Central WV Home Builders Association



March 2022

Thank you for making the 44th Annual Morgantown Home Show a Success!

NCWVHBA would like to recognize the following businesses for their professionalism, efficiency, creativity, and generous support in partnering with us to help make north-central West Virginia stronger. We greatly appreciate your dedication. Thank you!

A4 Media

Effect TV

Morgantown Printing and Binding

Mylan Park

Reep Graphics

The Dominion Post

TMS Publishing, Inc.

WBOY-TV 12 Clarksburg

WDTV-TV 5 Bridgeport

West Virginia Radio Corporation

We would also like to give a big thanks to ALL of our colleagues, exhibitors, supporters, guests and volunteers for making Home Show 2022 a success!

On Sunday, March 13, we wrapped up our annual 3-day home show event at the Hazel and J.W. Ruby Community Center in Morgantown, WV. Each year, NCWVHBA is proud to bring some of our finest local residential contractors, remodelers, material suppliers, and service providers together in one place where they are able to showcase a variety of home improvement and outdoor living products and services.

The Morgantown Home Show is designed to assist small business owners with promoting their businesses. It also provides homeowners with convenient access to home products and services to provide opportunities to keep their homes in good repair, redecorate, renovate, or improve their lifestyles.

We had over 100 vendors set up and more than 3,000 guests in attendance over the weekend, all eager to get started on their home improvement and construction projects.



HOME SHOW

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Toy Fund Raffle

The following NCWVHBA members donated wonderful items valued at over \$2700 that were raffled off to support our Children's Toy Fund:

Generators Plus - Generac IQ2000 Portable Generator

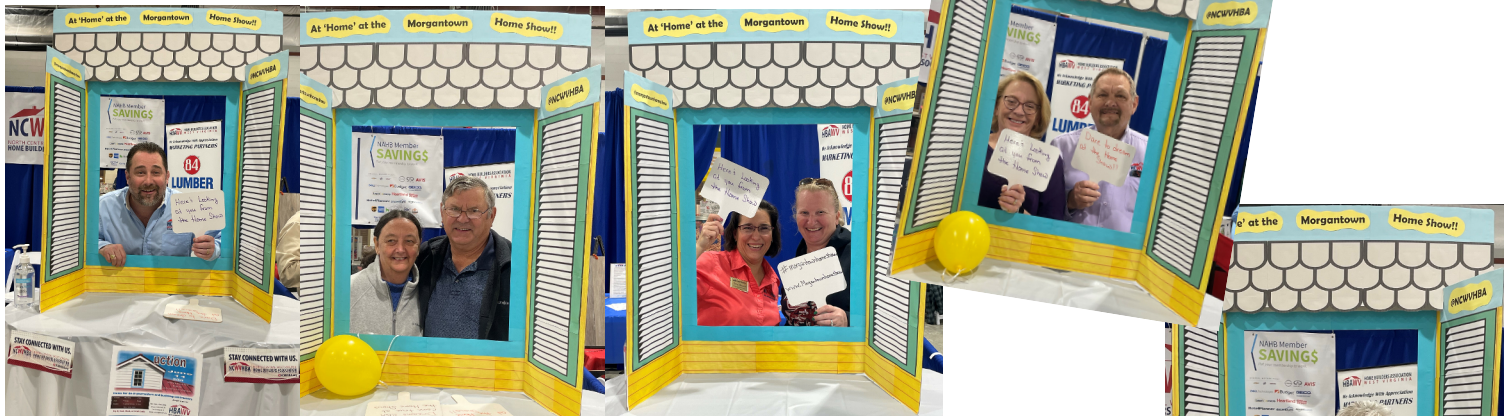
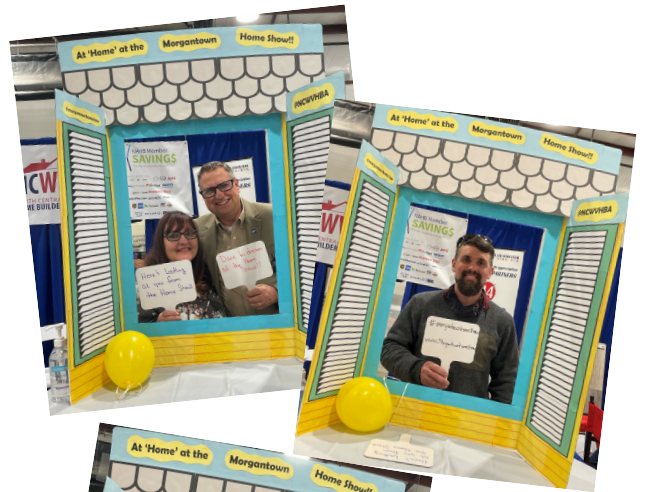
Danny's Door Service - 7' Garage Door Opener

Royal Water Treatment - Reverse Osmosis Water Filtration System

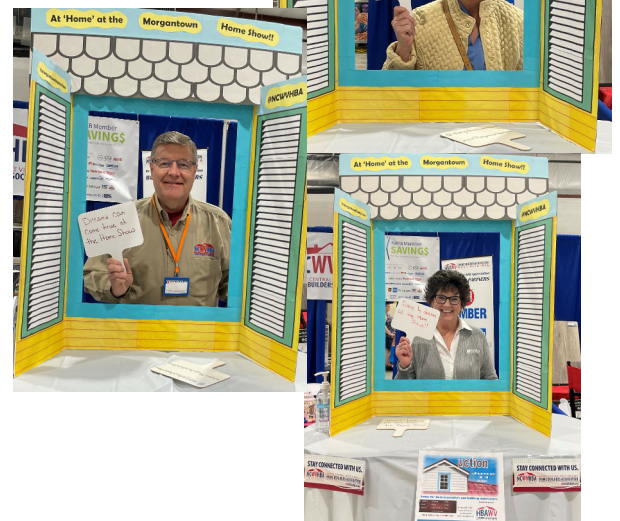
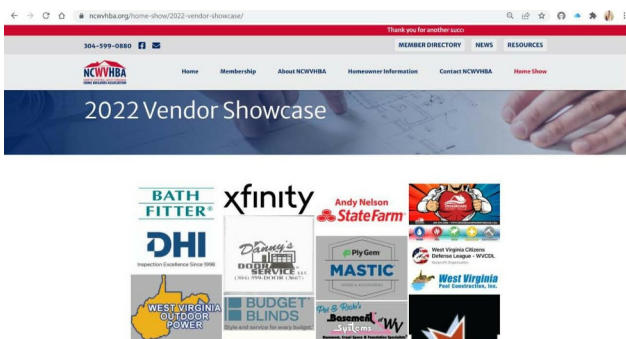
Rich's Garden Creations - 2 Decorative Cement Urns

Mr. Tom Board - 55" Samsung Smart TV

Fun with Photo Booth



A Vendor Showcase was added to the Home Show website this year:



We received great feedback on this and look forward to expanding it for the next show.

Strong Turnout at 2022 Builders' Show

More than 45,000 home building professionals filled the exhibit halls of the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando as the National Association of Home Builders hosted the NAHB [International Builders' Show®](#) (IBS) Feb. 8-10, which followed extensive health and safety protocols.

IBS and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) again combined for the Design & Construction Week® (DCW), which drew more than 70,000 attendees. More than 800 IBS exhibitors displayed their products across 425,000 net square feet.

Materials Prices Rise Again in January

The prices of goods used in residential construction ex-energy climbed 3.6% in January (not seasonally adjusted), according to the latest Producer Price Index (PPI) report released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The [index was led higher](#) by a 25.4% jump in softwood lumber prices, and 9% price increases for indoor and outdoor paint.

Building materials prices increased 20.3% year over year and have risen 28.7% since January 2020. Over the past four months, the index has climbed 8.4%.

U.S. Lowers Duties on Canadian Lumber

With lumber prices experiencing extreme price volatility this year and harming housing affordability, NAHB has relentlessly been calling on the Biden administration to reduce duties on Canadian lumber shipments into the United States.

On Jan. 31, the Commerce Department took a positive step forward by issuing its third administrative review to [reduce duties](#) on shipments of Canadian lumber into the United States from 17.99% to 11.64%.

Rising Home Values Pricing Out Millions

Rising home prices and interest rates are taking a toll on housing affordability, with 87.5 million households — or roughly 69% of all U.S. households — unable to afford a new median priced home. In other words, seven out of 10 households lack the income to qualify for a mortgage under standard underwriting criteria.

The data comes from NAHB's recent 2022 [priced-out estimates](#), which show that if the median price goes up by \$1,000, another 117,932 households would be priced out of the market.

NCWVHBA Membership Report

Our renewing members are the backbone of our Association... It is for that reason that we would like to thank the following members for renewing:

Barry Frey, [Sunset Outdoor Supply](#)

Dan Lanham, [TMS Publishing, Inc](#)

Zebulon Lewis, [Luttner Financial Group](#)

Jim Merschat, [Rustic by Design](#)

Ralph Raspa, [Community Homes](#)

John Woods, [Crossroads Property Rescue](#)

Members Elect NAHB's 2022 Leadership Team

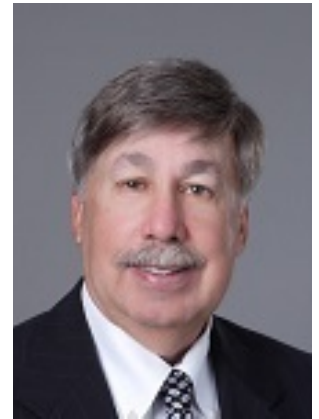
NAHB members elected senior officers to the association's top [leadership positions](#) at NAHB's Leadership Meetings during the 2022 International Builders' Show.

Taking the helm as NAHB's Chairman of the Board this year is Jerry Konter, a Savannah, Ga.-based home builder and developer with more than 40 years of experience in the home building industry.

Also moving up on the association's leadership ladder was Alicia Huey, a Birmingham, Ala.-based custom home builder. She was elected First Vice Chairman of the Board. Carl Harris, a Wichita, Kan.-based small volume spec and custom home builder, was elected Second

Vice Chairman of the Board. Buddy Hughes, a Lexington, N.C.-based home builder and developer, joined the NAHB leadership ladder with his election as Third Vice Chairman of the Board.

2021 NAHB Chairman Chuck Fowke remains on the leadership ladder as the 2022 Immediate Past Chairman. Rounding out the association's leadership is NAHB Chief Executive Officer Jerry Howard, from Washington, D.C.



2022 NAHB Chairman
Jerry Konter

Home Buyer Preferences

Home buyer preferences have continued to reverse trends in home building as builders work to respond to new interests in the wake of COVID-19. Increased desire for bigger homes, suburban locations and more outdoor amenities are driving new home design, resulting in a rise in the average size of a new home to 2,524 square feet, and the percentage of new homes with 4+ bedrooms and 3+ full bathrooms to 46% and 34%, respectively.

Baby boomers buck those trends, with a greater interest in smaller homes on smaller lots, preferably in the suburbs.

[Certain home features](#) do resonate with all generations, however. The top five are: laundry rooms; exterior lighting; ceiling fans; patios; and walk-in pantries.

Multifamily Sentiment up in Q4

Confidence in the market for new multifamily housing improved in the fourth quarter of 2021, according to results from the [Multifamily Market Survey \(MMS\)](#) released recently by NAHB. The MMS produces two separate indices: the Multifamily Production Index (MPI) increased one point to 54 compared to the previous quarter while Multifamily Occupancy Index (MOI) decreased six points to 69.

The MPI measures builder and developer sentiment about current conditions in the apartment and condo market on a scale of 0 to 100. The index and all of its components are scaled so that a number above 50 indicates that more respondents report conditions are improving than report conditions are getting worse.

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF LABOR

1900 Kanawha Boulevard East - State Capitol Complex - Building 3, Room 200 - Charleston, WV 25305



NOTICE OF LEGISLATION CHANGES

Below is a list of bills and a short synopsis of the changes made by the 2021 Legislature that will affect certification and licensing programs within the Division of Labor:

HB2006 – Effective June 15, 2021

1. The Contractor Licensing Board will start operating under WV Code §30-42;
2. The **cost of the undertaking**, before a license is required, will change from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for residential work and \$25,000 for commercial work (Undertaking means entire project - material & labor);
3. Landscaping **will not** require a contractor license; and
4. Painting **will not** require a contractor license.

HB2008 – Effective June 16, 2021

Crane Operator Certification Act (§21-3D)

1. The WV Crane Operator Certification Requirement is being repealed and **will no longer** be accepted to meet the OSHA standard;
2. On or after June 16, 2021, we will no longer accept or process applications and payments;
3. ALL WV Crane Operator Certifications issued in 2021 will expire January 1, 2022; and
4. Employers must ensure ALL crane operators are trained, certified/licensed, and evaluated according to OSHA Regulation 29 C.F.R. §1926.1427 Subpart CC.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov/cranes-derricks-construction or contact

Occupational Safety and Health Administration – United States Department of Labor
405 Capitol Street, Suite 407
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 347-5937

Supervision of Plumbing Work Act (§21-14)

1. Master Plumber **will no longer** require 12,000 hours of experience;
2. Journeyman Plumber **will no longer** require 8,000 hours of experience; and
3. Plumber-In-Training fee **will be reduced** from \$50.00 to \$25.00.

Regulation of Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Work Act (§21-16)

1. HVAC Technician experience **will be reduced** from 8,000 hours to 2,000 hours;
2. A Veteran may apply for licensure, without examination, once they meet certain requirements; and
3. HVAC Technician-In-Training fee **will be reduced** from \$50.00 to \$25.00.

Email: Licensing@wv.gov - Fax: (304)558-5174 - Telephone: (304)558-7890 - Website: labor.wv.gov

Leadership List

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Chris Bailey

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Calendar of Events

7 April 22, Board of Directors Meeting

8-9 April 22, **HBAWV Spring Virtual Board Meeting**

21 April 22, General Membership Meeting
Location: Harrison County, TBD

5 May 22, Board of Directors Meeting

19 May 22, General Membership Meeting
Location: Monongalia County, TBD

11 June 22, **HBAWV Annual Auction**

Location: Mylan Park,
Morgantown

Christmas Toy Fund:

Walmart Registry for Good

Members Save Millions

Start saving at nahb.org/savings

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