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Lumber Rising Costs, The On Going Issue

BNBA Government Affairs Chairman Bill Tuyn was part of call with NAHB. They are currently lobbying and building coalition groups including builders and building industry professionals. About 35 different organizations are involved in this effort. The goal is to reach the Commerce Secretary and then the President.

In the past year the lumber costs has risen steadily. This in turn has increased the costs of homes. The statistics are not surprising as if you are building something, you have endured the pain of the cost. NAHB recently laid out the information. Take a look **here**.



VIRTUAL HOME SHOW-Update

The Horizons Committee has met several times and discussed many different options to hold an amazing home show. Unfortunately, it has been decided to put the Virtual Home Show on hold right now. We will revisit the idea in the future to see if it is feasible at that time.





Stand Down for Falls, May 3-7

What is a Stand Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold this by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and the importance of "Fall Prevention".

Employers of companies not exposed to fall hazards, can also use this opportunity to have a conversation with employees about the other job hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies.

To learn more and download participation certificates click here:

https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down/resources

Proposed Economic Rescue Package Breakdown

President Biden proposed in January economic relief due to the impact of Covid-19. There are areas that effect the housing industry such as:

- Stimulus checks in the amount of \$2000. This would be broken down into 2 parts and given to individuals.
- Provide \$15 Billion to create a new grant program for Small Business Owners. Aside from the current PPP Program.
- \$300 per week of unemployment insurance through mid March, then extend it to September with the amount of \$400 per month.
- Extend eviction and foreclosures and add an additional \$25 billion to rental assistance.
- Raise minimum wage to \$15/hr.



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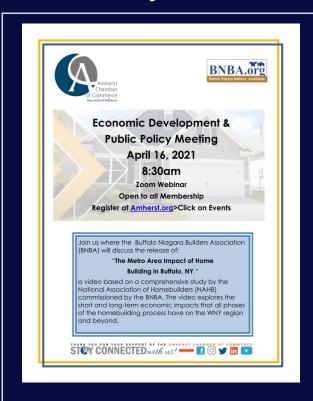
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Dr. Elliott Eisenberg, PH.D, Expert Economist explains the importance of the home building industry in our area. The BNBA and the National Association of Home Builders have studied the Metro Buffalo area and Dr. Eisenberg reports on the results in the short video below.

Learn More: Impact Study Video

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The Impact Study is on the move. Members Bill Tuyn and Jim Marrano are meeting with the Amherst Chamber of Commerce on April 16th.

They also met with the UB Real Estate Development Program on March 16th.

If you know of a group that may benefit from this very important study feel free to reach out.

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January 2020 YTD

- Amherst 9
- Buffalo 2
- Cheektowaga 0
- Clarence 9
- Grand Island 2
- Hamburg 10
- Lancaster 2
- Orchard Park 2
- West Seneca 2 Total Units 38

January 2021 YTD

- Amherst 9
- Buffalo 3
- Cheektowaga 0
- Clarence 20
- Grand Island 6
- Hamburg 3
- Lancaster 3
- Orchard Park 10
- West Seneca 1 Total Units 55

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