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Andrew Romanowski 2024 BNBA President

2024 Officers

Vice President-Mark Longo

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Secretary-Frankie Sardina

Presidential Advisor-Phil Nanula

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Thursday, February 8th-5:00-7:00pm

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NYS Housing Summit
January 26 & 27 – RECAP



Over 100 planners, local elected officials, housing agency directors, developers, builders and housing non-profit executives attended the Housing Summit that took place this past weekend. For example, BNBA Member Bill Tuyn was a key part in this event along with Mary Thompson, Executive officer of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Mohawk Valley. Jim Marrano-Marrano Homes and Phil Nanula-Essex Homes of WNY also attended.

Some of the specific attendees that represented a local towns were the Town of Amherst and the Town of Grand Island. Associations included NYSBA, NAHB, and CRBRA (Capital Region Builders and Remodelers Association). Our current NAHB President, Peter Florey and also Mike Fazio, NYSBA Executive Vice President.

This was hosted by the Congress for New Urbanism, an organization in which NYSBA member and past president Bill Tuyn (BNBA) is actively involved. The event provided a platform for discussions on pressing issues facing New York, particularly its housing supply and affordability crisis. Discussions also explored short- and long-term solutions, with plenty of proposed ideas, including code reforms, NY State SEQR reform, infrastructure enhancements, revitalization of existing downtowns, affordable and equitable buildings and communities, and more compelling mixed-use development strategies.

Peter Florey, the President of the New York State Builders Association and a panel speaker, focused on the hurdles encountered in developing and constructing workforce and affordable housing. He highlighted a project on Long Island that his firm undertook over three years ago that had been stalled for forty-five years in the approval process. Florey was pleased to report the recent groundbreaking of the project.

Jim Tobin, CEO of the National Association of Homebuilders, delivered the keynote address, offering insightful perspectives on the current state of housing in the country and his projections for the future. He emphasized the challenges surrounding middle-income housing affordability and underscored the need to address inclusion and diversity in zoning practices.

Sponsors of the event included NYSBA Research and Education Foundation, Buffalo Niagara Builders Association (BNBA), D&F Development Group, and the National



Click **BELOW** to listen to the Secretary of State of Planning Development and Community Infrastructure
- Robert Rodriguez

Secretary of State Address to the Housing Summit

NAHB LEGAL EXPERT TALKS ABOUT RECENT SUPREME COURT CASE ON IMPACT FEES

Host CEO Jim Tobin and COO Paul Lopez welcome Tom Ward, NAHB VP of legal advocacy, to discuss a huge case argued recently at the U.S. Supreme Court on impact fees charged to home builders, home owners and developers. The group also discusses the latest on Capitol Hill, including a tentative agreement to avoid a government shutdown.



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Government Affairs Corner

Government Affairs Updates & Actions

Local Updates:

- Town of Orchard Park-Status has not changed. We will continue to reach out to cover the topic of cluster patio homes in Orchard Park.
- Town of Amherst- A letter will be written to Supervisor Kulpa to arrange a meeting. Topic-Building public sewer on private streets. There is a code in the works that will most likely be voted on in the next few weeks. In addition to this there are 2 possible meetings that should take place in the near future. One with Supervisor Kulpa and the Town Engineer about the sewer issue and the other meeting with Supervisor Kulpa and Mark Berke, Commissioner of Building.
- Town of Lancaster-The moratorium in Lancaster is at a stand still. Jen will monitor the Lancaster meeting schedule to see if it is coming up on the agenda soon. Jeff Palumbo and Mark Longo will be contacted to see if they have any updates as well.

State and National Updates:

- Housing Summit link to register has been in the last few newsletters and a few

emails for the BNBA members to sign up to go. There may be a virtual option when it gets closer. It will be January 26 and 27 in Albany at the University. A few of the sponsors are the BNBA , Central New York and NYSBA.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th at 11:30am via zoom

Rebate Program Added

Company's

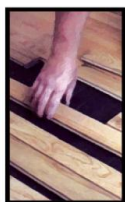
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April-Open

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Network with a Small Group

May-Open

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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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[More information on the study](#)

Building Permits for New Residential Single-Family Construction

****In lieu of non-current reports-click [Building Permit Database](#) to visit the website ****

December 2022 YTD

- Amherst 398
- Buffalo 34
- Cheektowaga 1
- Clarence 98
- Grand Island 34
- Hamburg 54
- Lancaster 66
- Orchard Park 48
- West Seneca 78

Total Units 881

December 2023 YTD

- Amherst 63
- Buffalo 29
- Cheektowaga 16
- Clarence 45
- Grand Island 37
- Hamburg 72
- Lancaster 40
- Orchard Park 40
- West Seneca 99

Total Units 441

****Summary of 2022 and 2023 Building Permits****

Difference is 440 Single Family building permits issued between the 2 years.



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