



# NDAB NEWS

Monthly News from the North Dakota Association of Builders June 2017



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NDAB President

## Presidents Message

June is home ownership month. Those of us involved in the home building industry know the benefits of owning a home, but it is important for us to remind ourselves and educate the public and our public officials about the benefits as well. In some of the communities we live in across the state, it seems other special interests are viewed as more important to the local economy, so I think it is important for us to discuss some of the benefits.

First of all, there are two major tax advantages of owning a home. The first and most widely talked about is the mortgage interest deduction. The other one is the real estate tax deduction. For those who itemize their deductions the mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions can reduce their tax liability. Eliminating the mortgage interest deduction is often brought up when the subject of tax reform is discussed. I can assure you, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) will do everything it can to keep this tax advantage in place for the housing industry.

According to a special study in housingeconomics.com, there are several policy justifications to keeping the deduction for the mortgage interest in place. First of all, research indicates that homeowners are more likely to maintain their homes and be involved in local social and political organizations. Therefore, communities with a large percentage of homeowners tend to possess more public amenities and have a lower crime rate than those with less home ownership. I think most of us see this in our daily lives. People tend to take better care of things when they have an ownership stake.

Another important benefit to home ownership is it provides a means for families to save and accumulate wealth. Housing is the major source of wealth for most US households. As of 2010, the primary residence accounted for 30% of all household assets. Housing is especially important for lower income households, many of whom have very few assets except for the equity in a house.

As we all know, there are many other benefits of home ownership. It is our job to promote these benefits to the public and the public officials so they see the value in keeping pro-housing policies in place. NAHB will do the same on our behalf to keep in place the tax advantages of home ownership on the national level.

Eric



**Kim Schneider**  
CEO

Adjournment sine die – The end of a legislative session “without day”.

The 65th Legislative Assembly adjourned (sine die) on Thursday, April 27th. This means legislators have set the state budget, finalized decisions on all bills introduced, and will not meet again until January 2019. The next step in the process is for all bills that passed both chambers goes on to the desk of the Governor who signs the bill or in some cases, vetoes all or part of the bill. Once the Governor signs a bill, it is then filed with the Secretary of State's office and the law is enacted on the agreed upon date noted in the bill.

NDAB's Government Affairs committee is made up of representatives from all six local associations lead by GA Chairman Jason Eid (Fargo) and Vice Chairman Eric Brendan (Bismarck). NDAB CEO, Kim Schneider, is the registered lobbyist representing NDAB at the Capitol. Our representatives look at bills brought forth that we feel impact our members and industry, discuss the pros and cons of the bill, gather feedback, and make an informed decision on the stance NDAB will hold on a bill. Kim tracks the bill and provides updates to Jason, Eric and the GA committee and if need be, the group reconvenes to discuss any changes and a possible change in the stance of our position.

During the 65th Legislative session, NDAB tracked a total of 33 bills that covered areas such as radon, carbon monoxide, one-call, diversion, contractors, inspections, essential service workers home incentives, the housing incentive fund, and many other bills that impacted the home building industry in either a positive or negative way. NDAB is proud to share that we worked closely with House and Senate members and various lobbyists from across the state. Members from across the state traveled to Bismarck on several occasions to testify, show support and ensure their voice was heard through emails and phone calls. When we hosted an evening social, a Q & A lunch and a thank you lunch for the legislators, NDAB was well represented. Strength in numbers was proven this past session and we greatly appreciate the support given by all!

Just because the final gavel has hit, our advocacy work does not end. With your legislators, back in their home towns, please make sure you are inviting them to your events and meetings. Keep the conversations and relationships going and thank them for their hard work. NDAB members will also be traveling to DC where we will be meeting with Senator Heitkamp, Senator Hoeven and Congressman Cramer discussing national issues and thanking them for their continued hard work.

If interested in learning how you can be more involved, just contact our office or your local association. Your voice matters!

Take care, Kim

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## Around the State

### Bismarck Mandan Homebuilders Assoc.

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- More than 3,000 spectators made their way through 40 homes during the Spring Parade of Homes April 27-30.
- The BMHBA is the recipient of an Association Excellence Award for its work with the Girl Scouts to create welcome mats for homeowners.
- A new event that encourages builders to gather is gaining ground; three Builders Only Socials have taken place and more are scheduled throughout the year.
- 2018 Home Show registration will open earlier than ever using the new online layout and reservation system. Keep an eye on [bismanhomeshow.com](http://bismanhomeshow.com) for details.

### Dickinson Area Builders Assoc.

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- The DABA is having their summer picnic June 7th and we are excited to see all of our members, their families, and their employees. This year we will be having a bean bag toss tournament where the winners will move on to the state tournament at the state meeting in Williston.
- The DABA Golf Scramble is set for August 10th at the Heart River Golf Course. This is always a great event for our members to network, have fun, and participate in some friendly competition.
- The 2nd annual DABA Parade of Homes is September 9th and 10th. We have an amazing committee planning this event and hope to make it even better than last years! Advertising, Sponsorship, and Home Entry forms are available on our website or by contacting Tiffany at [daba@dickinsonareabuilders.com](mailto:daba@dickinsonareabuilders.com).

### Home Builders Assoc. of Fargo-Moorhead

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- The Spring Parade of Homes Celebration was May 18. Members enjoyed appetizers and were entered to win door prizes. All Parade Builders were entered to win cash prizes. The Luxurious Featured Homes on this year's parade raised just under \$16,000 for Home Builders Care. This is the largest amount ever raised by featured homes, even considering the combined amounts raised by past Spring Parade of Homes and the Fall Parade of Homes

- The HBA of F-M met with North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum in May to discuss the housing industry needs in workforce and affordable housing.
- The HBA of F-M had over 100 members for its Remodelers Council Picnic May 12.
- The HBA of F-M celebrated a win legislatively when Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton signed legislation on May 2 that amended the state's residential building codes and clarified that twin homes, which are two single-family connected homes, won't need automatic fire sprinkler systems.



### Forx Builders Association

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- The PS Garage Doors team did a great job as hosts for the last Builders after Hours. Hats off to them.
- Our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at the Dakota Hunting Club May 23rd. Fargo Glass & Paint is the event sponsor. Italian Moon will provide the burger and brat meal after the shoot. Thanks go out to Loren Abel, Abel Construction, and Andy Hendrickson, Insure Forward, for co-chairing this fun event.
- The 2017 Project House is near completion and it is a very nice house. Thank you to the Project House Committee for all their help on this house. The Committee, Board of Directors and students meet at the house for a tour and pizza the first part of May. The students from the Northland Community & Technical College will graduate May 12th. After graduation the carpentry students invite their relatives and friends to a reception at the house to show what they have been working on all year.

### Minot Association of Builders

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- MAB hosted its first Bags for Builders Cornhole Tournament on April 25th at the Minot Country Club! Despite the cold temperatures, the tournament went well and Mark Weiskopf and Marty Straley of Gravel Products in Minot won the tournament. The pair will proceed to the NDAB tournament in Williston in June.
- The Tool Belt Barbecue happened in May. The Association board battled for the title of best BBQ rib cook while taking part in the Redneck Photo Booth and buying tickets to the Meat Raffle sponsored by Future Builders! MAB would like to offer a special thanks to
- First International Bank & Trust, Dakota Stone and Granite and Anasazi Builders for sponsoring the event.
- June 19th brings the MAB Board Picnic. MAB Executive Officer, Elysha, will host the Board of Directors and their families at her home and they'll spend a relaxing evening getting to know each other and enjoying the summer weather!
- The 2017 Birdie with the Builders Golf Tournament is July 31st at the Minot Country Club. MAB is excited about the change and hopes the difference in venue will bring a larger number of registrants. This year MAB is encouraging hole sponsors to get more involved with golfers and set up a table at their corresponding hole!
- The Guns 'n' Roses Trap Shoot is taking place on August 29th from 5-8 PM at the Minot Gun Club. After participants finish shooting trap, they can purchase a dozen roses for \$20 to take home to their someone special.
- The 2017 Parade of Homes is quickly approaching! On September 16th from 10 AM to 4 PM, the Parade route will be open to the general public. This year's route is shaping up to be just as strong as the 2016 Parade!

### Williston Area Builders Association

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- 2017 Home and Garden Show Scheduled for April 7-8, 2017
- The Williston Area Builders Association (WABA) is excited to announce that the date for 7th Annual Home and Garden Show has been set for April 7-8, 2017 at the Raymond Family Community Center in Williston.