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# A message from our CMBA Executive Director Wanda Schroeder



As many of you know, 2021 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the CMBA. Although that is a great accomplishment, we realize it's time to turn off cruise control and put our foot on the gas pedal as we look ahead and navigate into the future. With that said, we are excited to add new venues and make changes that will help us continue to evolve and strengthen our local community; one of these examples was our first Bags for Tools bean bag event in June. Our focus continues to be on advocating for the building industry, collaborating with our local schools to help build your future workforce, educating you on what is happening in the industry, creating collaboration opportunities for members and being a consumer resource for their building needs.

Your feedback is always welcome here, so please do not hesitate to reach out to Nikki or me anytime. We also have numerous Committee opportunities if you'd be willing to share a bit of your time and talents. We've learned a lot through the pandemic and we understand that some of you prefer live meetings while others prefer remote attendance. We will continue to offer the Zoom option for all Committee meetings to provide you flexibility and accommodate your personal preference. Our 2022 Home and Lifestyle Show planning has already started and we could use your help if you, or a staff member, are interested in paving the path for this event as we look to evolve the show. Contact us today if you are interested in joining a meeting and seeing what they are all about.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to the building industry and our local community.



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1	2	3	4 11:00 Membership Committee Mtg 12:00 Spike Mtg.	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 Home and Lifestyle Show Meeting.	11 9:00 CMBA Board Meeting 4:00 Golf Committee Mtg.	7:30 Commercial 12 Council Board Meeting 3:00 Tools for Schools Mtg.	13	14
15	16	17 9:00 Sporting Clay Shoot Mtg.	18	Sporting Clay Event	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

View CMBA Online Calendar Here Calendar subject to change - watch online



## Attention CMBA Members

We need your expertise and creativity! We are in the planning stages for the 2022 Home & Lifestyle Show, which will be at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center on March 11 and 12. Join our committee on August 10th at 7:00 a.m. or email us your ideas or suggestions. It takes a community to make the CMBA Home and Lifestyle Show a

success.

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-JIM MOELLER Rice, Minnesota



Jim Moeller, dad, and Nate Moeller, Paramount Construction, at the Bags for Tools Event in June.



Reader's Digest May 2021 Issue, Your True Stories in 100 Words on page 28.

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Filed in Economics, Housing Affordability, Trends on July 27, 2021

The share of prospective home buyers looking to buy a newly built home peaked at 42% in the fourth quarter of 2020, before falling to 38% and 33%, respectively, in the first two quarters of 2021. The drop is most likely the direct result of strong gains in new home prices in 2021, which have been driven by double-digit growth in the <u>price</u> of goods used in residential construction. These results come from NAHB's latest <u>Housing Trends Report</u>.

In contrast, the share of buyers looking only at existing homes rose from 31% in the final quarter of 2020 to 35% in the second quarter of 2021, while those who will buy either new or existing homes increased from 27% to 32% of all prospective buyers during this period.



#### Type of Home Buyers Are Looking For (Percent of Prospective Home Buyers)

Regionally, the share of buyers who would prefer a new home peaked in the Northeast and West in the first quarter of 2021 at 60% and 51%, respectively, before falling to 34% and 40% in the second quarter of the year. In the South, the share peaked in the third quarter of 2020 at 33%, but is now at 30%. In the Midwest, the share peaked in the final quarter of 2020 at 27%, but is now down to 19%.

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Type of Home Buyers Are Looking For by Region (Percent of Prospective Home Buyers)

Rose Quint, NAHB's assistant vice president for survey research, provides more analysis in this <u>Eye on Housing</u> <u>blog post</u>.

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**CMBA Government Affairs Committee gives mixed marks to the 2021 Minnesota Legislature.** The Legislature finally completed a new two-year State Budget just in time to avoid a major state government shutdown after a strange year of pandemic-induced remote meetings and committee hearings. CMBA helped block new street impact and parkland dedication fees that could have added more than \$10,000 to the costs of each new unit of housing. CMBA also helped block a disposal fee on new carpeting, and a mandate that all new or significantly remodeled garages be built with electric car outlets. CMBA supported successful legislation protecting Minnesota's Contractor Recovery Fund (CRF) from being raided for other state spending. The next CMBA Government Affairs Committee Meeting is Tues., Aug. 17, 8-9 a.m. **To get involved**, contact Steve Gottwalt, steve@cmbaonline.org, 952-923-5265.

#### CMBA and GSDC renewing efforts to lift work site age

**restrictions** that prevent more young people from experiencing the building trades. CMBA has long championed state legislation allowing 16-17 year olds to work on construction job sites in a safe manner, but the legislation has not moved in recent years due to partisan opposition. CMBA is partnering with the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation (GSDC), local legislators and others to find a way to address the issue. "The shortage of labor in the building trades is a growing crisis," said CMBA Government Affairs Consultant, Steve Gottwalt. "We need policy makers and stakeholders to step-up and support common sense legislation allowing more young people to experience working in the trades."

#### City of Sauk Rapids set to begin Comprehensive Plan update.

The City of Sauk Rapids will hold a kick-off meeting Aug. 19 to begin the process of updating the city's Comprehensive Plan which helps guide future land use and development. Sauk Rapids Community Development Director, Todd Schultz, said one of the city's top priorities in the Comprehensive Plan update is spurring more singlefamily home development, and he looks forward to connecting with CMBA builders to get their perspectives. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, you can reach Todd Schultz at tschultz@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us, 320-258-5315.

Sartell City Council approves County Road 1 and trail improvements. The City Council approved the final design of the County Road 1 project after addressing safety concerns raised by residents. The project includes an 8-foot-wide paved trail from Sartell Street to 12th Street North, multiple overlooks of the Mississippi River, a "new" pedestrian bridge, a facelift to Veterans Park, reconstruction of the parking lot at Watab Park, and safety measures throughout the entirety of the project. The project also includes sidewalk connectors from the Riverside trail to existing trails on 7th Street North and 12th Street North, providing Sartell with a complete trail network from 2nd Street South to 12th Street North and beyond.

**Minnesota joins national enforcement effort to uncover unlicensed contractor activity.** Minnesota DoLI collaborated with the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) in a coordinated enforcement effort in June. Investigators with DoLI's Construction Codes and Licensing Division's Enforcement Unit searched various online platforms for unlicensed residential building contractors offering services for which licensure is required. Many of the consumer complaints DoLI receives relating to unlicensed contractors are from homeowners who found their contractor on websites such as Craigslist, Facebook, Home Advisor, Neighborhood and Thumbtack.

Apply to serve on a Minnesota DoLI board or council by August 15 to help address construction, electricity and high-pressure piping codes and rules. The Construction Codes Advisory Council reviews laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements related to building construction. Legislation recently passed adding two positions to the council, representatives with expertise in, and engaged in, the energy conservation industry and building accessibility. Three seats are open for application: public utility supplier, energy conservation industry, and building accessibility. The **Board of Electricity** adopts rules and amends the National Electrical Code, issues final interpretations and adopts rules to regulate electrical businesses and individual licensure and continued education. One seat is open for application: an electrical supplier in a rural area. The Board of High Pressure Piping adopts rules for the high pressure piping code for Minnesota, issues final interpretations and adopts rules to regulate high pressure piping licensure and registration. One seat is open for application: a high pressure piping master pipefitter, non-metro. Contact: Lyndy Logan, lyndy.logan@state.mn.us, 651-284-5912. For more information: www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils.

#### Survey says: Minnesota business services firms

**expect continued economic recovery into 2022.** The annual survey by Minnesota DEED and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis in May and June reveals tempered optimism. Minnesota business services firms (including engineers, accountants and architects) expect continued recovery from the pandemic recession during the next four quarters, with 55% of respondents expecting increase in consumer spending and 46% anticipating growth in employment. 201 Minnesota business services firms responded to the survey. Most of them expect unchanged or improving conditions for the coming year, but they also expressed concerns about inflation and labor availability. Find a detailed report of the <u>2021</u> Survey of Minnesota Business Services Firms on the DEED website.

Watch for CMBA's monthly "Cities and Counties Update" providing a digest of development and building-related activity among our local units of government. The Update is provided via email and at CMBAonline.org.

# **Building Permit Report**

Jurisdiction	Jan-Jun 2016	Jan-Jun 2017	Jan-Jun 2018	Jan-Jun 2019	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jun-20	Jun-21
Cold Spring	7	12	15	6	8	4	4	1
Foley	3	5	4	1	1	0	0	0
St. Augusta	11	8	6	6	10	13	5	3
St. Cloud	45	58	39	42	53	45	22	17
St. Joseph	10	6	13	5	4	7	1	0
Sartell	35	32	29	23	16	58	4	18
Sauk Rapids	30	12	18	11	8	9	1	0
Waite Park	3	0	3	2	3	3	0	0
Rice	2	2	7	7	15	19	4	1
Rockville	10	3	4	1	3	6	0	0
Total	156	138	138	104	121	164	41	40

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#### **Building Permit History Report January - June**

Residential real estate activity composed of single-family properties, townhomes and condominiums combined. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures. Based on residential market activity in the cities of St. Cloud, St. Joseph, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park.

## **Activity Overview**

Key metrics by report month and for year-to-date (YTD) starting from the first of the year.



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# The CMBA is



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Central MN Credit Union Lynn Dirkes, Travis Moore, Wanda (CMBA) and Tonia Zimmer

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## **Milestones in Membership**

Thank you to all who renewed their membership in June we are highlighting the Milestone years!



## **Current Membership is 357 Members**





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Mike Gohman doing a good luck skirt dance!



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My name is Andrew Burrows, and I am this year's chair on the Remodelers Council, and I have been on the Board since 2019. It has been a great way to get involved in the CMBA. I work for Beacon Building Products, we are a roofing, siding and windows distributor for contractors and being a part of this Board has also been great for networking with others in the industry. Please consider joining the Remodeler's Board you won't be disappointed. If you want to get a sneak peak of what we are about, please attend the next Breakfast for Builders meeting on September 2nd. Hope to see you there.



Where: Lumber One Avon

101 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW

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Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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Bulow MN Inc	2	Fairways	5312 Tee to Green Street	St. Cloud
Berscheid Builders, LLC	3		1275 Osauka Road NE	Sauk Rapids
Wollak Construction, Inc.	4	Eagle Ridge Estates 3	3051 12th Avenue North	Sartell
Werschay Homes, Inc.	5	The Gates at Blackberry Ridge	2710 Lehman Court	Sartell
Werschay Homes, Inc.	6	The Gates at Blackberry Ridge	2741 Lehman Court	Sartell
Noble Custom Homes	7	Providence 2	1808 11th Street North	Sartell
Woodland Homes Inc.	8	Arbor Trails 3rd Addition	2011 Sandstone Loop North	Sartell
DG Homes & Remodeling, Inc.	9	Sauk River Estates	614 Pebble Creek Drive	St. Cloud
Berscheid Builders, LLC	10	Sauk River Estates	5833 Rivers Edge Drive	St. Cloud
Lumber One, Avon, Inc.	11	Stone Gate	3090 Nottingham Road South	St. Cloud
Lumber One, Avon, Inc.	12	Stirling Waters	4197 30th Street South	St. Cloud
Schnettler Custom Builders, LLC	13	Quarry Woods	2413 34th Street South	St. Cloud
Schnettler Custom Builders, LLC	14	Deer Creek Crossing	2137 Tamarack Drive	St. Cloud
J. Dale Builders Inc.	15		23582 26th Ave	St. Augusta
Werschay Homes, Inc.	16	Eagles Landing	22016 Talon Drive	St. Augusta
Werschay Homes, Inc.	17	Eagles Landing	1874 215th Street	St. Augusta
Smart'n Construction LLC	18	Rich River Estates	716 4th Street NW	Richmond
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