

HBRA Central CT Turns Out in Force to Defeat Sprinkler Mandate

At the May 23rd Regs Review Committee meeting, 50+ HBRA members wearing safety vests outnumbered fire Marshalls 5 to 1, and the proposed mandate for fire sprinklers in townhouses was unanimously rejected!.



Central CT HBRA V./P. Sheila Leach and Garret Cook, Cyclone Home Systems

“It’s a big win for our industry and for affordable homeownership by eliminating \$10,000 worth of added cost to homeowners” says Johnny Carrier, HBRA Central CT Member of Codes & Standards.

Last August, upon Bob Hanbury’s retirement, the Codes & Standards Committee had included this mandate, but with help from members, realtors, water purveyors and

HBRA staff, we were able to successfully articulate our positions.

With today’s rejection, Codes & Standards will need to remove the Sprinkler Mandate and re-submit to the Regulations Review Committee. The new code is slated to take effect between July 1st and October 1st.



L-R Johnny Carrier, Kevin & Eric Santini

Larry Fiano Fundraiser for Senator Cassano



Larry Fiano hosted a lunch fundraiser to support State Senator Steve Cassano on March 27th at Casa Mia on the Green in Rocky Hill.

Remodelers Council Hosts Building Science Fundamentals event with instructor Dr. Joe Lstiburek on April 6th at the Sheraton in Rocky Hill. There were over 120 attendees for this great event where the attendees could earn AIA CEUs and BPI credits.



Instructor, Joe Lstiburek & Clara Childress of James Hardie

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National Remodeling Month Kick Off



To kick off National Remodeling Month on May 1st Alan Hanbury and the Remodelers Council of HBRA of Central CT had 16 Council members donate their time and materials to build a ramp for a child in need in Farmington.

April General Membership Meeting was held at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven on April 26th. Guest speakers were Michael Barbaro, President of Connecticut Realtors Association and a member of the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth and Marc Fitch, Investigative Reporter of Yankee Institute. The group discussed the Commission's report and recommendations.



Student Design Awards Luncheon was held on April 27th at By Carrier's Yorkshire club house in Farmington. The HBRA of Central CT presented awards to the 2018 Student award winners. See photos top of right column.



Bringing Housing Home

On Monday, April 30th HBRA of Central CT participated in NAHB's Bringing Housing Home Campaign. The members met with U.S. Representative Joe Courtney and U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal to discuss crumbling foundations, Canadian soft-wood lumber, Housing Finance Reform, Workforce /Immigration



HBRA Central CT members with Senator Blumenthal



HBRA Central CT members with Representative Courtney

Issues, Regulatory Reform and other issues. HBRA Charitable Foundation was a proud sponsor of the Channel 3 Kids Camp W.R.A.P. Luncheon held on May 3rd at the Connecticut Convention Center.





Home Builders & Remodelers of Eastern CT Hold Golf Tournament



The Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Eastern Connecticut spent a beautiful day on Thursday, May 10th, at River Ridge Golf Course in Griswold. Ninety-two golfers joined us for our Annual Golf Tournament. On behalf of President, David Preka, and the Board of Directors, we thank our golf committee for putting together a wonderful day: Mark Spinnato, Matt Mularski, Dawn Epstein DeCristifaro, and Theresa Mullin.

We would also like to thank the many sponsors who helped support our tournament:

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