

HBRA Connecticut River Region



Steve Temkin, T&M Homes & Sheri Cote, HBRA CT River Region in one of the parade homes.

◆ The HBRA of the CT River Region celebrated the 2025 Parade of Homes with a weekend of inspiration, innovation, and incredible craftsmanship with some of Connecticut's finest builders and 15 incredible homes in October.



Charitable Foundation Chairwoman Liz Koiva of Nordic Builders of Tolland



(L-R) Johnny Carrier, By Carrier; Patrick Caulkins, Caulkins Homes; Ralph Riccio, EOS & Outgrow; and Nick Uccello, Uccello Fine Homes



Foundation beneficiary – the Salvation Army

◆ The HBRA Charitable Foundation held its Biennial Benefit Auction on November 7th at the Aqua Turf Club with Shake Rattle & Roll Dueling Pianos. It was an evening of great company, lively bidding, and meaningful impact, raising more than \$115,000. Every ticket, every bid, and every cheer helped fund scholarships and local programs that strengthen Connecticut communities.



New Members and Board members at reception

◆ The Association held a New Member Reception in December, highlighting membership benefits provided by the local association, HBRA CT, and NAHB.

Strategic Plan November 25



Back row: (l-r) Matt Gilchrist, EG Home; George LaCava, Trilacon Development Corporation; Matt Morrell, Chelsea Groton Bank; Bryant Coogan, Rings End; Jeff Miller, Larew Doyle; Chip Poenhert, Liberty Bank; Sean Blette, Elite Contracting Services; Greg Ugalde, T&M Homes; Eric Person, HBRA CT River Region; Patrick Caulkins, Caulkins Homes; Greg Chandler, Gold Sheild Construction
Front row: (l-r) Sheri Cote, HBRA CT River Region, Cathy LaPierre, Laza Properties; Barbara Donn, Core Plus Federal Credit Union



Strategic planning committee at work

- ◆ The Association held a Strategic Planning Retreat in November to solidify 2026 Priority Areas: 1) Foster membership growth that advances the HBRA’s mission; 2) Offer innovative events and programs that provide member value; 3) Strengthen Partnerships to expand impact and resources; 4) Build advocacy strength through unified efforts; and 5) Drive operational excellence



Multifamily Council members at The Olmsted in Farmington



Multifamily Council Chair Bob Wiedenman speaking to members at CT Lighting



- ◆ The HBRA CT River Region’s Multifamily Council met in December at Centre Mall Redevelopment in Bristol, January at The Olmsted Farmington, and February at CT Lighting Centers with presentations from Eric Lynch, Economist, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Victor Noletti, Executive Managing Director, Institutional Property Advisors (IPA).

Multifamily Council members touring the Centre Mall Redevelopment

HBRA Holiday Celebration



(l-r) Rachel Wardwell, Calcagni Real Estate; Jill Florian, Freedom Property; Luke Florian, Freedom Property; Paul Serafino, Lynx Systems; Carolyn Serafino, Lynx Systems



(l-r) Barbara Donn, CorePlus Federal Credit Union; Jeff Jakubowski, Team Green; Jessica Burzycki, Keith's Appliances; Kim Tondreau, CorePlus Federal Credit Union; Garrett Reed, Keith's Appliances



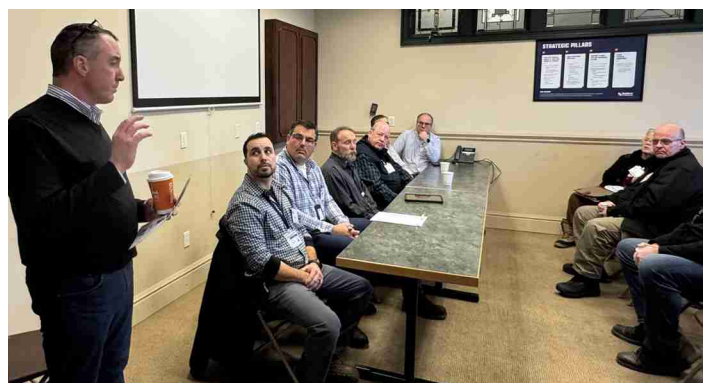
(l-r) Dare Olumori, Diamond Homes; Amanda Lai, QuinnHaven Kitchen Cabinets; John Vecchitto, Elm Tree Funding

- ◆ The HBRA celebrated the holiday season at Saybrook Point Resort & Marina in December with a festive evening of networking, fabulous food, and meaningful connections among members and industry partners.

Building Officials Jan 15 and Feb 12



Building Officials from Groton City, Guilford, Enfield, Ledyard, Stonington, East Lyme, Franklin, and the State of CT



Eric Person, HBRA CT River Region CEO, and Building Officials from Enfield, Simsbury, Waterbury, Bloomfield, South Windsor, and the State of CT

- ◆ The Association held two Building Officials events this winter: “Meet the Building Officials” at Riverhead Building Supply in Niantic in January, and a Building Officials Breakfast at Builder’s First Source in East Hartford in February. Attendees at both events were very engaged, sharing real-world challenges and solutions.

HBRA Annual Awards Gala and Installation of Directors



Event Attendees



(l-r) Ken Boynton, Boynton Construction and Hall of Fame Inductee; Bob Peterson, NAHB 2nd Vice Chairman; Steve Dalene, Dalene Flooring; Micky Dalene, Dalene Flooring



Board of Directors swearing in



Greg Ugalde, T&M Homes & HBRA CT River Region Chairman

◆ The HBRA Annual Awards Gala + Installation of Directors took place in January and was a fabulous night of celebrating excellence, leadership, and community in the home building industry. 2025 Award Winners were Builder of the Year: Dare Olumorin, Diamond Homes; Remodeler of the Year: Andrew LaRoche, LaRoche Builders; Associate of the Year: Tony Pion, Andersen Windows; Multifamily Member of the Year: Bob Wiedenmann, Sunwood Development; New Member

of the Year: Jeff Jakubowski, Team Green; Housing Hall of Fame: Kenneth Boynton, Boynton Construction, as well as 3 President's Awards: Patrick Caulkins, Caulkins Homes; Liz Koiva, Nordic Builders of Tolland, and Chip Poehner, Liberty Bank. The Parade of Homes People's Choice Awards were also celebrated: Favorite Home: Diamond Homes; Favorite Kitchen: EG Home; Favorite Bathroom: Rebuilt Homes; Special Feature: LaRoche Builders. Bob Peterson, NAHB Second Vice Chairman presided over the Installation of Officers, and swore Greg Ugalde, T&M Homes in as he took the reins as President of the Association for 2026 + 2027. ■



Beach House Trio