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Calendar

July 11 - Golf Outing

No meeting in July

No meeting in August

No newsletter in August

September 17 - Meeting and Seminar at Wickliffe Community and Senior Center

BOCONEO needs our members to step up to the plate and volunteer their time and talent to help put together the 2009 OBOA - BOCONEO Joint Conference.

Please contact companies and others in your area that may be prospective boosters of BOCONEO and community safety.

The success of the 2009 OBOA-BOCONEO Joint Conference depends on donors, sponsors, and advertisers.

Positions available:

- Eastlake
- Olmsted Falls
- Wickliffe
- Bedford Heights
- Maple Heights
- North Royalton

See the want ads on page 3.

B.O.C.O.N.E.O. Officers

*President: Phil Seyboldt
Bedford, Ohio*

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Beachwood, Ohio*

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Wickliffe, Ohio*

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South Russell, Ohio*

*Treasurer: Dale Grabfelder
Geauga County Building Department*

*Past President: Bill Desvari
Lorain, Ohio*

The Prez Sez . . .

I hope that everyone is having a nice summer. We finished up our 10-year long stand at the Lodge in Richmond Heights, and now we are looking forward to the next chapter in BOCONEO's existence in Wickliffe. BOCONEO is about 55 years old now, having started in about 1953. When I started in the organization, we were meeting in Bedford at the Ellenwood Center. We got about 45 to 50 members at a meeting back then, which wasn't all that long ago. From there we went to the Bedford Heights City Hall, which was brand new at the time and was very nice. We outgrew that location, too. Now our meeting attendance is approaching 130 to 150 individuals on a pretty regular basis, and I think that the growth of our organization is a function of the great job that we do in providing education and other benefits to our members. Our website has grown to the point at which it is a first rate site with information on every subject that you can deal with as an inspector. Our newsletter is second to none. We have a lot going for us right now. To continue our success, though, we need the interest of our membership. The organization can only be as good as our members want it to be. Your cooperation in attending our meetings and classes, in supporting our events such as our golf outing, and your time and efforts in helping to organize our conference in February are just some of the ways that you can contribute. We also need some of the younger members to step forward and be tomorrow's leaders. If you are interested in becoming more active in our chapter, speak up and let somebody know. We need your help to remain strong.

Our next event is the Golf Outing. Let's sell those hole sponsorships and then get out and play. I hope to see everyone at the course on July 11th. Remember that our next meeting is in Wickliffe. Don't go to the Lodge any more. It will be a lonely meeting for you if you do. Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts and stay safe.

Kindest Regards,

Phil Seyboldt

Foursome and sponsor forms are at the end of this newsletter.

The BOCONEO Golf Outing
Friday, July 11, 2008



9:00 AM
at

Rolling Greens Golf Course
15900 Mayfield Road
Huntsburg Township, OH

Scramble Format !!

Phil's Notes from the OBOA Meeting of June 13th, 2008

1. OBOA's Disaster Response Program was discussed at some length. The committee is still working with certain attorneys and Law Directors to investigate our rights under the States Memorandum of Understanding with FEMA and the ODNR. The working points at this time remain to be as follows:

- How are our members covered by insurance and Workmen's Compensation while on duty in another jurisdiction during a response to a disaster? The answer seems to be that your home jurisdiction is still covering you with your normal health insurance and your Workmen's Compensation. That might be a sticking point with our employers, since a claim on Workmen's Compensation is so expensive for our employers.
- How are expenses during a response covered? There would be out-of-pocket costs for our members while volunteering, such as gas, meals, lodging and other miscellaneous costs. The answer to that question is that the jurisdiction that is encountering the disaster is responsible for those costs. They would have to agree to cover those types of expenses prior to our sending responders to the disaster event.
- How does FEMA fit into the whole equation? Right now, they really don't. As the law is currently written, FEMA covers the costs and expenses for "First Responders" only. Since we are not considered to be first responders when we are doing damage evaluation, our costs are not covered. The fact that is not taken into account is that often our members are performing several functions when we respond. One of those functions is to evaluate the condition of damaged structures to determine whether or not they are safe to re-occupy. The evaluation of the damage comes after that. Since we are making those occupancy determinations, we may still be considered to be first responders. Our committee chairs are trying to discuss this matter with FEMA officials to see if we would fit into the category of first responders while performing that function.
- Our response team that took part in the flooding in Findlay and in Ottawa County found that there were about a dozen different tasks that our members dealt with. Some of those tasks were writing reports and organizing teams, while others dealt with actually doing inspections and dispatching the inspection teams to certain neighborhoods and locations. The next level of training will deal with the experiences of those individuals that attended past events and attempting to acquaint the responders with actual problems.
- We are now asking for individual inspectors in all of our regional chapters to evaluate their level of interest in the program and to speak to their mayors and city managers to pre-arrange permission to respond to a disaster event. We believe that with the last-minute type of notification that we would be dealing with, those that are interested in responding will have to have already spoken to their employers to fill them in on the program and get their permission to be absent from work. While responding to the event, an individual will still be paid by his home jurisdiction. Your normal salary is not an expense that anyone is covering at this time. That is something that FEMA might cover in the future if the arrangements could be made to have our people considered as first responders.

2. The Residential Code Advisory Committee (RCAC) is appointed by the Governor and, together with the BBS, controls all aspects of enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio. It is made up of about seven individuals, including residential contractors, architects, building officials and a mayor representative. Most of those original appointments to that committee are now expiring, and OBOA is making recommendations to the Governor's office as to who we feel should fill the two seats held by building officials. If you have any interest you should let me know immediately so that you might be considered for one of the slots. The RCAC meets once a month in Reynoldsburg to deal with such topics as the appointment of residential building officials, code interpretations and new code adoptions.

3. Region V of ICC is made up of representatives of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky. It has been struggling since its inception a few years ago because of its lack of cohesiveness. While Ohio has a very good organization of building officials, with our regional organizations such as BOCONEO being sister organizations to OBOA, the other states have no such organization. There are several chapters within those states, but the individual chapters do not interact or have any inter-relationship. This is a major problem right now, because we are trying to promote an Ohio candidate for ICC Board of Directors again as we promoted Billy Phillips several years ago. Rick Helsing, who is a Past President of both SWOBOA and OBOA, is interested in running to a seat on the ICC Board. We will keep everyone up to date on this Region V effort to promote Rick's candidacy. This is a good opportunity to think about attending the Final Action Code hearings that are coming up in September in Minneapolis. The Annual Conference is set for September 14th through the 23rd, 2008. You can find out more about it at <http://abm.iccsafe.org/2008/splash.html>.

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City of Eastlake

Chief Building Official

The City of Eastlake is accepting applications for the position of Chief Building Official. Responsibilities include residential, commercial and industrial inspections and zoning code enforcement. The successful candidate must possess a current certification in the following areas: Class 1 - CBO and also certified in the areas of electrical and plumbing. The Chief Building Official should possess at least five (5) years supervisory experience. Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should forward a detailed resume outlining their experience no later than Monday, July 7, 2008 to:

Ted Andrzejewski, Mayor
City of Eastlake
35150 Lakeshore Boulevard
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

Olmsted Falls

Assistant Building and Zoning Administrator

The City of Olmsted Falls is seeking an Assistant Building and Zoning Administrator. Candidates must possess OBBS Building Inspector and Electrical Safety Inspector certifications, with additional certification for plumbing inspections preferred. Principal duties include residential and commercial building code enforcement, inspections, plan reviews, permit issuance and zoning enforcement. Applicants must be able to perform field inspections and possess good people skills. A valid driver's license is required. Salary range-\$45-53,000.

Candidates should submit resumes by May 23, 2008. Send to:

Robert W. McLaughlin, CBO
Olmsted Falls Building Department
26100 Bagley Rd.
Olmsted Falls Ohio 44138

Wickliffe, Ohio

Property Maintenance

The City of Wickliffe Building Department is seeking a part-time property maintenance inspector. The prospective candidates shall possess an International Property Maintenance Certification from the International Code Council or be able to obtain these certifications within six months of hiring.

Qualified applicants shall have working experience and knowledge in the inspections of single family residential buildings and multifamily dwellings.

Applicants must possess, as a minimum, a valid Ohio Driver's license, be eighteen years old and shall be subject to a background check.

Candidates should send resumes to:

Raymond F. Sack, Jr.
Building Commissioner
City of Wickliffe
28730 Ridge Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092
(440) 943-7115

Bedford Heights, Ohio

Electrical/Building Inspector

The City of Bedford Heights is seeking a full or part time inspector who possess an ESI and a Class III for the Building Inspections Department. Qualified applicants shall have working experience and knowledge in the inspections of commercial and residential buildings and the State of Ohio building codes.

Applicants must possess, as a minimum, one of the following State of Ohio certifications: (1) Electrical Safety Inspector, ESI (2) Class III Commercial Building Inspector (3) State of Ohio Commercial Plumbing certification (4) Residential Building Inspector. Applicants must be able to perform field inspections and possess good people skills. Valid Ohio Driver's license required.

Candidates should send resumes to:

Paul R. Konys, Building Commissioner
The City of Bedford Heights
5661 Perkins Road Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146
440-786-3234 * pkonys@bedfordheights.gov

City of North Royalton, Ohio

Electrical/Building Inspector

The City of North Royalton is seeking a part-time Electrical/ Building Inspector for the Building Inspections Department. Qualified applicants shall have working experience and knowledge in the inspections of commercial and residential buildings and the State of Ohio building codes.

Applicants must possess, as a minimum, the following State of Ohio certifications: (1) Electrical Safety Inspector, ESI and (2) Commercial Building Inspector. Applicants must be able to perform field inspections and possess good people skills. Valid Ohio Driver's license required.

Candidates should send resumes to:

Rito Alvarez, Building Commissioner
The City of North Royalton Building Department
11545 Royalton Rd.
North Royalton, OH 44133
Ph. (440) 582-3000
Fax (440) 582-3089

Maple Heights, Ohio

Building/Electrical/Plumbing Inspector

Job Qualifications: Good people skills, dealing with general public and contractors in a calm and professional manner.
State of Ohio Building Inspector (Class III)
State of Ohio Residential Building Official (RBO)
State of Ohio Electrical Safety Inspector (ESI)
And or State of Ohio Plumbing Inspector
Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel
Must be proficient in Microsoft Word
Must be proficient with Zone Pro municipal software

Send resume to:

City of Maple Heights
Department of Human Resources
5353 Lee Road
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE
City of Maple Heights is an equal opportunity employer.

***Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio
Annual Golf Outing @ Rolling Greens Golf Course
July 11, 2008
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

*Rolling Greens Golf Course
15900 Mayfield Road
Huntsburg Township, OH*



***Shotgun Start 9:00 A.M.
Registration 7:30-8:30 A.M.***

Scramble Format !!

*Practice Green
Pin Shots & Long Drives
Cash Prizes & More
Good Time For All !!!*

*\$60.00 per player includes: green fees, cart, hot dog & beverage at turn, buffet dinner.
Beverage cart on course not included in cost.*

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RESERVE TEES FOR THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS @ \$60.00 PER PLAYER

NAMES

COMPANY OR AFFILIATION

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I WILL ALSO SPONSOR A HOLE @ \$50.00/HOLE # HOLES X \$50.00 = \$ _____

TEAM WITH HIGHEST HOLE SPONSORSHIPS PLAYS FREE.

TEAM or SELLER NAME: _____

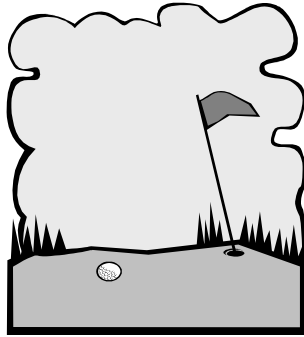
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BOCONEO - ATTENTION: DALE GRABFELDER, TREASURER,
P.O. BOX 1008, CHESTERLAND, OHIO 44026.

PLAYERS: CONTACT Mark Patterson @ 440-350-2636 ext. 103, Fax: 440-350-2660

REQUEST for SPONSORS

Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio Annual Golf Outing

*Rolling Greens Golf Course
15900 Mayfield Road
Huntsburg Township, OH*



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SPONSOR FORM

PROCEEDS BENEFIT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INDICATE SIGN COPY BELOW

DEADLINE FOR SIGN COPY IS JULY 3, 2008

Company Name _____

Phone _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

COMPANY WILL SPONSOR # HOLES _____ X \$50.00 = \$ _____

TEAM SELLING THE MOST HOLE SPONSORS PLAYS FREE.

SELLER NAME: _____

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P.O. BOX 1008, Chesterland, OHIO 44026.

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