



From the President...

Our annual membership dues are due by the end of February 2023. A membership renewal form can be downloaded from the website and payment invoices will be sent to all outstanding members.

Our February event provides an opportunity for you and your significant other to enjoy a wonderful dinner at Timmerman's Supper Club. The sign up sheet is enclosed with all the details. Please consider joining us for this special event!

The **Greater Dubuque Home and Builders Show** is scheduled for the February 17-19, 2023. The committee has been hard at work making plans and contacting vendors for the show. If you are interested in a spot at the show, please reach out to the office and a packet will be sent to you. Or, to make the process easier, you can sign up on our website at dubuquehomebuilders.com. We will be reaching out for some volunteer help for various positions during the show. More information is enclosed within this newsletter.

If any of you have information you would like to share with our group, feel free to contact us via email at dbqhb115@gmail.com. We'd love to share the news with the membership!

Joel Mozena
President

General Meeting...

Valentine Dinner Party

When: Monday, February 13, 2023

Time: Cocktails at 6:00PM, DINNER AT 7:00PM

Where: Timmerman's Supper Club
7777Timmerman Dr, East Dubuque, IL

Dinner: Provided by Timmerman's.

Choice of NY Strip steak, chicken cordon bleu or salmon, and all the fixings

Cost: \$40 per adult

Reservations due by February 7, 2023

NOTE: No Show Reservations will be invoiced

call or text: (563) 582-4553 (office)
email: dbqhb115@gmail.com

Key Dates...

February...

Monday, February 6—Board Meeting

Monday, February 13—Valentine Dinner Party at Timmerman's Supper Club

Friday February 17 thru Sunday February 19, Greater Dubuque Home & Builders Show at Grand River Center

March...

Monday, March 6—Board Meeting

April...

Monday, April 3—Board Meeting



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Mission Statement..

Dubuque Homebuilders and Associates is a non-profit trade organization formed to promote and enhance the professionalization of home building and associated businesses in the tristate area. Our goal is to achieve continuity and communication among builders, sub-contractors, suppliers, financial institutions and local government to network for community growth and development

Can You Help?

Volunteers Needed

We're in need some help at the Home Show. Looking for volunteers to help at the Home Show on February 17-19, 2023. Areas include a Homebuilders Booth, ticket sales, vendor check-in, sign-up, set-up, tear down, etc.

If interested, please email dbqhba115@gmail.com or call 563-582-4553.

Thank you!



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Priorities

SF43 – Design Standards (Webster) - This bill relates to the regulation of building design elements by governmental subdivisions. The bill defines “national model code”, “residential building”, and “residential building design element”.

The bill prohibits a governmental subdivision from adopting or enforcing a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other regulation that governs building design elements in three primary manners. First, a governmental subdivision cannot prohibit or limit the use or installation of a building product or material in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the building product or material is approved for use by an applicable, recently published national model code. Second, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a standard for a building product, material, or aesthetic method in construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the standard is more stringent than a standard for the product, material, or aesthetic method under a recently published national model code. Third, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a new, or amend an existing, residential building design element requirement unless certain conditions apply to either the building or the requirement.

The bill does not prohibit or diminish the rights of private parties to enact regulations as created by valid private covenants or other contractual agreements among property owners relating to residential building design elements including but not limited to restrictive covenants and declarations such as those relating to condominiums or otherwise permitted under Iowa law. The bill takes effect upon enactment. *(This is our bill and should pass out of committee next week.)*

Of Interest

SF15 – Home Ownership Assistance for Service Members (Lofgren) - This bill appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund of the state for FY 2023-2024 to the Iowa finance authority for the home ownership assistance program for eligible service members. *(This is another Senator Lofgren bill that seeks additional funding for a program that runs out of money right away. We have been in favor of this since the beginning. There is a long list of organizations in favor and no one opposed. It was voted out of Senate Committee 1/17/2023)*

SF25 – Construction Contractors – (Dawson) - This bill provides that a contractor, for purposes of Code chapter 91C relating to registration of construction contractors, includes a labor broker or recruiter who brings one or more workers to a construction job site in Iowa.

Code chapter 91C provides for administrative penalties of not more than \$500 in the case of a first violation and not more than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation. *(This is a union bill)*

SF135 which was SF27 – Interior Design (Cournoyer) – This is a lengthy bill, but basically: This bill relates to the practice of interior design in Iowa.

The bill changes the defined term “interior design” to “registered interior design” and includes specific practices that do and do not constitute the practice of registered interior design. The bill makes conforming Code changes (International Interior Design Association bill and voted out of Senate Committee)

SF128 which was SF36 – Registration of Construction Contractors (J. Taylor) - This bill provides that a contractor, for purposes of Code chapter 91C relating to registration of construction contractors, includes a labor broker or recruiter who brings one or more workers to a construction job site in Iowa.

Code chapter 91C provides for administrative penalties of not more than \$500 in the case of a first violation and not more than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation. *(Like SF25 and SF36, this is a union bill)*

SF44 – Owners Association Financial Information and Minutes (Green) – This is lengthy, but basically: This bill relates to access to unit owners associations’ financial information and meeting minutes.

Under the bill, a unit owners association is an organization of unit owners in a common interest community, including a planned community, a cooperative under Code chapter 499A, or a horizontal property regime under Code chapter 499B. The bill requires unit owners associations (association) to retain certain records and documents (records) as specified in the bill.

SF108 – Employment of Unauthorized Aliens (Long List of R’s) - This bill prohibits employers from knowingly employing unauthorized aliens.

“Employer” is defined as the same as provided in Code chapter 96 relating to unemployment insurance. “Unauthorized alien” is defined as an alien who does not have the legal right or authorization under federal law to work in the United States as described in 8 U.S.C. §1324a(h)(3) (This is a long and somewhat complex bill and was voted out of Committee. What makes it interesting is the long list of Republicans that put it forward, but the list of organizations against it includes: ABI, AGC, MBI, Iowa Restaurant Association, the BAR, Iowa Motor Truck, Chamber Alliance, and a long list of others. There is a longer list of undecideds, and no one has registered in favor.)

SF116 – Skilled Trades (Donahue) – Current law requires the economic development authority to establish an internship program that assists in placing Iowa students studying in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into internships that lead to permanent positions with Iowa employers. The bill provides that this program shall also assist in placing Iowa students studying skilled trades, including trades related to welding, machinist technology, tool and die making, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, automotive mechanics technology, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technology (skilled trades) into internships that lead to permanent positions with Iowa employers. *(This bill is seven pages long, so check it out.)*

SF119 – Carbon Monoxide (Shipley) - This bill requires the fire marshal to adopt rules for standards relating to carbon monoxide protection that are consistent with the international building code and international fire code. *(This pops up every year.)*

SF120 – Criminal Record History (Bisignano) – this bill prohibits an employer or employment agency from inquiring about or requiring disclosure of the criminal record or criminal history of an applicant until the applicant’s interview is being conducted. *(This pops up every year.)*

SF122 – Wage Payment Collection (Long list of D’s) - This bill relates to the collection of wages from employers by employees under Code chapter 91A, the “Iowa Wage Payment Collection Law”.

SSB1007HSB4 – Real Estate Transfer Tax (Zaun) - This bill creates an exception to the real estate transfer tax for deeds that transfer distributions of assets to beneficiaries of a trust. By operation of law, a declaration of value is not required to be submitted to the county recorder for such transfers under Code sections 428A.1(2) and 428A.4(2). (This is a State Bar Association bill. The Iowa Realtors are in favor.)

SSB1056 – Assessment Limitations for Residential Property (Governor) - An Act relating to the calculation of assessment limitations for residential property and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.



Picnic in the Park
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Riverfront Pavilion
Eagle Point Park
6:00PM – 9:00PM
Sponsored by Black Hills Energy
Steak Dinner from Kalmes Catering
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