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IMPORTANT Dates to Remember

- **Safety Awards Program -**
Reporting forms
Due April 2nd
- **BCA/SJ Sporting
Clay Event -**
Friday, April 27
M&M Hunting
Sporting Clays,
Pennsville, NJ
- **2018 Scholarship
Program -**
Scholarship
Applications due
May 31st



2018 BCA/SJ Scholarship Program

Information outlining eligibility requirements for the 2018 Scholarship Program have been e-mailed to BCA/SJ Members.

This membership service is offered to put greater emphasis on all aspects of education, not exclusively the construction industry.

Request an Application by contacting the Association Office—856-235-6950, or you may access the same on our website www.bcasj.com, click on the education tab.

Call the Association with any questions.



Tool Box Safety Talk

Precautions for Avoiding Electrical Shocks Include, but Not Limited to the following:

General safety precautions: Safety to personnel and safe operation of machines and tools should be of utmost importance in all considerations of using electricity on the jobsite. Electrical hazards are among the most frequently cited OSHA violations. There are many specific standards that address electrical safety. Refer to Subpart K—Electrical (1926.400-449) for more information.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters: The GFCI is a fast acting device that senses a small current leakage to ground. Within 1/40 of a second it shuts off the electricity and “interrupts” the current flow. (Cont.)

It provides effective protection against shocks and electrocution. OSHA requires GCFIs or an assured equipment grounding conductor program on all construction sites and projects.

Extension Cords: Extension cords are convenient ways to provide power to portable equipment. However, they are often misused, resulting in injuries and possible shock hazards. It is important thing to remember that extension cords are for temporary use only. Inspect extension cords for physical damage before use; check rating on the tool being used with an extension cord; do not use an extension cord that has a lower rating; do not plug one extension cord into another.

Electrical Fires: On construction sites, an electrical fire may occur when portable tools overload a power source. If possible to do safely, immediately disconnect the tool or power cord from the power source. This usually results in the electrical fire being extinguished. If the electrical fire has not been extinguished, a trained employee can use a Class “C” or multi-purpose fire extinguisher to PASS over the fire. **PASS = Pull Aim, Spray and Sweep**

BCA/SJ is pleased to welcome the following new Active Contractor Member:

Joseph Porretta Builders Inc.
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As Reported From ACCNJ

Cost of Construction Materials and Services Expected to Rise This Year:

AGC of America's Chief Economist Ken Simonson warns contractors will pay 4% to 5% more overall this year than last for materials and services. Futures prices for March delivery of softwood lumber are already up 25% over January and February. Steel is rising in response to government policy. Copper, aluminum and diesel fuel prices have all seen large increases. The bump in diesel fuel could result in higher prices for truck transportation and leasing.

Proposal Seeks to Reinvent Downtown Toms River:

Toms River's downtown could become a walkable area with apartments, condos and shops, restaurants, craft breweries and micro-distilleries. The new downtown proposal, incorporated in the town's revised master plan, would require changes in building height limits so multifamily structures, for example, could rise as high as eight to ten stories. The township would like to see developers provide shuttle service from downtown to NJ Transit's bus station on Highland Parkway. Plans could include a redesigned, relocated post office, which could move from West Water Street to the corner of Irons and Water and become a three-story facility topped by six more stories of residential units. If a "transit village" design is adopted, multifamily housing could be built next to the bus station and traffic patterns revised to allow better circulation – such as extending Herflicker Blvd. to Highland Parkway but making it one-way eastbound, while making Water Street one-way westbound from Irons to Highland. At that juncture, motorists could connect via a new ramp to the northbound Garden State Parkway. Despite all the plans, redevelopment will probably not begin until 2020 or 2021, when the cleanup of the old coal gasification site near the post office on Adafre Avenue is expected to be complete. In the meantime, Toms River officials plan to purchase the 50-room Red Carpet Inn at Main and Water streets

Construction Employment Rises in 75% of Metros in December: December 2017 construction employment rose in 269 of 358 US metros (75%) compared to December 2016, riding a wave of private projects as public work lagged, according to AGC of America. But New Jersey didn't fare as well as much of the rest of country. Two New Jersey metros tanked in the bottom five: Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean (Cont.)

lost 1,200 jobs, down 3% compared to last year, and Bergen-Hudson-Passaic lost 1,100 jobs, down 4% for the year. Also in the loss column for the year-over-year: Newark lost 900 jobs, a 2% drop; Camden shed 800 jobs, a 4% drop; and Trenton lost 300 jobs, a 6% drop. Atlantic City-Hammonton construction employment remained flat for the year-over-year. Only Vineland-Bridgeton showed an uptick, adding 100 construction jobs for a 3% gain.



BCA/SJ SPORTING CLAY EVENT FRIDAY April 27th M & M Hunting Sporting Clays

Come and join us and experience the fastest-growing shotgun sport in America—Sporting Clays.

Originally designed to simulate hunting, sporting clays is now often described as "golf with a shotgun."

Clay targets are presented in a variety of unique woods and open field situations on a course that is challenging and fun.

M & M's courses are the nation's finest, and considered by many to be among the best clay-target facilities in the world.

M & M offers a novice course and an advanced course to ensure fun for shooters of all experience levels and abilities.

Instruction and orientation is included to review safety requirements and basic skills before the event.

Beginners are welcome!

Contact the Association Office for further information is required.

JUST A Reminder:

All BCA/SJ members are welcome to obtain notary services at the BCA/SJ office. Call if you are in need of this service.

If you are looking for a way to get more exposure among other BCA/SJ Members send us articles of interest for inclusion in the monthly newsletter or submit a press release for your company.

**March came in like a lion,
let's hope it goes out like a lamb!**