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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As the year comes to a close, and with it my term as President and Chairman of the HBRA of Connecticut, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude. Serving this incredible organization over the past two years has been an honor and a privilege, and I'm deeply proud of all that we have achieved together.

Reflections on Our Achievements

Together, we have accomplished much. From expanding the Home Builders Institute's Core Pre-Apprenticeship Curriculum to introducing more students to careers in residential construction, to reconstituting the Connecticut Institute of Professional Builders & Remodelers (CIPBR), our focus on workforce development has laid the foundation for a stronger future. I'm excited to see the CIPBR's work grow under the capable leadership of Frank Festini and the Board of Trustees. Our signature events, like the HOBIs and the Fiano Family BUILD-PAC Golf Tournament, continue to shine thanks to the dedication of our staff and volunteers. Membership growth has been a key focus, and I'm thrilled to report a statewide membership increase of 10.4% year to date—a testament to the hard work of our local leaders and staff.



DAVID PREKA

**Outgoing President and
Chairman of the Board
HBRA of Connecticut**

Looking Ahead

As I pass the torch to incoming President Anthony DeRosa, I have every confidence that he, together with CEO Jim Perras, will continue to build on our successes and lead the HBRA to new heights. To all members, I encourage you to stay engaged and to mentor new members, fostering the peer-to-peer connections that make our association so valuable.

Holiday Wishes

During this season of reflection and celebration, I wish you and your families a joyful holiday and a prosperous New Year. May this time bring renewal and inspiration for the work ahead. Thank you again for the honor of serving as your President. Here's to a bright future for the HBRA of Connecticut and the residential construction industry.



30th Annual HOBIA Awards

The 30th annual HOBIA AWARDS took place on November 13th with an incredible turnout of 900 attendees! The energy in the room was electric! Special recognition was given to Joanne Carroll, Producer of the HOBIA Awards whose vision, dedication and creativity brought the Home Building Industry (HOBIA) Awards to life! For 30 years, Joanne has skillfully created, produced and emceed the HOBIA'S.

We also extend our congratulations to all the winners who were recognized for their outstanding talents in home design and construction, land development, remodeling, commercial construction, sales and marketing and home finance.

A heartfelt thank you to our 2024 HOBIA Sponsors for your generous support in making this year's event a resounding success. We look forward to celebrating the 31st Annual HOBIA Awards in 2025!



Congratulations To The Top Winners!

Custom Home of the Year



East Coast Structures & Chris Pagliaro Architects

Custom Home Project of the Year



Yankee Custom Builders & Vanderhorn Architects

Multifamily Community of the Year



Horton Group

Remodeled Home of the Year



Yankee Custom Builders & Brooks & Falotico

Single Family Community of the Year



EG Home

Spec Home of the Year



Skyview Builders

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE **2024 HOBI WINNERS!**



2024 HOBI AWARDS

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2025 HOBI AWARDS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2025

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Connecticut Builder is a glossy 4-color trade magazine, published in winter/spring, summer and fall by the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Connecticut.

Connecticut Builder's distribution reach and targeted editorial content make it a valued resource for the home building, remodeling, and land development industries in Connecticut.

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Our next issue will be distributed in March 2025. This issue is our biggest issue of the year, dedicated to the 2024 HOBI Awards!

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A SPECIAL INTEREST FORUM OF THE HBRA OF CONNECTICUT



The Developers Forum is a diverse coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing the development and revitalization of residential, commercial, and industrial properties in Connecticut. Our efforts align with sound economic, planning, land development, and environmental principles.

We gather on the first Thursday of each month, from September to June, at various locations throughout Connecticut. These meetings offer valuable opportunities for networking and education.

Participation is open to companies and firms, including builders, developers, economists, planners, attorneys, engineers, real estate professionals, and more. Together, we engage in discussions on a wide range of topics relevant to the housing industry.

Each month, our CEO and Lobbyist provide updates on the current legislative session, key challenges, and changes to laws or regulations that impact our work.

The result is always informative—and often entertaining!

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CEO CORNER

JIM PERRAS

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FAST APPROACHES

The demand for housing in Connecticut has never been more urgent. Leaders at all levels of government have recognized the critical need for increased housing production and the modernization of our existing housing stock to meet current and future needs. However, regulatory barriers continue to challenge our industry's ability to respond effectively.

As we prepare for the 2025 legislative session, the HBRA of Connecticut is committed to defending the interests of the residential construction industry. We will scrutinize every bill and stand firmly against harmful legislation that could negatively impact your business. Our advocacy will focus on ensuring lawmakers understand the daily challenges you face and reminding them of the critical principle to "do no harm."

Beyond playing defense, the HBRA is also taking proactive steps. We will advocate for legislation to expand the residential construction workforce and support the development of small multi-family housing through thoughtful land use reforms, innovative financing tools, and tax incentives for workforce housing set-aside units.

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous and restful holiday. Take comfort in knowing that while you recharge, the HBRA remains steadfast in protecting your interests and advocating for a stronger future for our industry. Your membership empowers us to lead these efforts and safeguard the residential construction industry. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Connecticut.



CT Institute of Professional
Builders & Remodelers



The Connecticut Institute for Professional Builders and Remodelers (CIPBR) is dedicated to championing trades education and cultivating a culture of innovation, collaboration, and excellence in schools, from middle school through high school, universities, and beyond.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, we are committed to equipping students with the practical skills, knowledge, and opportunities essential for success in diverse trades industries and the evolving global workforce.

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Empowering Futures Through Trades Education





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...for Restoring CT



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What is HDF?

HDF (Housing Defense Fund) is the HBRA's account that pays for outside advocacy work. It's a critical component of the HBRA's extensive lobbying effort on behalf of our industry. HDF pays for legal actions, public affairs and data research - all in support of the HBRA's advocacy goals - and required additional lobbying beyond our normal staff and contract lobbyists who work daily for all of us at the state capitol.

HDF Depends on Contributions from Industry Members & Friends

HDF needs HBRA's Builder and Associate members, and others to contribute so we can engage in more effective advocacy to help remove regulatory burdens and promote the housing industry statewide. When our advocacy is successful, everyone wins. Together were stronger. The more who contribute to HDF, the louder our voice can be heard.

Simply put, we need YOU! Please contribute what you can to support the HDF today. The leaders of the HBRA of CT, and the HDF Steering Committee, promise that every dollar of your contribution will be used to promote the residential construction industry, seek regulatory and tax relief, and defend against attacks on home building, remodeling and land development.

We welcome all contributions, no matter what size -

With our sincere gratitude, THANK YOU!

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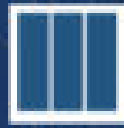
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