

Builders Exchange Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

- 7.18.16 | Bart Austhof Memorial Golf Outing
- 9.13.16 | 20th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot-Out
- 10.27.16 | West Michigan Design and Construction Expo



2016 West Michigan Design and Construction Expo

Be sure to sign up for your booth soon!
Spaces are filling up for the 2016 West
Michigan Design and Construction Expo,
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**Do you have project highlights or company news you would
like to share with Builders Exchange members?**

If so, please send a write-up, photos, and any additional
information to info@grbx.com



Builders Exchange Project Watch with Becky!

GRAND RAPIDS – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DOWNTOWN CINEMA COMPLEX

616 Development's proposed mixed-use project will feature a nine-screen theater called Studio C!, a piazza with an outdoor screen, 350 market rate apartments, retail space, and a parking ramp. Project will be split into two phases with the first focusing more on the development of the movie theater and the second on the residential units. FTC&H will be designing the project which is estimated to cost \$140 million between the two phases.



ROCHESTER HILLS – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO COMMERCIAL/OFFICE BUILDINGS

Site is located between Avon Industrial Drive and M-59, west of Crooks. The proposed project consists of Building A, at 11,999 sq ft, and Building B, at 16,539 sq ft. Star Batt Inc. had Site Plan Approved at Rochester Hills Planning Commission meeting on March 15th. Project will be designed by D'Anna Associates.

WALKER – CONSTRUCTION OF A FIVE UNIT MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary concept includes a five-unit multiple family residential redevelopment where the prior structures formerly operated. Apex Realty group is the developer behind the project. The proposed units would vary in size from 800 sq ft to 6,600 sq ft.

GRAND RAPIDS – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MIXED USE APARTMENT COMPLEX

On March 24 the Grand Rapids Planning Commission approved a request from Third Coast Development to tear down a residence and construct a new apartment complex. The building will have 3,000 sq ft of retail space and 36 residential units. Designing the project is Progressive AE. Project timeline is contingent on the approval of low-income tax credits.

ALMA – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A HOTEL

Proposed hotel will be located near the intersection of Superior and Lincoln streets. Hatcher Properties is the developer on this project and in December of 2015 received approval from the City Commission to purchase an area near the proposed hotel site that would be used for parking. Jade Construction will be the General Contractor for this project which is still in the early preliminary stages.



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Golf Outing Information and Registration



BUILDERS EXCHANGE OF MICHIGAN

BART AUSTHOF MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

DATE:

Monday, July 18, 2016

PLACE:

**Thornapple Pointe
Golf Club**

ITINERARY:

Registration: 11 AM
Mulligans & Tapes
Available for Purchase*

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Shotgun Start: 1 PM

Dinner & Awards:
After Golf

EVENTS:

\$10,000 Putt Challenge

Hole In One

Longest Putt

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

*Mulligans & Tapes may NOT be
used on any Prize Holes.

The Annual Builders Exchange Golf Outing has been renamed the **Bart Austhof Memorial Outing** in memory of Bart Austhof. Bart served as the Executive Vice President for over 19 years and in his tenure nearly tripled membership and had the foresight and vision to lead the Exchange into the current era of technology within the construction industry.

The Builders Exchange is donating proceeds from this event to **Guiding Light Mission's Back to Work Program**; a 90 day program dedicated to getting men back on their feet. The program offers a place to stay, food, and important tools to help them find work. Their services include providing the men items such as safety glasses, work gloves, steel toe boots, and work uniforms for their new jobs.



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Golf Outing Information and Registration

Bart Austhof Memorial Golf Registration & Sponsorship Form



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Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check A Sponsorship Package Below OR Team of Four Registration (\$99 per Player)

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(Please check **ALL** that apply)

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 - Beverage Sponsor \$2,000** (5 Available)
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 - Logo on BX Website for Six Months
 - Logo on Tee Signage
 - Logo on All Golf Correspondence
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 - Signage on All Tables At Lunch
 - One Four-Person team registration
 - ~~Hole-in-One~~ **Sponsor Thank You!** SOLD
 - Event Sponsorship \$485** (Unlimited)
 - One Four-Person Team Registration
 - Logo on Tee Signage
 - Game Sponsor \$200** (3 Available)
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 - Tee Sponsor \$100** (Unlimited)
 - Logo on Tee Signage
 - Door Prize Sponsor** (Unlimited)
 - Donate Item(s) of Your Choice!
- Item: _____
Gift Card Amount: \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Check Enclosed for \$ _____

VISA Mastercard AMEX

Card # _____

Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Billing Information (If Different from Above):

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

EMAIL: _____

TEAM INFORMATION:

Team Name: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Dress Code: Collared Shirts and No Denim.

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Builders Exchange Member Benefit

The Builders Exchange of Michigan is pleased to announce your newest Member Benefits from LegalShield.

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Sustainable Spotlight: Container Architecture



Shipping containers are used all over the world on trains, trucks, and especially on cargo ships. They come in two standard sizes: 8x8x20, or 8x8x40, making 160 or 320 square feet of space, which cost around \$1500 or \$2500 respectively. They have double doors on each end, and are constructed out of a steel frame with corrugated steel making the walls, floor, and ceiling.

Shipping Containers carry anything from high-industrial materials to toys, and are often left to sit empty in whatever location they are shipped to. This makes for a worldwide surplus of large metal boxes built sturdily enough to be stacked nine-high. Recently, creative builders have noticed their architectural potential and used them to create buildings of all uses and designs.

Advantages: Building with shipping containers is sustainable because it re-uses already manufactured products that would otherwise be left to sit in a shipyard. It also saves on the amount of trees and many non-recyclable materials necessary to build a conventional home.

PUMA created a one-of-a-kind, 10,000 square foot portable store and event space (pictured above) out of 24 shipping containers for the 2008-2009 Volvo Yacht Race. This store is capable of being disassembled, shipped, and reassembled anywhere, allowing it to travel with the boats as they circumnavigated the globe.

Shipping containers can be used as the entire building unit, or in tandem with traditional building methods to add space and cut down on costs. A good example of this is a Costa Rican home pictured to the right, which was built with two 8x40 foot shipping containers connected by traditional flooring and an angled roof. This home is fully functional with a full bathroom, kitchen, laundry room, bedroom, dining room, and two living Areas, and was built for just \$40,000.




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Sustainable Spotlight: Container Architecture



Shipping containers have also been used to construct entire apartment buildings, like the one pictured to the left. At three stories high, this building features twelve 300 square foot apartments which come complete with a full kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room. The company who built it stated that using shipping containers to build saved a lot of money, coming out to about \$82,500 per unit, as compared to a traditionally built apartment building near their location that cost around \$220,000 per unit for the same sized apartments.

Drawbacks: Of course, shipping containers were not created to house people, so making them livable can be challenging. If the container's walls are cut open to install windows and doors in the sides, additional support may be required to reinforce the unit. Additionally, insulation, plumbing, ventilation, heating and cooling, and electricity all must be installed inside the container to make it habitable, which reduces the already limited space.

If a customer purchases a shipping container directly from a shipyard, it must be thoroughly cleaned to ensure any hazardous chemicals are not lingering in the space.

Conclusion: Shipping container architecture is not for everyone. While they can be used for a wide variety of building projects and do provide a cheap and unique opportunity for sustainable building practices, they also have specific challenges that must be overcome in the process. If you're looking for a new way to build green, whether that's putting up a new retail store, apartment building, or even a new home, shipping containers just might be the way to go.

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Road Construction Season

Summer in Michigan is full of days at the beach, biking through wooded trails, traveling and of course, road construction! Although April has brought us snow, sleet, and freezing temperatures, the Michigan Department of Transportation is gearing up for a busy summer to try and get our roads in tip top shape. Please watch your speed when you are driving in a construction zone. We want to keep all of our construction workers safe!




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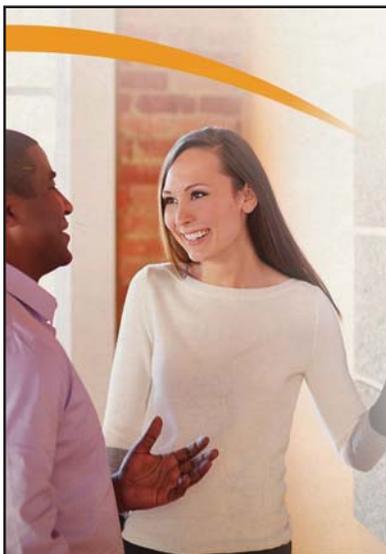
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