

Builders Exchange Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

- April 20, 2016 | Builders Exchange Golf League Begins
- July 18th, 2016 | Builders Exchange Bart Austhof Memorial Golf Outing
- September 13, 2016 | 20th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot-Out
- October 27, 2016 | West Michigan Design and Construction Expo

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



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Builders Exchange Project Watch with Becky and Michaela

HOLLAND - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY AND PARKING - HOPE COLLEGE

Hope College is seeking rezoning approval from the City of Holland. Site Plans may be viewed for a limited amount of time on the City of Holland Planning Commission website at <http://www.cityofholland.com/planningzoningandhistoricpreservation/current-site-plan-and-rezoning-applications> A Public Hearing Date has not yet been set. Hope College plans to rezone 18 properties on 11th Street between Lincoln and Fairbanks Avenues and construct a new student housing facility and parking area to support athletic events. AMDG Architects will be the architectural firm designing this project.



GRAND RAPIDS - PROPOSED ADDITIONS / RENOVATIONS TO KENOWA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If passed, bond funded projects may consist of erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities and sites. Kenowa Hills Public Schools seeking Bond Vote Approval on May 3, 2016. Bond Amount requested is \$55,240,000. GMB Architecture + Engineering will be the design firm and Owen Ames Kimball Co will be the Construction Management firm if bond passes.

PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND CAMPUS INTO FAMILY & SENIOR HOUSING - TWG DEVELOPMENT LLC

TWG Development seeking tax credits from the State of Michigan as well as Site Plan Approval from the City of Lansing Planning Commission. A date for a Public Hearing has not been set yet however is anticipated Summer 2016. Project will bid openly to all firms. TWG hopes to start construction Fall 2016. Developer will act as Construction Manager. Designing the project is Cornerstone Architects. Project to include 72 units of family housing and 60 units of senior housing. Project will redevelop the former school for the blind building as well as the Abigail Building which is also on the same site. Currently during the preliminary stage, there is a cost estimate of \$24,400,000 for construction.

PROPOSED BOND IMPROVEMENTS AT MUNISING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If passed, bond funded projects may consist of erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to the high school/middle school building, including elementary classrooms, gym and secure entry; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping a playground and the high school/middle school site. Munising Public Schools Seeking Bond Vote Approval on May 3, 2016. The bond would be worth \$16,320,000. If it passes, OHM Orchard Hiltz & McCliment Inc will be the architectural firm and DeVere Construction Co will be the Construction Manager.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERFRONT EVENT CENTER AT JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

This project includes the construction of a 25,000 square foot event center building at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Building will host large events and include smaller conference rooms. Offices from the American 1 Event Center will be demolished and constructed in the new event center building. It is estimated to cost between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Project is included in the Jackson County Master Plan and was discussed on February 2, 2016 during the Jackson County Board of Commissioners Study Session. An anonymous organization is willing to donate \$4 million to construction costs for this project. Bidding and construction schedules are to be determined as project is very preliminary at this time.



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Builders Exchange Employees

Meet our newest team members!



Jordan is joining us from Udecon LLC as our new Operations Manager. Jordan has a degree in Business Management from Davenport University, and will work to improve employee efficiency.

Alicia is the new Membership Service Coordinator. Alicia has an Associate's degree in Arts from GRCC, and is joining us from Nortek Security where she worked as a Test Technician.



Rachael is joining the Exchange from the Country Inn and Suites as our newest Construction Reporter. Rachael is a Grand Valley State University graduate, with a degree in Hospitality Management.

Your BX Go-To Team!

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Sustainable Spotlight



The Mary Idema Pew Learning and Information Commons is Grand Valley State University's student Library, which was completed in 2013. The university focused on functionality and responsibility as its core vision for a new type of library.

Functionality: Inside there are spaces which vary from the complete silence of reading rooms, to ones where there is no noise restriction at all; like the four-story atrium where collaboration between students is encouraged. Much of the seating and other furniture was purchased from Grand Rapids' own Steelcase.

Responsibility: The 150,000 square foot building was certified LEED platinum. To achieve this high level of sustainability, the building features a rooftop garden, rainwater collection systems for irrigation, ultra-efficient triple glazed windows and a state-of-the-art heat recovery system among many others features. The building was also partially created and decorated with recycled or reclaimed materials from around Michigan. Before the building was up and running, the environmentally-responsible process began at the job site. The contractors had recycling centers to reduce the project's environmental impact, as well as a storm water management complex which eliminated the possibility of damaging the existing habitat.




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Congratulations to Pioneer Construction and all other Builders Exchange members who contributed to this \$65 million project!

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Builders Exchange Golf League

2016 Builders Exchange Golf League

**Begins on Tuesday April 26, 2016
Scott Lake Country Club**

911 Hayes Street NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321



Tee times are between 2:54PM and
3:26PM

18 week League \$330.00
(Includes League Outing)
PAY CART AS YOU GO!

**League start date is April 26, 2016
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All fees and applications must be received by April 19th, 2016

All golf league participants will receive a complete schedule and set of rules before opening day.
Mail registration & payment to: Builders Exchange, PO Box 2031, Grand Rapids MI 49501
For any questions regarding the golf league, please contact **Ken Jansen at (616)437-0130**
or email at ken.jansen@lmcu.org.

Builders Exchange Golf League

Complete and return this form along with your payment per participant to:
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Address _____ Address _____

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2016 West Michigan

Design and Construction Expo

Exhibitor? Sponsor? Where do you fit into the mix? Visit WMDCEXPO.com to learn more about the Expo and the unique opportunities we offer to exhibitors and sponsors of the event! The Expo will be on October 27th, 2016 at The Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI. Take part in this event for a fantastic opportunity to get your business directly in front of professionals from your target demographic.

The sooner you register, the more you get! Exhibitors get their pick of booths and an early registration discount if they sign up before May 2nd! Sponsors will have their business marketed by the Builders Exchange as soon as they register with their company logo and a link to their website positioned on the Expo webpage until the Expo takes place.

Go to the Expo website to view exhibitor and sponsor packets, which come complete with information about exhibitor or sponsorship options and forms to register you and your business. The website also includes a map of the expo floor, showing which booths are already reserved and which are still available.

Also continue to watch for more on the EXPI Award, which will be expanded this year to include more categories.



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