



# 2009 consumer courses

**FREE consumer classes throughout the year!**

january 22

### **The Building Process: Value-based Decisions on a Limited Budget**

Take a guided tour through the home building process and gain insight on how to make value-based decisions when eliminating features within the home without sacrificing quality.

february 19

### **Why Build Now: Financing Your Future**

The Metropolitan Builders Association has partnered with member financial institutions throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee region to offer you a convenient way to learn how to finance your next project today. Great information will also be shared about the economic landscape in our local market and the benefits of Building Now. Attend a Why Build Now Financing Seminar in your area

march 19

### **Choosing the Builder & the Lot**

Once you make the decision to build, it is important to evaluate a number of factors before you get started. Learn tips on what considerations you should make when choosing the builder and the importance of the lot in the design and construction of your home.

april 23

### **Designing Your New Home: Plans & Specifications**

Building a home can be an exciting time; however, it is also an important time to understand the plans and specifications that are used to make your vision a reality. Learn about the contract, construction plans, specifications, and warranties. These components lay the groundwork for your contractor's scope of work and completion timeframes.

may 21

### **The Remodeling Process**

Remodeling your home can provide great value and enjoyment into the future. Before you get started, it is important for you to understand and be prepared for the process. Learn about the general process, preparation, and the challenges.

june 25

### **Remodeling Contracts, Plans, Specs & Warranties**

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september 24

### **Landscaping & Interior Design Techniques**

Learn about some key considerations, generate ideas, and understand where landscaping and interior design fit into the home building and remodeling process.

october 22

### **Green Built Homes: Pay-backs, Energy Savings, & Innovations**

Sustainable technologies and building practices have gained substantial interest from the industry and consumers alike. This session will review what factors to consider when building green, such as products, site conditions, certifications, and much more. Learn how these building innovations can provide you energy savings and financial pay-backs immediately and into the future. You will have the opportunity to take away information for your next remodeling, building or simple home improvement project.

november 19

### **Baby Boomers: Trends in Building Products & Features**

Whether you are building or remodeling, learn about some products and features that can be added to your next project that may allow you greater use of your home into the future. In addition, the seminar will also discuss Universal Design, eco-friendly products, and other trends for Baby Boomers.

december 10

### **Condos (Pros and Cons, etc.)**

Whether you are transitioning from a home to a condo or just moving up in the condo market, this session will discuss the pros & cons to owning a condo, questions to ask, and understanding the role of the condo association.

**Now 2 Convenient Locations:**

Waukesha & Milwaukee

# 3 ways to register!

1. Call 262.436.1122
2. Email [htickanen@mbaonline.org](mailto:htickanen@mbaonline.org)
3. Fax 262.436.1110

Include the following information:

Name, E-mail, Phone Number, Class Date(s) & Location

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**All Class Times:  
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

All classes are held at your choice of two convenient locations (unless otherwise noted):

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N16 W23321 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha

Milwaukee Housing Authority  
650 West Reservoir - Milwaukee