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SPOTLIGHT

Mediation

By: Josh Harmon

Josh is our newest board member and he's going to hit the ground running. Josh will be presenting some of the cost-saving tools and techniques Springfield has implemented in respect to contractors and services used to abate violations; they've had some real success with better time and responsiveness from their contractors and the average prices they are getting on their contracts. In some areas their costs are half of what they were under their old system. If time permits Josh might also present some of the new technologies that have helped to streamline their administrative duties and processes.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The ICC Foundation is now accepting applications for it's 2007 scholarship program.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting applications is June 30, 2007.

For more details on the scholarships being offered, click this link <http://www.icc-foundation.org/projects/scholarships/index.html>

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Plan Review Institute

The 2007 Plan Review Institute is going to take place in Chicago 5/14-17! If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Patty Bond.

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Proper Repair and Maintenance Of Parking Surfaces

Richard Schriewer, CBO for the City of Cincinnati, will be our first speaker of the day. Richard will educate us on the proper repair and maintenance of parking surfaces.

Richard's presentation should give you some in-site as to how to specify a repair and maintenance that will enable the parking surface to last, preventing you from having to come back and write-up the same violation again. Richard supervises State Registered Commercial Building Inspectors in the course of their daily activities.

Richard's area of responsibility includes the central business district, downtown riverfront development and all other aspects of construction inspection within the City of Cincinnati.

Richard is a State of Ohio Certified: Chief Building Official, Building Inspector, Mechanical Inspector and Electrical Safety Inspector.

He was named Building Official of the Year, SWOBOA 2001 and received the Victor C. Jones award for life long achievement, OBOA 2001.

WE STILL NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We have had great success keeping in touch with members via e-mail. We have been able to send requests for assistance to a large number of members and receive extremely valuable input from our very knowledgeable members in very short order.

If you are not receiving our e-mail news and would like to, please send me your e-mail address and I'll see that you start receiving news updates.

We realize that many jurisdictions will only allow a certain number employees to be members in any given year, alternating members from year to year. Thus, you

*Renew
Your Membership
or Join
Today*

may not be a current member but would like to be kept in the information loop. Well, you don't have to be a member to be on the mailing list (both e-mail and snail mail).

If you want we'll see that we get your e-mail address entered into the database or corrected, if that is the problem.

We do not share your e-mail address with anyone. If you wish to have members reply directly to you when you submit a question we are willing to include your e-mail otherwise we ask that replies come through the association and we don't give out your e-mail address.

Future Subjects You Would Like To Cover

Josh Harmon is going to speak to you toward the end of the morning session to try and get a handle on what subjects you think we should cover in future meetings.

Through our e-mail communications we have received some excellent suggestions for subjects.

Inspector Safety, How to Spot and Properly Deal with a Meth Lab, and Inspector's Rights to Keep Their Private Information Confidential.

2007 OCEOA Meeting Dates

· May 17, 2007 ·
· August 16, 2007 ·
· November 15, 2007 ·

All meetings will be held at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center on Sinclair Road in Columbus, Toll Free Phone No. 1-877-609-6086

Vacant Structures and Blighting Influences, etc.

Our afternoon presentation will be a panel discussion concerning **Vacant Structures and Blighting Influences, etc.** speaking will be **Robert Klein, David Mazanek and Kimberly Klem** from Safeguard Properties.

Robert is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of **Safeguard Properties, Inc.**. Safeguard is the largest privately held field services company in the country. Founded in 1990, the company has grown from a handful of employees to over 425 today with an extensive network of contractors throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Robert has developed Safeguard around the doctrine of "Customer Service = Resolution" with the mission of creating a company focused on client satisfaction and strong business relationships. Under Robert's leadership, the servicing industry has forged a renewed focus on creating innovative ways to improve communication and education surrounding **Vacant Properties and Community**

Blight issues. Robert represents not only Safeguard, but the industry as a whole in national associations including MBA, USFN, CMBA and REOMAC.

David is Safeguard's Supervisor of High Risk Properties. In this role, Mr. Mazanek is primarily responsible for creating and maintaining an open line of communication between our clients and City Code Enforcement Officials. He has been instrumental in closing the communication gap with local municipalities and serves as our chief liaison with local community organizations as they address vacant blight issues in their neighborhoods. Functionally, Mr. Mazanek assists our clients to address code violations, demolition orders, and any issues involving high risk properties within their portfolio. Prior to joining Safeguard, David was the Operations Manager for a National Relocation company. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Business

Management from The University of Toledo.

Kimberly is Safeguard's Manager of Business Development. Kimberly is responsible for the growth and development of new and existing client relationships. As part of her duties, she also coordinates Safeguards involvement in a variety of Industry associations including the MBA, USFN, AFN, CMBA, REOMAC, REO Five Star and AFN. Prior to assuming her current role, Kimberly managed our Asset Management, Valuations, and Title Departments and spent 8 years as a Business Loan Analyst/Asset Manager for a National Bank. She holds an Ohio Real Estate Sales license and has attended numerous real estate continuing education courses throughout the years.

In the business world, the rear-view mirror is always clearer than the windshield. Warren Buffett

You can now download the meeting registration form and copies of the Enforcer by typing **meetings.oceoa.org** where you would normally enter a URL address. Notice you do **not** need to include a www, doing so will prevent you from reaching the files. Need help? Call 937-333-3916.

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OCEOA Meeting Location and Columbus, Ohio Vicinity Map

OCEOA quarterly educational meetings are held at the ★ Midwest Hotel and Conference Center on Sinclair Road just north off Morse Road. Sinclair is immediately west of I-71. Morse Road is the second exit south of the northern loop of the I-270 bypass.

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