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## THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Greater Morgan County Builders Association  
will host their annual Golf Tournament on  
Friday, April 29, 2011 at

### Point Mallard Golf Course

Check-in 11am  
Lunch provided 11am  
Shotgun Start 1pm

A registration fee of \$75 per player includes: cart fees, green fees, t-shirt, lunch  
& two beverage tickets.

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## NAIL DOWN THESE DATES Calendar Available [www.gmcba.org](http://www.gmcba.org)

- ◆ **The January Jam in April**  
Friday, April 1, from 6:30-9:30 pm at Sykes Place on Bank Street.
- ◆ **Board Meeting**  
Thursday, April 14, from 4:30-5:30 pm, at the GMCBA office.
- ◆ **The Annual Golf Tournament**  
Friday, April 29, Lunch at 11:00am, Shotgun start at 1:00pm at Point Mallard Golf Course.



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## NEW DOCUMENT EXPLAINS HOW TO DETECT AND REMEDIATE PROBLEMATIC DRYWALL

By NAHB

NAHB has issued a new resource for builders and remodelers on how to detect and remediate problematic drywall imported from China in recent years. "Imported Problematic Drywall: Identification Strategies and Remediation Guidelines" can be downloaded at [www.nabb.org/drywallguidelines](http://www.nabb.org/drywallguidelines).

The publication represents the culmination of more than a year of intensive research, testing, analysis and evaluation by two firms -- *Marsh Risk Consulting* and *Building Health Sciences* -- under the auspices of NAHB's Chinese Drywall Task Force. The task force's mission was to identify a permanent solution to problems with drywall emitting or off-gassing corrosive compounds, which can lead to the blackening of copper electrical wiring and air conditioning evaporator coils and can cause mechanical, electrical and electronic failures.

"As we all know, the downstream effects of these problems includes widespread property damage, huge financial losses, hundreds of lawsuits and legitimate concerns about possible health effects from living with these unpleasant with these unpleasant airborne compounds," said NAHB First Vice Chairman Barry Rutenberg, who moderated a March 1 webinar to introduce the guidelines to NAHB members.

NAHB members can access a video replay of the webinar at [www.nabb.org/drywallwebinar](http://www.nabb.org/drywallwebinar).

The document was designed to address problematic drywall in residential applications, and does not represent the only approach to remediating the problem. It is not intended to be used in commercial buildings, to set minimum or maximum requirements for remediation or to determine the effectiveness of remediation efforts that have already been completed. Builders might decide to follow different guidelines that are less inclusive or that include additional measures.

Some of the document's recommendations include: If the home was built between 2001 and 2008 and it has been confirmed that problematic drywall is present throughout the entire home, total remediation is the only viable option. Selective remediation is an option if the problem drywall is found in a limited portion of the home that can be isolated.

Additional resources on Chinese drywall are available to NAHB members at [www.nabb.org/Chinesedrywall](http://www.nabb.org/Chinesedrywall).

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## HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AT RECORD LEVELS, THOUGH TIGHT FINANCING CONSTRAINS SALES

By NAHB

Nationwide housing affordability measured by the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) during the fourth quarter of 2010 rose to its highest level ever in the 20-year index.

The HOI indicated that 73.9% of all new and existing homes sold in the fourth quarter of 2010 were affordable to families earning the national median income of \$64,400. This surpassed the previous high of 72.5% set during the first quarter of 2009 and marked the eighth consecutive quarter that the index has been above 70%. Until 2009, the HOI rarely topped 65% and *never reached* 70%.

“The report shows that housing affordability at the end of 2010 was at its highest level since we started computing the HOI,” said NAHB Chairman Bob Nielson. “However, while this is good news for consumers, both home buyers and builders continue to confront extremely tight credit conditions, and this remains a significant obstacle to many potential home sales.”

There were several places in the United States that ranked the most affordable for major housing markets. Among those were: Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio, PA; Syracuse, NY; Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI; and Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI.

Among smaller housing markets, the most affordable was Elkhart-Goshen, Ind., where 97.0% of homes sold during the fourth quarter of 2010 were affordable to families earning a median income of \$58,600. Other smaller housing markets at the top of the index included: Lansing-East Lansing, MI; Kokoma, IN; Mansfield, OH; and Bay City MI.

On the other side of the board, the least affordable in the major housing market, was again awarded to New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ. The other cities in this category were: San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA; Honolulu; Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA; and Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA.

Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA was the least affordable in the smaller housing market. In Santa Cruz, 45.0% of the homes were affordable to families earning the median income of \$84,200. Other small metro areas ranking at the bottom included: Ocean City, NJ; San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA; Laredo, TX; and Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA.

For in depth analysis of the latest housing statistics and research from the federal government, NAHB and other sources, Eye on the Economy readers are encouraged to visit Eye on Housing at <http://eyeonhousing.wordpress.com/follow-us/>.

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