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## **Builders Meeting**

**PLYMOUTH, WI: May 5, 2011– The Sheboygan County Home Builders Association monthly general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18 2011, at Amore', Plymouth. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., Buffet style dinner at 7:00 p.m. offering a "Taste of Italy." The keynote speaker for this meeting will be the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Cathy Stepp.**

Secretary Stepp, served as Racine's State Senator from 2002 to 2006, but most of her professional experience has been in the private sector. As a former homebuilder, she became aware of Wisconsin's regulatory climate and how it affected small business owners. In 1998, Gov. Tommy Thompson asked her to bring this perspective to the Natural Resources Board, and she served on the Board for 3 years. That experience led her to run for the Legislature where she was chairman of the Senate Job Creation Committee and co-chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. She chose not to seek re-election and returned home at the end of the 4year term to rejoin her husband in her family truck business.

Stepp notes her administration is concentrating on improving DNR's customer relations and streamlining and simplifying permitting to accomplish Gov. Scott Walker's goals to create state jobs. She notes creation and environmental protection are mutually supportive.

Stepp enjoys Wisconsin's snowmobile trails each winter. She has also hunted turkeys in western Wisconsin and is proud of the tremendous hunting opportunities our state offers to residents and tourists. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Paul, and 2 children.

This annual meeting for the association will include election of officers. Included on the ballot are the following members vying for the officer positions: Bob Werner, Werner Homes; Shelly Nyenhuis, Macco's Floor Covering. Members on the ballot for the board of directors' positions include Dave Zelm, Dave Zelm Prestige Builders; Dan Zelm, Zelm Construction; Brad TenPas, Brad TenPas Construction; Travis Burger, Burger Builders; Todd Luedtke, Luedtke Electric; Justin Richardson, Richardson Lumber.

The association's Education Committee will also be honoring local high schools earning grants applied for through the association. The North/South High School Building Program and the Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah High School being the beneficiaries for 2011.

Board, Committee and Parade of Homes Builder photos will take place from 6:00 – 6:30 with cocktails, dinner and program to follow.

Members of the Sheboygan Home Builders Association or the Wisconsin Builders Association interested in attending this meeting are asked to make reservations at the SCHBA office (920-892-6280) or online at [www.schba.org](http://www.schba.org) by noon on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The SCHBA Members' dinner is no charge with all other guest's fee of \$18.00 for dinner. Non builder association members interested in attending are welcome to attend as a guest of any member.

The Sheboygan County Home Builders Association is an active professional trade association consisting of 145 members helping enhance the building industry. This group sponsors the Home Builders Expo held in spring and the Parade of Homes held each fall. The association works to support the American dream of home ownership through affordable housing. You can obtain more information regarding the association and its events or membership by contacting the SCHBA office at 892-6280 or [admin@schba.org](mailto:admin@schba.org) or find more information by visiting the web site at [www.schba.org](http://www.schba.org).

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