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passes at 86**

Roland O. Ferland, president of RIBA from 1964-1965 died on December 11th.

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RIBA Executive Director for almost 43 years

Ross Dagata, 1924-2014

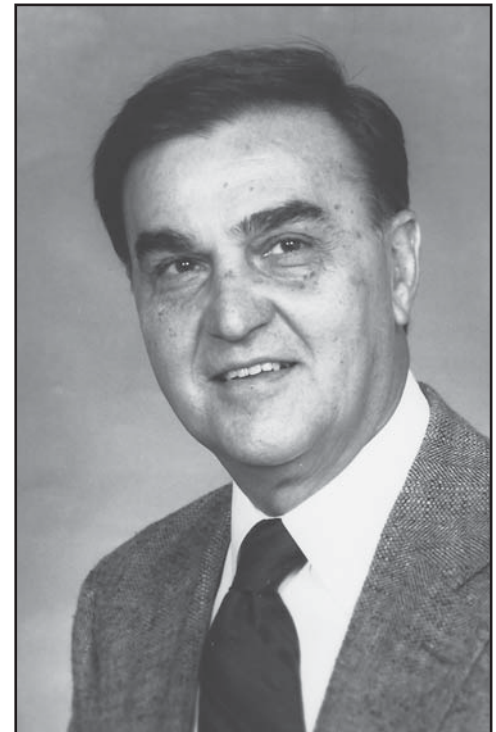
By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

Ross Dagata, the Rhode Island Builders Association's first full-time executive director, serving from 1955 to 1997, died December 31st at his home in Pawtucket, surrounded by his family. He was 90.

Mr. Dagata's tireless leadership, and that of his wife and RIBA teammate, Florence, took the organization from the small, struggling Home Builders Association of Rhode Island (HBARI) of the postwar years to the strong and influential RIBA we know today. In his long tenure, Mr. Dagata served for nearly 43 years and under 22 RIBA presidents.

The Rochester, N.Y., native moved to Rhode Island with his parents in 1935, when he was 11 years old. Before coming to the HBARI as the third executive director and the first to hold the position full-time, he was an administrative assistant in the office of Rhode Island Congressman Aime J. Forand in Washington. Following service in World

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Ross Dagata

E-Permitting set for 10 communities

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

In one of his last initiatives before leaving office, Governor Lincoln D. Chafee announced on Christmas Eve that "pilot municipalities" for a planned statewide e-permitting system have been chosen.

Cranston, Pawtucket, Newport, Warwick, North Kingstown, West Warwick, North Providence, Westerly, North Smithfield and Woonsocket are the Phase One Pilot Municipalities selected by the Dept. of Administration's Office

of Regulatory Reform (ORR) and Office of Digital Excellence (ODE), according to a statement from the governor's office.

The e-permitting initiative "will modernize state and local permitting systems through a customer-friendly, online permitting portal, which will be accessed through municipal websites," the statement said.

Twenty six of the state's 39 municipalities applied for the pilot program, and the 10 were selected according to "a rigorous...process...to

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ORR review calls for over 250 changes to state regulations

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

After a year and a half of “accelerated review,” the state’s Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) has released an 11-page final review that calls for more than 250 changes to Rhode Island’s regulatory system.

The report, completed two and a half years earlier than called for by the General Assembly, recommends 48 repeals of outdated, unnecessary or obsolete regulations; 73 amendments or modifications to improve the regulatory system, and 133 consolidations or “rejoining” of regulations.

According to the report, some 70 percent of the reforms have already taken place because state agencies responded to the call for review in record time. In 17 months, the agencies evaluated about 26,000 pages contained in more than 1,600 regulations, the report states.

Not surprisingly, ORR finds a strong link between state laws and the content of the regulations they spawn. So the agency is calling for a broader review of laws with a view toward modifying those that impact businesses.

“To assist lawmakers in setting reform priorities, ORR has conducted annual small business surveys. Survey findings, supported by data from ORR’s small business ombudsman services and online suggestion box, can serve to inform lawmakers on which rules small businesses find burdensome or problematic,” the report says.

Just getting started

The regulatory-reform process is far from over, according to ORR. According to the report, future action will fall into three categories:

- Asking for substantive changes to laws and regulations that impede economic development.
- Promoting efficient regulatory process-



At a ceremony celebrating regulatory reform on October 16th at the Dept. of Environmental Management’s Providence offices, then-Gov. Lincoln Chafee is ready to cut the ribbon to open DEM’s new Permit Application Center. At right is DEM Director Janet L. Coit.

es to see that regulations are implemented efficiently to achieve regulatory goals with minimal waste.

- Making regulations easier to find, read and understand

ORR plans another full regulatory review in 2017. In the meantime, the agency plans to continue identifying the laws and regulations that impede economic development. From its information-gathering from businesses, ORR sums up their concerns as taxes and fees, employment rules and regulations, and an overall need for statutory reform.

Modernize procedures

To help streamline the regulatory process, the report calls for modernizing the Administrative Procedures Act, developing an online “map” of government to support business, and establishing a state-wide electronic permitting platform. *Related story on page 1.*

ORR cited several examples of reform that have already taken place.

Among these are the Coastal Resources Management Council’s (CRMC’s)

amendments to authorize the restoration of tidal-water views to existing hospitality businesses that meet certain criteria, and incorporate a public access plan and conservation easement.

“The views have been lost over time by the growth of forested wetland vegetation. This amendment seeks to balance the economic importance of the state’s waterfront, with the need to preserve this important asset,” the report states.

ORR also cites the Dept. of Environment Management’s (DEM) new Permit Application Center (PAC), opened in October.

“A result of DEM’s ‘Lean’ efforts, the PAC is aimed at streamlining business permitting processes and providing better customer service.”

The General Assembly asked for the regulatory review in its 2012 session, envisioning a four-year process. That September, Gov. Lincoln Chafee called for an accelerated review process, which cut two and a half years off that timeline.

The ORR’s final report was released on December 23rd. Find it online at www.omb.ri.gov/reform.

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♦**February 3: Networking Night and BIG Open House** - 5 to 7 p.m., RIBA Headquarters, East Providence. Sponsored by the Builders Insurance Group. FREE for members and non-members. *Details on page 8.*

♦**February 11: "What a Professional Head Shot Can Do For You"** - A coiffure and photo event sponsored by RIBA's Professional Women in Building Council, 6 p.m. at Blowouts in Cranston. *Details on page 9.*

♦**February 17: Insurance 101 for the Small Business Owner** - 4:30-6 p.m., RIBA Headquarters, East Providence. Join Charles Lowe of the Builders Insurance Group to learn about commercial insurance and how to avoid problems. *This event is FREE and open to the public. Details on page 18.*

♦**February 19: 8 Hour Lead-Safe Remodeler/Renovator Course** - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., RIBA Headquarters, East Providence. Course is FREE for members with a \$30 materials/registration fee, \$110 for non-members with a \$30 materials/registration fee. *Details on page 18.*

♦**February 24: Advanced Framing** - 5 to 6:30 p.m., RIBA Headquarters, East Providence. Class is FREE for members with a \$10 materials/registration fee, \$50 for non-members with a \$10 materials/registration fee. *Details on page 19.*

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February 27: 4th Annual Expo and Education Fair - Registration begins 8:15 a.m., New England Institute of Technology, East Greenwich Campus, One New England Tech Blvd., East Greenwich. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Building Officials Association (RIBOA). *Details on page 18.*

♦**March 5-8: 65th Annual Home Show** - Sponsored by RIBA at the Rhode Island Convention Center. *Details on page 12.*

♦**March 25-26: OSHA 10-Hour Course** - 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at RIBA headquarters. Course is FREE for members with a \$30 materials/registration fee, \$125 for non-members with a \$30 materials/registration fee. For more information and to register, logon to RIBUILDERS.org, and click on this event under the "Events Calendar," or contact Sheila McCarthy, smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400. *Details on Page 19.*

♦**June 11: Networking Barbecue** - Sponsored by Boston Cedar. Free for members and non-members.

***More information, registration and payment for most
RIBA events is available at RIBUILDERS.org.***

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President's Message



Roland J. Fiore

There's plenty of work to do in 2015!

It's already shaping up to be a very busy year for the Rhode Island Builders Association.

Rhode Island has a new governor, and that means new ideas and new direction. I'm very encouraged that Gov. Gina Raimondo has a great deal of economic savvy and business experience, and we look forward to working with her to build a robust Rhode Island economy.

Reform in regulations and permitting will continue to be at the forefront of our efforts, and we're confident that Gov. Raimondo will keep the push going for reform.

With that in mind, we're encouraged by the pilot electronic-permitting program to be launched in 10 communities this year. Related story on page 1. It's reasonable to expect glitches in any new system, but we hope that e-permitting will be up and running

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A Special Word from the President

The loss of Ross Dagata, RIBA's powerhouse executive director from 1955-1997, has touched us all. I knew Ross when he and I were both much younger, and he was a real mentor for me as I became more involved in our trade association. It was good to see so many of our members at the memorial service for Ross on January 4th. And we offer our sincerest condolences to Florence Dagata, herself a legend in RIBA. *Related story on page 1.*

Florence, you will always have a warm welcome at RIBA!



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War II, he graduated from Providence College in 1949 and went on to graduate studies in economics at the Catholic University of America.

During the war, Mr. Dagata served as a submariner in the U.S. Navy, where his fluency in the Italian language won him the task of monitoring Italian prisoners of war.

Once he got to RIBA, wearing two or more hats at the same time, and wearing them well, became Mr. Dagata's trademark. For the young executive director, who succeeded Charles R. Bragg, the hours were long. Duties required work in the RIBA office, then located in the Warner Building at 493 Westminster Street, Providence, and out-of-office meetings with state and local officials. His evenings found him staffing RIBA committee and membership meetings.



Ross and Florence Dagata, at center, attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Builders Association at Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, in October. With them are past President George Calcagni and Local Director Caroline Calcagni.

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He set aside one day each week to visit jobsites and recruit new members, and was often accompanied by past President Anthony Viola. Another job, handled by the executive director to this day, was as publisher of the association's monthly magazine, *The Rhode Island Builder*, today's *Rhode Island Builder Report*.

Still another "hat" was guiding and advising RIBA committees and supervising the programs they initiated, especially the advocacy programs as the association's legislative activities on behalf of the industry grew. Mr. Dagata's style was always to work with committees and their chairmen, helping them introduce successful programs, and seeing that full credit was given to them for their achievements. Many future presidents started their leadership training by serving as committee chairmen with Mr. Dagata as their guide.

Along with his boundless energy and myriad talents, Mr. Dagata had a knack for winning friends for the association and the residential construction industry. He was the first to make RIBA the source for Rhode Island housing news, construction trends and industry information for members and the media.

Despite his hard work over the years, Mr. Dagata never lost his young appearance and enthusiasm for "association work."

The Dagata team included his wife, Florence, who went back to school in the early 1970s, became an insurance professional, and was the first administrator for RIBA's insurance programs.

The late Norman J. Medrech, a Providence Journal retiree and editor of *The Rhode Island Builder Report* for 16 years, said in the early 1990s that "Ross has a good nose for news and never makes an outlandish statement. To the media he provides facts, only facts. He makes friends in the industry and...government, among professionals and with leaders in the environmental sector. All recognize his fairness and the accuracy of his information."

Mr. Dagata himself always gave the advice: "If you want to keep informed, do a lot of reading. Keep in touch with government programs: Know them. Don't knock them. Some have been the salvation for our industry."

His "letters to the editor" on housing issues often appeared on the editorial pages of the *Providence Journal*. In one of the most important, he advocated an "updated living and breathing" statewide enabling act on subdivisions, instead of the hodgepodge of laws that existed at the time.

Mr. Dagata was on the front lines of many tough campaigns. These included





Clockwise from upper left: In 1965, a youthful Ross Dagata supervises the HBARI office, then newly relocated to Providence's Biltmore Hotel. The following year, he confers with Gov. John Chafee (right) and RIBA President Romeo Picerne. In 1996, Mr. Dagata leads a tour of RIBA's new headquarters at its current East Providence location. He hobnobs with members and guests at a RIBA Clambake at Francis Farm in the mid 1980s.



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the battle for "fair housing" legislation from 1959-1965, meant to prevent discrimination.

He took the lead in expanding the RIBA Home Show, which began in Providence in 1948. He pioneered new relationships with state and local building and planning officials in the 1960s, oversaw the establishment of RIBA's health insurance program in 1976, and made critical contributions to the first statewide building code as adopted in 1977.

Mr. Dagata was no stranger to legal battles. In the 1970s, the Internal Revenue Service moved to revoke RIBA's non-profit status because of its intake of funds from health-insurance programs. Mr. Dagata and longtime RIBA General Counsel James M. Sloan III fought the IRS in court and won. This set a precedent for home builders associations all over the country.

Even after his 1997 retirement, Mr. Dagata took great interest in RIBA affairs, reading the magazine from cover-to-cover

each month and staying in touch with association officials and members. The Dagatas attended the June 20, 2012, reception at RIBA headquarters to honor Mr. Sloan as he retired from his general counsel position. They also attended the 2014 Annual Meeting on October 7th in Lincoln as honored guests.

In an unplanned tribute to RIBA's past, present and future, current Executive Director John Marcantonio and J. Robert Pesce of Lehigh Realty Associates, a pillar of RIBA since the early Dagata years, visited Mr. Dagata at his bedside in his Pawtucket home on December 31st. No one realized then that he would pass away on that very day.

Mr. Dagata lived in Pawtucket for 61 years. Along with his wife, he is survived by five children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service took place on January 4th at the William W. Tripp Funeral Home in Pawtucket. Speaking at the memorial service on behalf of RIBA was past President

Robert J. Baldwin, who offered tribute to Mr. Dagata's service to the association and a personal salute to him as a mentor.

Condolences may be posted at TrippFuneralHome.com.



As the son of a contractor and longtime RIBA member, I knew Ross since childhood. His life work was RIBA, and even during his last few days we communicated on the industry's progress as it climbs out of its depression. Even in his later years he cared very much about the members, the direction of the association, and he was a great friend to me over the last three years. He will be missed dearly, but his expectations for us will move forward as he wished and worked for these many years.

*-Executive Director
John Marcantonio*

BIG open house, RIBA Networking Night slated for February 3

WHEN: Tuesday, February 3rd, 5 p.m.

WHERE: RIBA headquarters, East Providence

COST: FREE

The Rhode Island Builders Association plans a busy evening for members and non-members at RIBA headquarters on Tuesday, February 3rd. After a brief monthly meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:30 p.m., the Builders Insurance Group (BIG), RIBA's in-

house insurance agency, will sponsor an Open House, beginning at 5. A free Networking Night for members and non-members will take place at the same time.

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Board reviews legislation, Home Show progress

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

A new director was welcomed, new members approved, 2015 legislative initiatives discussed, the Home Show outlined and legal matters reviewed during an

active first meeting of 2015 for the Rhode Island Builders Association's Board of Directors.

Filling the final open seat on the board as a local director is William Finnegan of Coventry Lumber Inc. He joins new lo-

cal directors Carolyn Medina of Women's Development Corp.; Ronald J. Caniglia of Stand Corp.; Jason DaPonte of Samsiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP; Michael L. DeCesare of DeCesare Building Co., Inc.; Kenneth Jones of Ken Jones Construction; Jose Marciano of JM Painting LLC; and Eric Wishart of Civil CADD Services, Inc., who were elected at the Annual Meeting in October.

Executive Director John Marcantonio reviewed plans for the association's 2015 legislative advocacy, being coordinated with the Rhode Island Business Coalition, which now includes 28 groups.

Regarding the Home Show, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has come in as an additional sponsor, Mr. Marcantonio announced. He also noted that students at the Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) are making rapid progress in building the Home Showcase for the show. This will be a "house without a roof" setting for home décor and landscaping.

The board thanked the Rhode Island Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association (RILBMDA) for donating materials for the Home Showcase.

Key Home Show Committee member Louis Cotoia of Arnold Lumber Co. cited the need for more volunteers to assist with assembly and disassembly before and after the show.

Mr. Marcantonio also reviewed pending legal issues.



Coming together



Bringing Latino contractors and the Rhode Island Builders Association together was the theme on December 11th as M&J Supply Co., Inc., hosted an Open House at its Providence showroom. Among those attending are, from left, Maria Takuma of Harmony Design and Construction, RIBA Executive Director John Marcantonio, and RIBA board members Jose Marciano of JM Painting & Plastering and Thomas Lopatosky of LOPCO Contracting.

PWB plans coiffure, photo evening

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11th, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Blowouts, 1000 Chapel View Blvd., Suite 132, Cranston 02920

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The more professional, yet approach-



Members of RIBA's Professional Women in Building Council enjoy making holiday centerpieces at The Farmer's Daughter, South Kingstown, on December 18th.

able, your head shot is, the more likely people will ask about you, your business and your products. That's a hot lead you cannot undervalue!

Join us at Blowouts for an evening of "before" and "after" head shots. Bring a friend. Non-members are welcome!

Also bring some items to share – scarves, jewelry, jackets.... We will take a few photos of you "as is" and also a few "professionally" done. Wine, cheese and crackers will be provided.

Holiday party

It was a Holiday Event at The Farmer's Daughter in South Kingstown on Decem-

ber 18th for the PWB! A highlight of the evening was making festive centerpieces.

"The turnout was great, the centerpieces made were each unique and beautiful, and several prospective members attended," commented PWB President Tracey Boyajian. "It was a nice night to take a little time for ourselves during the busy holiday season and be a bit creative with our group."

New members

PWB has welcomed three new members recently: Danielle O'Donnell and Tammy Tidd of CRM Modular Homes, and Joyce Therrien of Builders Insurance Group.

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Past President Roland Ferland, 86

Roland O. Ferland, president of the Rhode Island Builders Association from 1964-1965, passed away on December 11th at the Epoch Assisted Living Center, Providence. He was 86.

Born in Pawtucket, Mr. Ferland came from a family that has been a pillar of RIBA since the association's earliest years, providing two other presidents in addition to himself. He graduated from St. Raphael Academy and attended Providence College and the University of Rhode Island.

Very active in community and trade organizations, Mr. Ferland belonged to the National Housing Hall of Fame (the only Rhode Islander, inducted in 1990), the Fannie Mae Advisory Council, the Housing America Foundation, the Build-PAC political action committee, the National Association of Home Builders and the fed-



eral Standing Committee on Government Affairs, in addition to RIBA. He was an incorporator of the Pawtucket Institution for Savings and the Pawtucket Board of Realtors®.

Mr. Ferland became president when RIBA was still the Home Builders Association of Rhode Island, and he helped solidify its position as the voice of the residential construction industry in the state. Under his leadership, the association moved into new headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence. He also built lasting relationships with planning boards, town officials and the Rhode Island Development Council.

"A new spirit prevails...greater cooperation among members.... There is no doubt we're on the move!" Mr. Ferland commented in 1964.

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WHERE: Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence

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The Rhode Island Builders Association's Home Show in March promises everything from home décor, design and remodeling ideas, furniture and even landscaping in all sizes and shapes.

So, regardless of how large or small your business might be, there's still time to reserve your exhibit space. Members can exhibit at a discount for the whole show or for just one day.

Now that their holiday break is over, construction students at the Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) are back at work on the Home Showcase, an extensive 32' by 48' "house

without a roof" that will feature the best in home decoration and furnishings, all in a fully landscaped setting.

Thanks to the good offices of the Rhode Island Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association (RILBMDA), all the materials have been donated. Visitors will be able to stroll through the showcase and see custom-designed, multiple-room settings featuring Cabot House furniture.

At the other end of the scale, there will be a "tiny house" model, featuring a 240-square-foot home in the spirit of the new "smaller is better" trend.

There will be many other new features as the show, including a RIBA-sponsored contractor pavilion to help those who have never exhibited before "get their feet wet."

"First-time contractor exhibitors will have the option to rent space for a day rather than committing to the whole four-day

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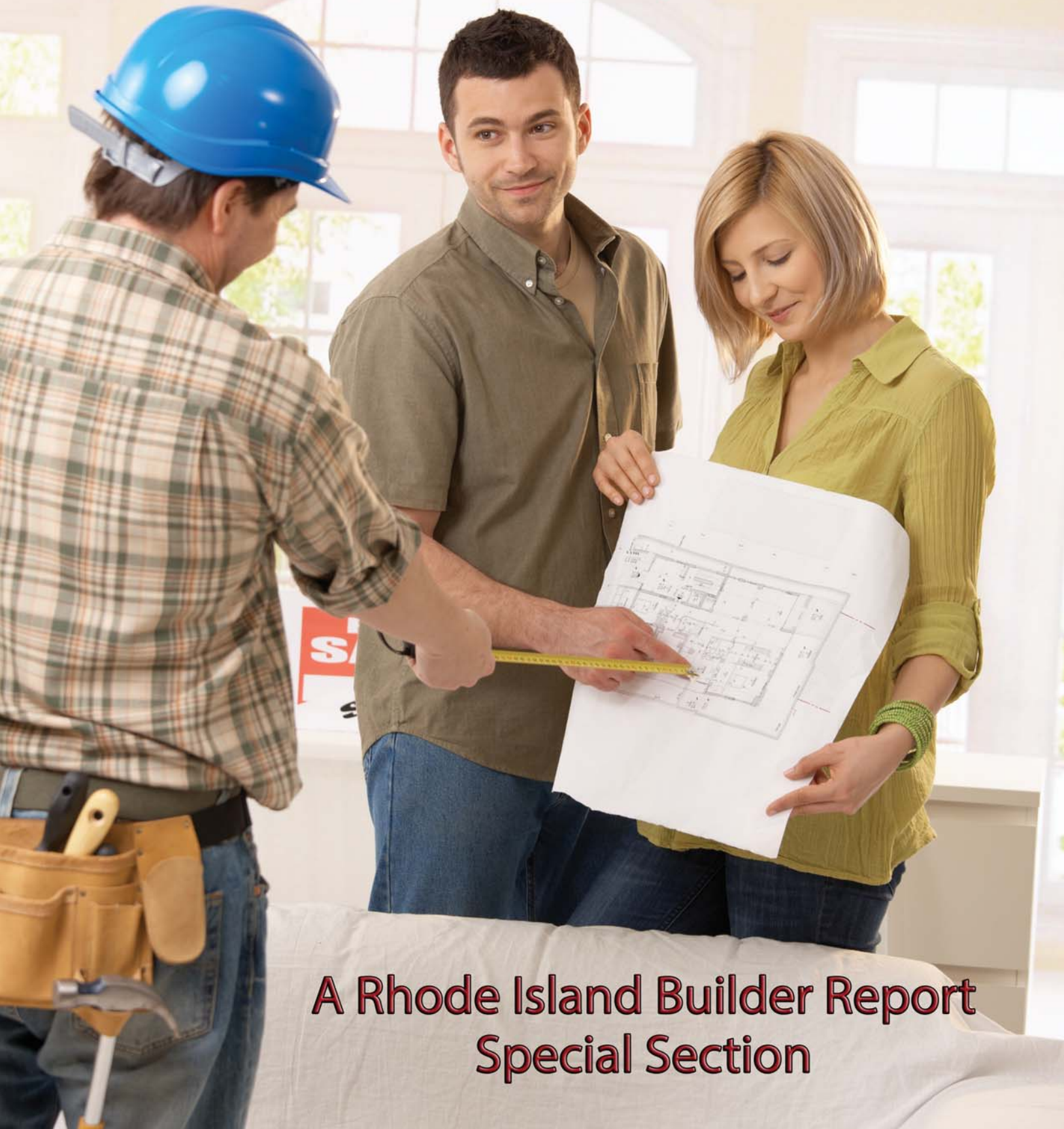
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Member Profile: Anthony Gargaro of Greenville Insulation

Keeping it warm for three generations

By Paul F. Eno Editor

Tony Gargaro Sr. and Greenville Insulation Co. have quite a pedigree.

Tony himself is the son of Antonio Gargaro, whom Tony says was the first insulation contractor in Rhode Island. Antonio started in insulation in 1957, then founded Master Insulation, which became Greenville Insulation when the company incorporated in 1960. This was at the height of the Cold War, only two years before President John F. Kennedy squared off with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Yet, many years later, the company would install insulation for none other than Khrushchev's son, Sergei, then living in Cranston.

"It's a small world" can be an understatement, especially in Rhode Island.

Antonio brought his son into the business when Tony was only 14 years old.

"My father said, 'Hey. Want to come over here and help me a little?' And that's how it happened," Tony recalls.

No sweeping floors or washing windows for him, though. Antonio started him right off installing insulation. Tony became owner and operator in 1985 and runs the company the way he was taught by his father.

Now there's a third-generation Gargaro, Anthony Jr., known as A.J. He works with Tony in the business and got started in a similar way, though he has a degree in architectural design. A.J. has taken the company in a new direction with Greenville Seamless Gutters, a separate enterprise that he owns, founded in 1997.

Greenville Insulation generally works within 50 miles of its Smithfield base, but will go farther for good customers, Tony says.

There have been plenty of interesting customers. There was the attic the Gargaros insulated for Congressman John O. Pastore in Cranston. Then:

"About 15 years ago, we insulated a house for the general man-



Three generations of Gargaros, Anthony Sr., Antonio and A.J., enjoy themselves at the 2006 Rhode Island Builders Association Clambake.

ager of the New Jersey Devils. Why he was living in Lincoln and working in New Jersey I don't know," says Tony.

This was Louis A. "Lou" Lamoriello, president and general manager of the professional hockey team to this day, a graduate of Providence College and a 2004 inductee to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Then came the job for Dr. Sergei Nikitich Khrushchev, a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University.

Proud of its dazzling history, Greenville Insulation has seven employees who work with blanket, cellulose, fiberglass and energy-board insulation. Customers are about 75 percent residential and 25 percent commercial, Tony reports.

How has the company fared in a tough economy?

"This was the worst recession I've been in, from 2007 to now," Tony states. "But you take care of your customers, and there has been no overspending."

So things have stayed on an even keel.

Greenville insulation is one of the Rhode Island Builders Association's oldest continuous members, having joined in 1960, and three generations of Gargaros have been seen at many a RIBA clambake. They also take advantage of RIBA's educational benefits, especially the lead classes.

So what does the future hold for Greenville Insulation?

"I might have different plans from my dad," says A.J., who will be in the spotlight whenever Tony retires. "And my young sons might take over from me someday. But right now, it's a busy time and that's the way we like it."



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RIBOA slates education expo

WHEN: Friday, February 27th, with registration at 8:15 a.m. and the Expo beginning at 9.

WHERE: New England Institute of Technology, East Greenwich Campus, One New England Tech Blvd., East Greenwich, RI 02818

COST: \$75 for RIBOA members, \$80 for non-members.


DEADLINE TO REGISTER: February 6th

FOR INFORMATION & TO REGISTER: Visit RIBOA.net

It's the 4th Annual Expo and Education Fair, sponsored by the Rhode Island Building Officials Association (RIBOA), and there's a great lineup of educational events.

Rhode Island Builders Association member Michael R. Guertin of Michael R. Guertin Inc. will offer "Residential Building Codes & Advanced Framing Techniques," while another member, Rob Sherwood, will discuss the Rhode Island Energy Code.

David Grandpre will offer a third program, on "Structural Roofing and Explanation of 23-27.3-106.0 Existing Structures, Substantial Improvements."

In addition, there will be vendor booths, code-book ordering and door prizes at the conclusion. Lunch is available. 

8 Hour Lead-Safe Remodeler Course February 19

WHEN: Thursday, February 19th, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: RIBA headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., East Providence

COST: FREE for members and their employees, with \$30 materials/registration fee. \$110 for non-members, with \$30 materials/registration. Credit cards accepted. Lunch is included.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class date

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The Rhode Island Builders Association will once again present the 8 Hour Lead-Safe Remodeler/Renovator Course in February.

This course is required to obtain or renew a Lead Safe Remodeler/Renovator License, which is necessary for work in all pre-1978 buildings in Rhode Island.

Insurance for small business February 17

WHEN: Tuesday, February 17th, 4:30-6 p.m.


WHERE: RIBA headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., East Providence

COST: FREE. Open to members, non-members and the public.

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Join Charles Lowe of the Builders Insurance Group for an in-depth look at what you as a small-business owner need to know about commercial insurance.

Also learn how to avoid pitfalls and problems that can occur in your company's insurance program. What you learn here can help take the mystery and confusion out of buying insurance so that you can concentrate on growing your business

This event is open to members of the Rhode Island Builders Association, non-members and the public. 


Those interested in participating in Rhode Island Housing's LeafSafe Homes program will be especially interested in this course. Related story on page X.

This class covers the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) requirements in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, as well as those of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

A written exam is given at the end of the course, and a passing grade allows attendees to apply for licensing in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and through the EPA.

Lunch will be served.

There will be no refunds for cancellations after one week before each class. No-shows will not receive refunds or credit toward future classes. Space is limited - please register now!

Many thanks to the generous RIBA supplier members who are hosting this important course! 

**For more information on
scheduled RIBA classes,
also see page 11 and the calendar on page 4.
If there is a class you would like
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Advanced Framing February 24

WHEN: Tuesday, February 24th, 5-6:30 p.m.
WHERE: RIBA headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., East Providence
COST: FREE for members with a \$10 materials/registration fee, \$50 for non-members with a \$10 materials/registration fee.
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OSHA-10 Course March 25-26

WHEN: Wednesday & Thursday, March 25th and 26th, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.
WHERE: RIBA headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., East Providence
COST: FREE for members with a \$30 materials/registration fee, \$125 for non-members with a \$30 materials/registration fee.
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: March 20th
FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Logon to www.RIBUILDERS.org, click on any of these events under the "Events Calendar," or contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

Scott Asprey of Risk & Safety Management will take participants through the OSHA 10-Hour Certification Course, which provides training in compliance with the Dept. of Labor & Training's municipal jobsite rules. It trains safety directors, foremen and field employees in OSHA standards and highlights major safety concerns so that jobsite accidents can be reduced. Every one completing the course will receive a copy of the OSHA Standard 29 CFR Part 1926 and an OSHA-10 certification card.

Working to bring R.I. back

**Steven Carlino**

First of all, we warmly welcome our new governor, and Rhode Island's first female chief executive, Gina M. Raimondo, who was sworn in as Rhode Island's 75th governor on January 6th. The Rhode Island Builders Association is ready to work with Gov. Raimondo to help bring Rhode Island back. Her experience in business and finance will be an important asset in that effort.

Now, with the General Assembly in session once again, a major part of that work begins as RIBA carries on its legislative advocacy for 2015. Details will be forthcoming in subsequent issues of *The Rhode Island Builder Report*, but you can be confident that we will continue to press for lower construction costs, improved permitting, removing unneeded layers of regulation, and other economic initiatives that will help restore a sound housing market.

That must happen as the backbone of any recovery.

We will continue to work for permitting reform, especially when it comes to fees and wait times. The announcement in De-

cember that a pilot program for statewide e-permitting is being initiated in 10 cities and towns has been very welcome at RIBA. We will continue to monitor progress on this front and keep our members informed. *Related story on page 1.*

We also will continue to advocate for improved statewide infrastructure, especially when it comes to public water and sewers. Improvements of this kind in areas where residential development is appropriate will go a long way to mitigate environmental concerns and make development in those areas smoother and less costly.

As we work on these and other legislative and regulatory concerns, we once again urge our members to be ready to support our efforts through personal contacts with your state senator and representative, and by testifying with us before legislative committees when necessary.

For details, contact RIBA Executive Director John Marcantonio at (401) 438-7400 or jmarcantonio@ribuilders.org.

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R.I. Housing seeks contractors for lead projects

Millions in grant money is available from RIH and the City of Providence for hazard-mitigation work on hundreds of residential units.

By Paul F. Eno Editor

At least twice the number of contractors are needed if Rhode Island Housing's (RIH's) LeadSafe Homes program is to upgrade all the units it has funding for.

"Currently we only have 11 contractors approved to work in the program," Russell Johnson, LeadSafe Homes coordinator, told *The Rhode Island Builder Report*. "About half of these are fairly active, and some prefer to work only in certain areas of the state."

The program is working with \$43 million in grant money from both the federal and state governments for lead-hazard mitigation statewide. The City of Providence itself received a \$3.9 million grant for use there.

"In the spring, Providence will kick off a project to make 250 units lead-safe. That's in addition to the 100 other units RIH will finish on its current grant," Mr. Johnson explained.

"With the infusion of the Providence grant money for work in the city, we anticipate a real crunch on our work force. We'd like to get more members of the Rhode Island Builders Association involved."

To become an approved contractor for LeadSafe Homes:

- Companies must have their lead-hazard reduction license.
- Supervisors and workers must also have their lead licenses. There is a 40-hour course for supervisors and a 24-hour course for workers.
- LeadSafe Homes representatives will look at an active job, make sure a contractor's insurance and licensing are current, then decide whether a good working relationship is likely. If all is well, they will

work to bring the contractor into both the RIH and Providence programs.

"This is a big program for us. Using this grant money, we plan to make 3,600 Rhode Island homes lead-safe," said Carol Ventura, RIH's director of development.

"It's a huge challenge in Rhode Island because our housing inventory is so old. But lead poisoning is both environmental and preventable, and we have the resources to make sure that children aren't poisoned."

Way to grow

Ms. Ventura noted that this program is a good way for small contractors to grow.

"Small companies that want to grow can come into the lead program through smaller rehab projects, then participate in some of our larger federal programs. Contracts might average between \$10,000 and \$45,000, depending on the number of units.

"They can graduate to some of the CDC (community development corporations) work that we do. These are rehabilitation projects that average anywhere from \$150,000 to \$700,000," she explained.

RIH Executive Director Richard Godfrey pointed out another advantage for contractors.

"RIH is paying the bills, so contractors on these projects don't have to chase the homeowner. Payment generally goes out within two weeks, and that's a good situation for small contractors who especially need a predictable cash flow," Mr. Godfrey said.

Work is ongoing, and contractor applications are being accepted. Contractors interested in joining the LeadSafe Homes program should contact Mr. Johnson at (401) 450-1386 or rjohnson@rhodeislandhousing.org, or RIH's construction manager, Charles Pytel (401) 457-1265 or cpytel@rhodeislandhousing.org.

Complete information and applications can be found at www.RhodeIslandHousing.org. Click the "Lead Safe" button at the upper left.

New paint disposal system well under way

Paint recycling is well under way in Rhode Island, thanks a partnership between the Dept. of Environmental Management (DEM) and PaintCare®, a Washington, D.C., based organization run by a paint industry trade group, the American Coatings Association.

The Rhode Island Paint Stewardship Program (RIPSP), established by legislation in 2012, was implemented in June of this year. The law required paint manufacturers to develop a take-back system for leftover paint from household and commercial customers. RIPSP is the fifth program of its kind in the United States.

As a result of the law, PaintCare has established 25 drop-off sites in Rhode Island where contractors and the public can take leftover paint for recycling. Most of these are at paint suppliers, who accept paint whenever they are open.

PaintCare sites accept house paint and primers, stains, sealers and clear coatings (e.g., shellac and varnish).

There are restrictions.

There are limits on how much paint can be dropped off per visit. Containers must be no more than five gallons in size.

Contractors who produce more than 220 pounds (about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month can only drop off latex paint.

Paint must be in its original container, which must have a label and a secured lid. Drop-off sites will not accept open or leaking cans.

No aerosols (spray cans), solvents or products intended for industrial or non-architectural use will be accepted.

PaintCare is working with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp. to accept paints, stains and varnishes at its Saturday Eco-Depot events, for Rhode Island residents only, at the Central Landfill in Johnston and other facilities around the state. See www.RIRRC.org/resident/upcoming-events for the schedule and locations.

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Corrie Haley & Leslie Anderson

The Green and Healthy Homes Initiative

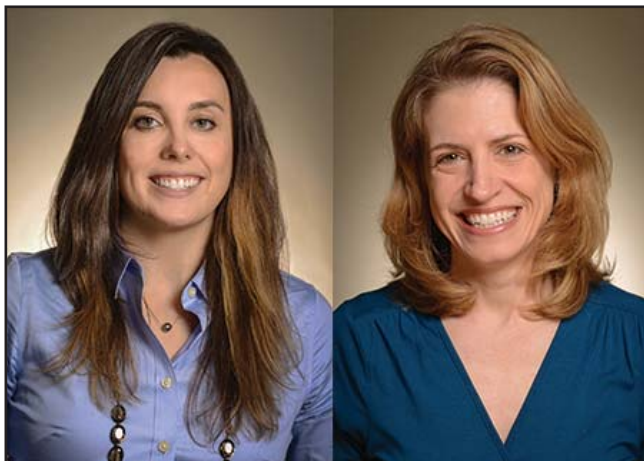
Corrie Haley is the outcome broker for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative® Rhode Island (GHHI Rhode Island). She coordinates multiple federal, state and philanthropic resources and works with the state, municipalities and not-for-profits to develop programs that provide low-income Rhode Islanders with energy efficiency, and health and safety housing services. She also works with the Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes (RI-AHH), a GHHI learning network comprised of more than 80 organizations working in the healthy housing industry. Before joining GHHI, she was a program manager for the Boston University (BU) Center for Global Health & Development, where she managed more than 10 programs focused primarily on maternal mortality, child health and community health-worker programs in Sub-Saharan Africa. In 2008, Ms. Haley was selected as a University of Rhode Island (URI) Energy Fellow. She holds a master's degree in public health from BU, along with two undergraduate degrees from URI in environmental economics.

Leslie Anderson is GHHI's vice president of marketing and communications. She develops and implements nationwide marketing, communications, partnerships and brand strategies. She holds an MFA in creative writing from Columbia University and a dual BA in writing and German from Carnegie Mellon University.

THE BUILDER: What's the current state of the housing stock in Rhode Island in general and Providence in particular?

HALEY: As many of your members might know, we have about 462,900 housing units in Rhode Island. That's according to data from the most recent census. Some 88.4 percent of those housing units are occupied. So, for various reasons, we still have a significant percentage of unoccupied homes.

There are several interesting points about our housing stock. For one thing, 157,900 of those units were built before 1939. So Rhode Island has some of the oldest housing stock in America, and that creates some issues. In Providence, especially in our urban core, we have a great deal of older housing stock, along with about 50 percent being multi-family homes. About 60 percent of the units are owner-occupied.



Corrie Haley

Leslie Anderson

THE BUILDER: What percentage of the housing stock is unsatisfactory or unhealthy?

HALEY: That's a tough one because it's hard to say exactly where unsatisfactory and unhealthy actually begin. But looking at houses that are pre-1978, which is about 75 percent of the units here, we're looking at issues like lead paint, structural issues that have occurred over time, and perhaps asbestos.

From an energy standpoint, we're also talking about inefficient windows and doors, extremely old boilers...systems that are sometimes as old as the houses themselves.

While the age of our housing doesn't necessarily mean that it's bad housing, it does tend to pose more risks for the families living there.

THE BUILDER: Low-income people and new immigrants often double up to save money. Is there an average for the number of people actually living in each housing unit?

HALEY: Actually, the average number of people in each unit is three. RhodeMap RI has a great graph showing this broken down by renters vs. owners. It's at http://rhodemapri.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/140425_Housing-Poster.pdf.

The data we have focuses on children because they tend to be the most at-risk in a household, and we know that about 82 percent of low-income children in Rhode Island live in older housing, or housing built before 1978. The national average is 59 percent.

We have a lot more older housing than most states, and that housing might not be more economically priced than a newer home, but may be the only available option for a family.

THE BUILDER: Given everything we've talked about so far, how does Rhode Island compare in housing with other states overall?

HALEY: Well, after New York, Rhode Island continues to have the second-highest percentage of children living in older, pre-1978 housing. So we're near the top on that statistic.

THE BUILDER: Would you agree with the Rhode Island Builders Association that having a poor quality housing stock hurts our state's economic competitiveness?



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HALEY: Poor quality housing stock certainly creates an unhealthy environment for families, and that can be a link between housing health and economics. It can lead to children being sick. So you can have an asthmatic child who's having episodes because of triggers in the home environment. That child might have to stay home from school or even visit the hospital, and that can keep the parents from going to work.

There might be parents having health issues because of the quality of the home. That decreases their productivity.

With affordable housing in short supply, we find that many low-income families are paying more for housing than they can afford. They have to make difficult choices about spending their remaining money on food, health care and energy. And they have to make those choices each month.

THE BUILDER: Lead hazards are believed to have a serious effect on a child's ability to learn. In a state with a serious shortage of skilled labor, is this a concern when it comes to healthy housing?

HALEY: Yes, lead exposure affects a child's cognitive skills and behavior, their ability to problem-solve and their thinking. There are developmental delays, and this is seen all through a child's schooling.

Children under the age of six are most vulnerable for lead poisoning. One in 10 children in Rhode Island who are scheduled to start kindergarten this coming fall have had confirmed blood lead levels of more than five micrograms per deciliter, which is the safe level set by the Rhode Island Dept. of Health (DOH).

ANDERSON: The party line on lead poisoning is that there really is no safe level for lead. As soon as a child is diagnosed with any blood lead level, they should be seen by a doctor immediately. There are statistics on the public costs associated with lead poisoning in children.

THE BUILDER: According to the National Association of Home Builders, Rhode Island has the third-oldest housing stock in the country. Does that statistic match your findings?

HALEY: I'd say that's probably accurate. And low-income people, the population we work with, tends to live in older housing.

THE BUILDER: We've already touched on the challenges for families living in unhealthy housing. Can you be more specific?

HALEY: Sure. Studies have connected poor-quality housing, poor maintenance and toxic building materials with respiratory illnesses, along with injuries such as slips and falls, and lead poisoning as we discussed.

We also find that families may be forced to move more frequently in order to find better or more affordable housing. This can create issues with family stability, and that can certainly affect a child's growth and development, and their academic performance.

I should point out that we've seen childhood lead poisoning decrease over the past decade, but until the incidents go to zero, it's still very much an issue. But progress is being made, and we need to keep working on these housing issues.

We shouldn't neglect the asthma issue either, especially in children. Eleven percent of Rhode Island adults have asthma. And as of 2010, 15 percent of children in the state, ages 17 and below, were diagnosed with asthma. So that's starting in childhood and is steadily increasing. Dust mites, cockroaches, mold, pet dander and rodents can all trigger and worsen these respiratory problems, and affect children's school performance. So it's important for people to keep their homes clean.

In Rhode Island, there were over 2,000 hospitalizations for children between 2008 and 2012 where the primary diagnosis was asthma.

THE BUILDER: What initiatives are in place to deal with all this?

HALEY: Certainly the work we do here at GHHI is playing a role. We're working with the City of Providence through the Community Action Partnership of Providence and Rhode Island Housing (RIH) to work on moderate rehabilitation for 50 units in the city. We want to make these homes healthier, safer and more energy-efficient for low-income residents who might not have access to resources on their own.

Each group we partner with has these resources. This includes the Community Action Programs (CAPs), heating assistance programs and the weatherization program from the state Dept. of Human Services (DHS). RIH has lead-abatement and healthy homes funding. And Providence was just awarded \$3.9 million from the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for lead abatement. (See related story on page X.)

GHHI was awarded funds from the attorney general's office in September to address weatherization, energy efficiency and air quality issues in homes. So each group brings something to the table. At GHHI we have the mantra "align, braid and coordinate," so we're doing that with the resources available in the state so families can access them.

THE BUILDER: So "braiding" as in winding strands of hair?

HALEY: Exactly. Often funds from different sources are blended, or braided, or they're used to leverage other funds to make more of an impact. With the attorney general's funds, for example, there might not be enough to work on all the houses that need it. But with those funds we can open doors for the CAPs to come in and use their funds for, say, weatherization.

Or, by using RIH or City of Providence lead-mitigation or healthy-housing funds first, we've been able to take many homes that would normally be deferred by the CAPs because of lack of that funding and have other groups come in and do the work. We're doing that kind of work in the Blackstone Valley as well as in Providence. We have funds from the City of Pawtucket for that.

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In addition, there's the Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes (RIAHH), just established in September. GHHI is the backbone organization in the alliance. It began as an idea with DOH and the Office of Housing and Community Development because there was no one venue to discuss and act on healthy-housing issues. We worked with them to bring in DHS, the Office of Energy Resources, the attorney general, RIH and the state Energy Efficiency & Resources Management Council to develop this group, which consists of over 80 organizations, agencies and small contractors. People who feel that their work is a part of healthy housing are working with RIAHH.

We hope to be the one-stop shop for Rhode Islanders needing healthy homes.

THE BUILDER: That leads right into the question of the hour for our readers: How can contractors get more involved in the solutions?

HALEY: RIAHH is a great way for contractors to come and listen to what's going on in the quest for healthy housing. We will have meetings this spring, and they are welcome to attend and get involved. They also will be able to voice some of the concerns they face. There will be opportunities for training and to help develop our thinking on where Rhode Island is going in terms of healthy housing.

At GHHI, we've seen that the health issues we talk about are related to different home environments and are interconnected. So to address the multiple home-maintenance issues, different contractors are needed. For example, there may be cracks in a foundation, allowing water to come in and cause mold. It's important to have people who can identify those issues and wear different hats, and I think that's where things are going: assessing a home's needs as a whole.

Visit www.GHHI.org for more information.

**Key Statistics: Lead Poisoning**

- Some 535,000 children ages 1 to 5 in the United States have been diagnosed with elevated blood lead (EBL) levels 5 ug/dl or higher.
- 37.1 million homes in the U.S. contain lead-based paint and 23.2 million of those homes contain prominent lead-based paint hazards.
- Childhood lead poisoning results in an average loss of lifetime earnings of \$723,000 per child.
- A child is estimated to lose two IQ points for each 10 ug/dl increase in blood lead level.
- Each dollar invested in lead paint hazard control results in a return of \$17–\$221 or a net savings of \$181–269 billion.
- \$43.4 billion is lost per year due to diminished lifetime earning power and behavioral changes that may result from early exposure to lead.

References available on request to the editor.

DEM proposes revisions to Stormwater Manual

The Dept. of Environmental Management

Minimum Standard 10 of the Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual is being revised to be consistent with the Performance Criteria for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures already adopted into the 2013 R.I. Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Construction General Permit and the 2014 R.I. Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook.

The proposed revisions focus only on changes to Minimum Standard 10, which addresses required erosion and sedimentation control practices during the construction phase, and during any land-disturbing activities for those projects.

The proposed changes include new performance criteria. All new permit applications submitted to the Dept. of Environmental Management (DEM) and the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) must comply with the proposed performance criteria 60 days from the date of filing of this amendment with the secretary of state.

Along with modifying Minimum Standard 10, the application checklist in Appendix A of the Manual is being deleted.

Additional information regarding the public notice period and proposed amendments can be found at www.DEM.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/swcoord/index.htm.



OSHA revises rules for reporting incidents

The National Association of Home Builders

As of January 1st, employers who fall under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have been required to report all work-related fatalities within eight hours, and all work-related, in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours of the incident.

Previously, employers were only required to report workplace fatalities and situations resulting in the hospitalization of three or more workers. Both of these had to be reported to OSHA within eight hours.

Rhode Island employers have three options for reporting to OSHA. They can call the Providence Area Office at (401) 528-4669, fax: (401) 528-4663 during normal business hours.

Or they can call the national 24-hour OSHA hotline at (800) 321-6742. They also can report online at www.OSHA.gov/report_online.

For more information and resources on the new reporting requirements, visit www.OSHA.gov/recordkeeping.



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assess community readiness to streamline permitting processes.”

The governor’s statement cited over-extended municipal staff and pressure to improve the customer service and reduce complexity as reasons for the initiative.

The state’s plan is to deploy new e-permitting software in two phases. Phase One will include the 10 pilot municipalities, as well as the office of the State Fire Marshal and State Building Code Commissioner. This phase is supposed to conclude with a “live launch” of the online system in September.

“Phase One will focus primarily on permits (e.g. building, fire, electrical, mechanical, plumbing), with the goal of streamlining the permitting process across communities,” the statement said.


Phase Two will include additional municipalities and permit types with an opportunity for statewide implementation.

Governor Chafee’s 2013 through 2015 budgets include \$900,000 for Phase One of the initiative. For more information, contact Allison Rogers at (401) 222-2280 or allison.rogers@doa.ri.gov. 

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As president of the Ferland company, he was a pioneer in bringing affordable housing to Rhode Island. He retired in the mid-1980’s as president and chairman of the board.

Mr. Ferland was the husband of Arline Ferland for 61 years until her death in 2010. He leaves a son, Roland J. “Jim” Ferland, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Jeannette Casavant, Armand, Albert, Raymond, Arthur and Eugene Ferland (president of RIBA from 1986-1988).

Donations in Mr. Ferland’s memory may be made to the Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club. Condolence messages may be posted at www.DarlingtonHeroux.com. 

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Mr. Tedesco was to assume the Rhode Island post in mid-January.

Mr. Tedesco has over 20 years of not-for-profit and association executive-management experience. Before joining TAR in 2010, he was CEO of the San Mateo County (California) Association of Realtors; CEO of the Santa Cruz (California) Association of Realtors; and vice president of marketing at the Realtor Association of Greater Miami.



Philip Tedesco

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statewide as soon as possible. Streamlined permitting and predictable regulations are key ingredients in any recipe for economic success.

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show,” explained RIBA Executive Director John Marcantonio.

There will also be a wider variety of exhibitors. The popular Energy Expo will return, as will landscape features by the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, demonstrations, seminars and special events.

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When you wish to recycle paint, it’s best to call your drop-off site ahead of time to confirm their hours and to make sure they have space to accept the amount of paint you have. Find a drop-off site online at www.Paintcare.org/drop-off-locations.

There are nominal fees, ranging from 35¢ to \$1.60, depending the size of the container. If you have to dispose of 300 gallons of paint or more, contact PaintCare for more information. Pickup service is available.


More information is available at www.PaintCare.org/rhodeisland. 

The Dept. of Environmental Management (DEM)’s recent opening of its Permit Application Center (PAC) is a great example of this process.

Over the past few years, Director Janet Coit and her staff have connected with the development community and other customers, received their feedback, and have worked internally to come up with a permitting process that shows a great deal of promise.

We all want Rhode Island to improve its regulatory environment, and RIBA will remain committed to communicating, cooperating and facilitating that change. 

“Now is the time to contact us about exhibiting, especially if you want to get in on the new RIBA Contractor Pavilion,” Mr. Marcantonio said.

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