

Keeping Posted

Membership drive



Cheryl Boyd

The Rhode Island Builders Association is about to launch its first membership drive in many years. With the two-pronged goal of retention and recruitment, a special new

Membership Committee was authorized by the RIBA Board of Directors at its November 9th meeting. Cheryl Boyd of Arnold Lumber Co., president of RIBA's Professional Women in Building, will chair the committee. See the "President's Message" on page 5, and watch for more information

Anderson promoted



Eric Anderson

Eric S. Anderson has been promoted to CEO of Enviro-Clean Inc., a member company that specializes in fire and water damage restoration and mold remediation.

He succeeds his father, John E. "Jack" Anderson, and will oversee the Smithfield-based company's restoration division, national emergency response team and the mold remediation and air quality products divisions. Mr. Anderson holds an MBA from Bryant University.



Senator tours member's 'green' homes in N.K.



During a November 10th tour of 'green' homes built by RIBA member company Caldwell and Johnson Inc. in North Kingstown, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, at left, presents homeowner Claudia Barrett with green building certifications. Assisting are, from left, builder David Caldwell Jr., RIBA President Robert J. Baldwin, and Rhode Island Green Building Council Executive Director Constance McCreavy.

SEN. WHITEHOUSE PLANS TO USE THE HOUSES TO BACK ENERGY LEGISLATION.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

The leadership and experience in 'green' building shown by one Rhode Island Builders Association member could end up helping homeowners all over America.

That's the belief of U.S. Sen. Sheldon

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Whitehouse, who took two hours out of his day on November 10th to tour three green homes built or being built by David Caldwell Jr. of Caldwell and Johnson Inc. Sen. Whitehouse is a co-sponsor of the Energy Efficiency in Housing Act (Senate Bill #1379), which would, among other things, require lenders to factor in a property's energy efficiency when considering mortgages and appraisals.

"The fact that these homes are built with substantial and quantifiable energy savings verified by a third party goes a long way toward adding value to any home. Lenders need to consider this when determining a home's value," Sen. Whitehouse said.

The bill has the support of RIBA and the National Association of Home Builders.

Sen. Whitehouse, accompanied by members of the media, and officials of RIBA and the Rhode Island Green Building Council, visited the North Kingstown homes, which are in various phases of construction. Located at 53 Hancock Drive, 58 King Phillip Drive and 354 Boston Neck Road, the homes have met or will meet four different green building standards for an average cost of \$5,000 more than a standard house.

"Five thousand dollars added to the purchase price and amortized over 30 years at prevailing rates is about \$1 a day. The expected utility savings...are about \$2 a day or \$730 a year at today's energy rates," Mr. Caldwell explained.

The Hancock Drive home was rebuilt from a 648 square-foot, two-bedroom ranch house. Caldwell and Johnson applied all four green building standards to the project: the National Association of Home Builders National Green Building Standard, the U.S. Dept. of Energy Builders Challenge Program, EnergyStar®, and the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) for Homes.

"This is the first project of its kind in New England to achieve certification under all four standards," Mr. Caldwell said.

The new structure is 1,296 square feet with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The house has a Home Energy Rating (HER) of 51. By comparison, a conventional new home built at the same time would carry a HERS 100, indicating that this home is al-

most twice as efficient.

The home has been completed and sold, and has been occupied since March. During Sen. Whitehouse's visit, the homeowner, Claudia Barrett, was presented with certificates for the LEED Gold Standard and the NAHB Silver Level, respectively.

The King Phillip Drive house is under construction on speculation and will be listed for sale in early 2011. The project seeks certification under the LEED for Homes standard at the Platinum level, the National Green Building Standard at the Gold level, the Builders Challenge Program, and EnergyStar. This will be the second house so certified in New England.

"The shell of the house is constructed entirely out of insulated concrete forms, creating an 11-inch exterior wall, with six inches of reinforced concrete sandwiched between 2.5 inches of Styrofoam® on either side, creating an extraordinarily strong and energy efficient building envelope. It's like a giant cooler!" Mr. Caldwell explained.

The Boston Neck Road home, still in the early stages of reconstruction, is a remodel of a 1962 duplex. The project aims to become the first Deep Energy Retrofit pilot project by National Grid in Rhode Island. The project also seeks certification under the National Green Building Standard, the Builders Challenge Program, and EnergyStar.

For more information on these homes, visit <http://caldwellandjohnson.com/greenprojects.html> or call (401) 885-1770.

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Of course, everything in the economy affects everything else. If there are no jobs in Rhode Island, people won't be remodeling even if they need to.

I don't think anyone foresaw how long or bad this recession would be.

We need to change the way Rhode Island does business. The state should not be using its resources to, say, go out and attract one big company to move here just because it's a big company. It has to be a good fit for all of us. If that happens, those businesses will thrive and the ones already here will thrive. That would be a huge plus for the housing industry.

Green Home Tour '10



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, right, talks with Rhode Island Builders Association President Robert J. Baldwin during the November 10th tour of three 'green' homes in North Kingstown built by RIBA member firm Caldwell and Johnson Inc. Here, they visit the kitchen at 53 Hancock Drive. Story begins on page 1.



Builder David A. Caldwell Jr., left, explains how additional insulation will be applied to the exterior walls at 354 Boston Neck Road.



Mr. Caldwell points out a cutaway of the "cooler-like" insulation system at 58 King Phillip Drive as President Baldwin looks on.



Sen. Whitehouse and Mr. Caldwell discuss energy legislation.