



The Masonry Update

what's happening in the masonry industry in New Jersey

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Dear Colleague,

These are very trying and unprecedented times as we are advised numerous times, every day, by federal, state and local government and health officials about COVID-19. During this public health threat take precautions, be extra kind and look out for each other.

As an organization our thoughts are with you and your families. Stay healthy and safe.

We've built a new look for our newsletter for Spring, enjoy.

Warm Regards,

*Carol Ciesielski
Executive Director*



CPWR Guidelines for the Construction Industry
COVID-19 resource page



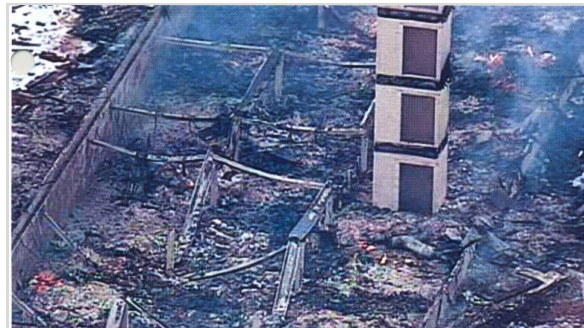
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BUILD BETTER FOR FIRE SAFETY



A raging fire, reportedly with 100 ft. high flames, engulfed the Avalon River Mews luxury condominium complex in Edgewater, NJ in the year 2000. The complex, which was nearing completion of construction at the time, was destroyed. Residents from eight nearby homes had to be evacuated as the intense fire continued to spread. Some residents scrambled to get family members, pets, belongings and cherished memories out of their homes, while some were so stunned they didn't know what to do. Miraculously, there was no loss of life.

More destruction occurred in 2015 when another massive inferno spread through apartments at the same site destroying more than half of the 408 units. Miraculously, there was no loss of life at that time either. [Read More...](#)

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RULED EXEMPT FROM INDUSTRY RELATED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS (IRAPs)

The U.S. Department of Labor's final rule published on March 11, 2020 and effective May 11, 2020 will help expand apprenticeship programs in the United States by establishing a system to advance the development of quality IRAPs while exempting the construction industry. [Read More...](#)

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THERE'S SNOW DAY LIKE MASONRY DAY



On December 3, 2019 the weather may not have been perfect but our Masonry Day & Rainscreen Expo, packed with education, networking & good food, certainly was.

The day started out with our Membership Meeting which was filled with industry updates from Keynote Speakers; Andrew Yosha, NJSDA and Kevin Triplett, NJ Department of Labor, as well as Fred Kinatader, Sr., Kinatader Consulting, LLC, Roy Ingrassia, Jr., IMI, Dan Siteman, IMI and Matthew Aquiline, ICE of BAC. [Read More...](#)

MORE NEWS

- **NEW JERSEY LABOR DEPARTMENT ISSUES STOP-WORK ORDER FOR WAGE VIOLATIONS, MISCLASSIFICATION OF WORKERS**
- **LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR MURPHY TO CRACK DOWN ON WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION**
- **NJDOL AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUE GUIDANCE TO EMPLOYERS ON "NO MATCH" LETTERS**

DID YOU KNOW?

2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Masonry Contractors of New Jersey's Membership Directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our members and other industry partners. Each year we generate a new directory filled with contact information on our Contractor, Associate, Architect & Engineer Members, as well as the NJ BAC ADC, NJ Laborers Locals, our International Partners and Officers. Our directory is mailed to all of these contacts and many other affiliates. If you haven't received a copy of the directory or are in need of additional copies, please contact our Association office.

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DESIGNER SUPPORT

The Association values the continuing membership and support of the design community. As architects and engineers in our industry you are responsible for designing the buildings where people spend most of their time. The masonry materials available today offer you creativity, design flexibility, strength and sustainability to add safety, value and beauty to our lives. Masonry design and union construction continue to stand the test of safety, craftsmanship and time and we count on our members to ensure the integrity of our built environment.

If you need any technical assistance, are looking to stay up to date with industry trends or need information on educational programs please don't hesitate to contact the Association Office.

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KEEPING TRAINING UP TO DATE

CPR, AED & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Did you know that CPR Certification is required every two years and First Aid Certification is required every three years? Are you up to date with your Certifications? When was the last time your employees attended the courses? Masonry Contractors of New Jersey offers classes every year in late Winter/early Spring. [Read More...](#)

WINTER/SPRING 2020 TRAINING SCHEDULES

The BAC and Laborers Training Classes are now running.
Visit their websites for more details.
www.bacnj.com
www.njlaborers.org

IN NEED OF OTHER TRAINING? CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE!

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INDUSTRY CONFERENCES

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE UNION WORKING TOGETHER

By gaining a better understanding of common interests and challenges, locally and across the country, Labor and Management can establish methods and best practices to enhance the economic growth and competitiveness of the unionized masonry industry.

The collaboration of Labor and Management is an ongoing initiative for all stakeholders; contractors, union, craftworkers and the general public.

- **INT'L COUNCIL OF EMPLOYERS and INT'L UNION OF BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS WINTER CLUSTER MEETINGS**
- **BENEFITS FOR THE BENEFICIARIES**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SHOUT OUT TO AMERICAN MASONRY CORPORATION

JUDGE AT THE 2020 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500

Ron Atzert, owner of American Masonry Corporation and one of Masonry Contractors of New Jersey's Officers, was a judge for the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Competition on February 5th during the 2020 World of Concrete/World of Masonry event. Thank you to Ron for representing union masonry and the state of New Jersey.

During the competition 26 teams of one mason and one mason tender were tasked with building a 26' 8", double wythe brick wall in 60 minutes. The walls were judged by 30 masonry experts using 10 sets of craftsmanship requirements, including quality and most bricks laid. [***Read More...***](#)

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