

LEWIS COUNTY CHAPTER OF OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS



Spring Cleaning Tips That Pay Off

Lewis County Chapter Meetings

Please join us for our next monthly OMB Lewis County Chapter meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Moose Lodge. This month we will feature an overview of the ROLL program. For more information contact Jenn at membership@omb.org. Non-members welcome.

Welcome to Our Newest OMB Lewis County Member!

Sunquest Construction, Inc.

For OMB membership information, please contact Jenn Wasson at membership@omb.org



Spring has officially arrived; birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and homeowners everywhere are bracing themselves for the annual responsibility of spring cleaning. However, try not to think of spring cleaning as a chore, but as a chance to refresh your home. A few days spent decluttering, cleaning, and fixing can be like giving your house a spring spa day. Your home will be sparkling clean, ready for the summer, and – most importantly – protected from potential problems down the road.

Here are several items for your spring cleaning that will be worthwhile:

Inspect Windows:

- Make sure all your windows open and close smoothly and don't have any drafts. Seal any leaks with caulk or weather stripping to keep cool air inside and your energy bills low.
- Install clean window screens to let fresh air in while keeping insects out. Give your screens a wash with water and soap.

Create Cool Comfort:

- Schedule a professional tune-up for your air conditioning system. A clean and efficient AC unit will keep you cool all summer and save you money on energy bills. Also, don't forget to replace your air filter every 3 months for optimal performance and a healthier environment.

Manage Exterior Chores:

- Winter can be tough on your house, but especially your roof. Inspect your roof for missing or damaged

shingles, look for leaks or signs of water damage inside your attic, and address any issues promptly to prevent bigger problems down the road.

- Clean out your gutters and downspouts to ensure proper water drainage. Clogged gutters can lead to water damage around your foundation.
- Spring is the perfect time to spruce up your landscaping. Seed and feed your lawn, plant beautiful flowers, and trim overgrown trees and shrubs.

Remember Safety First:

- Working on a ladder can be risky. Always follow safety guidelines: use the right ladder for the job, ensure it's on stable ground, and never stand on the top two rungs.
- Wear eye protection, gloves, and long pants when operating machinery.

Remember, focusing on these small jobs now will save you time and money in the long run. To find a licensed contractor in Lewis County, visit omb.org for our searchable directory of OMB members.

OMB Happenings

OMB Education Foundation Auction

June 7, 2024
6 - 10 pm

Indian Summer Golf & Country Club

Please join us at the 2024 "Viva Las Vegas" Auction to raise funds for our Education Foundation! Enjoy Live Jazz Music as you explore silent auction items, sipping our

signature cocktail. Take a picture with your crew in our themed photo station.

After the silent auction, sit down to a delicious plated dinner before bidding on our unique live auction packages. Raise your paddles to fund the scholarship program, and then get ready for our fifth annual Dessert Dash!

Let's GAMBLE the night away as we raise money for the OMB Education Foundation to support the next generation in

our industry! Register today at omb.org

Competent Person - Fall Protection

June 14, 2024
8 am - 5 pm

BIAW in Tumwater

Are you aware there have been changes to the Fall Protection rules WAC-880? Have you complied? Has your

employer complied? If you are new to the construction industry or have been in the industry a decade, you will walk away with a better understanding of the use and design of fall protection systems, inspections, cleaning and maintenance of equipment and basic rescue techniques. You will see various fall protection systems and concepts in the video "Don't Hit the Ground." Also, learn the most recent basic ladder

safety and written site-specific fall protection plan training required by WAC Code 296-880 New Rule. NOTE- This certification is good for one year.

Course Fees

Non-Member Fee: \$400
Member Fee: \$300

Register today at

<https://www.biaw.com/classes/competent-person-fall-protection-biaw/>

Lewis County Government Affairs Update:

Lewis County 2045

It's that time again! Time to shape your community for the next 20 years. Jurisdictions across the county are opening their comprehensive plan process to receive input from the greater Lewis County community and the combined vision of the future for you and all your neighbors. Comprehensive plan update periods occur every 10 years and can include sections on economy, land use, housing, climate change, and more. This is your opportunity to have a say in where your community is going.

Jurisdictions will have all Comprehensive Plan Update information on their website, or at their administrative offices.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU:

Comprehensive Planning at jurisdictions will impact

your ability to do business and build housing for the next 20 years. They include policies around economy, land use, zoning, housing and more. The overarching goal of the comprehensive plan is to place local control over local priorities. Make time to be part of the "locals" that are giving input!

These plans are only available to update and edit every 10 years, and now is your time to determine what you want your community to look like shifting toward 2045, and to ensure that affordable housing for all economic segments of society is a priority!

Centralia Street Trees

A well placed tree can help conserve energy, provide a visual screen, and provide years of beauty. However, a tree placed in the wrong place can be harmful and

potentially expensive! The small tree you plant today will someday grow tall and its roots may be as expansive as the tree's branches.

You can find more information about the right trees in the right places at <https://www.cityofcentralia.com/212/City-Street-Trees>

Chehalis Building Permits

If you're a homebuilder, or even a homeowner looking to make some changes, you need to know your local permitting process. And you need that process to be clear, timely, and efficient. For example, do you know what items the city will require for every permit? Items specific to new buildings like a site plan with newly proposed structures? What is included in a demo permit? As the city begins to utilize more of the tools of a digital world, anyone looking to build should arm

themselves with enough knowledge to ensure fewer roadblocks throughout the project.

Information on how to sign up for an account on the city's online permitting portal, what is needed for specific permits, and more can be found at

<https://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/building/building-department>

For more information, please contact Olympia Master Builders' Government Affairs Director, Jessie Simmons, at ga@omb.org or (360)754-0912 ext. 102.



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