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## ICPI NEWS

### Toronto City Council Approves Paver Maintenance Fee



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In late November 2016, Andrew Pask of AP Public Affairs contacted ICPI staff about an item on the City of Toronto's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee's agenda about a proposed concrete paver maintenance fee of \$55 per sq. meter plus up to 15 percent for complex patterns. The City of Toronto's Transportation Services had submitted a report that was not favorable to the ICP industry. The ICPI Executive Committee met and allocated immediate funding to retain Andrew Pask's services and facilitate communications to hopefully prevent the report from reaching City Council. **READ MORE**

### ICPI Webinar: Long-Term Performance of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP)



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Help improve your company's efficiency and profitability with the "Long-Term Performance of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement" webinar. The webinar will address Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement (PICP) performance, maintenance and resources. PICP can be cleaned with equipment used on impermeable pavements, making PICP more cost-effective. **READ MORE**

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## 2017 Hardscape North America (HNA) Request for Education Programs Proposals



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ICPI is now accepting proposals for education programs at the 2017 Hardscape North America. We ask that you submit program information via our online proposal form: [2017 HNA RFP](#). Submissions are due by **Wednesday, Jan. 25**. [READ MORE](#)

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## Submit 2016 NCMA/ICPI Safety Awards



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Submit your entries for the NCMA/ICPI Safety Awards Program now — the deadline is **Friday, Feb. 3**. The program recognizes safety-conscious Producer and Associate members of the National Concrete Masonry Association and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute, as evidenced by exemplary safety needs. The program has an easy-to-complete online submission process and there is no fee to enter. [READ MORE](#)



## ICPI Annual Meeting Social Event Location Announced



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The ICPI 2017 Annual Meeting Social Event will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Rustler's Rooste. Don't miss out on a fun evening of food, drinks and networking in an outdoor barn and paver patio that overlooks beautiful downtown Phoenix, Arizona. **READ MORE**



## ICPI Participates at Congress 2017

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Landscape Ontario held its 43rd Congress event Jan. 10-12 in Toronto. Billed as Canada's largest Green Industry Show and Conference, it typically attracts more than 12,000 attendees, which are predominantly contractors and more than 600 exhibitors. The event also hosts daylong workshops prior to the show opening, as well as numerous conference sessions through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **READ MORE**



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### MEMBER NEWS

## First Plant Certification Awarded



NCMA

Basalite Concrete Products' concrete masonry production plant in Tracy, California, has become the first plant certified through the NCMA/ICPI Plant Certification Program. This achievement demonstrates a commitment to quality control for certified plants in the production of dry-cast concrete products. The program requires plants to implement and follow a rigorous quality control program and be audited regularly to ensure compliance. Congratulations to Basalite on this accomplishment. For details on the quality control program, click [here](#).

## ICPI Members: Got News to Share?



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Add ICPI to your news distribution list and have your news shared in the Paver Express. We encourage you to send news about your company, community service projects or key employees. Send press releases and other new items to [Reba Miller](#), Marketing & Meetings Coordinator.

### GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## 'Real' Unemployment Rate (U-6), 2006 – 2016



NAM

Economic data on manufacturing activity were mixed last week, but for those who are optimists, there were also signs that demand, output and hiring might accelerate moving forward. Along those lines, the Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index accelerated to a two-year high in December. It

was the second consecutive increase in the headline number, mirroring the jump in business confidence seen in other economic indicators since the election. Indeed, all of the sample comments provided by the ISM echoed the improvement in activity and outlook, noting strong business conditions, a tight labor market and a pickup in inflationary pressures. There were also encouraging data on new orders and production. It was the first time both of these measures have exceeded 60 — signifying strong expansions — in 25 months, or since November 2014.

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## Rising Rates a Challenge for 2017



NAHB

Economic conditions continue to mirror market reactions to the post-election environment. For example, the 10-year Treasury rate has risen from 1.8% in early November to approximately 2.4 percent this week. Rates escalated on the prospects of increased growth in a tight labor market. This higher cost of capital has pushed up mortgage rates (30-year fixed-rate mortgages jumped from 3.5 to 4.2 percent in recent months). And rising rates have already had an effect on pending homes sales which decreased 2.5 percent in November, 0.4 percent lower than a year ago.

However, it is important to keep in mind that rising rates are the result of improving economic growth prospects. Similar to the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index, many market measures are showing post-election strength. For example, consumer confidence increased in December to the highest level since 2001. These trends reflect the broader economic challenge for 2017: a delicate balance of improved growth prospects and rising interest rates.

—NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz

## INDUSTRY BUZZ

### Video: The Power of Permeable Pavers



SBCreeks via YouTube

City of Santa Barbara's Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division — Quarantina Street Permeable Paver Project. **WATCH NOW**

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## ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Jan. 19-20	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Eagle Bay Hardscapes	Blacksburg, VA
Jan. 19-20	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course (Spanish Course) — Eagle Bay Hardscapes	Blacksburg, VA
Jan. 20	PICP Specialist Course — County Materials Corporation	Woodbury, MN
Jan. 23-24	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	Pewaukee, WI

Jan. 25-26	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Hershey, PA
Jan. 25	PICP Specialist Course — County Materials Corporation	Pewaukee, WI
Jan. 25-26	Advanced Residential Paver Technician Course — Belgard	Southern Pines, NC
Jan. 26-27	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Southwest Chapter	Phoenix, AZ
Jan. 30-31	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Dover, DE
Jan. 30-31	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — County Materials Corporation	Waupaca, WI
Feb. 1-2	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Harpers Ferry, WV
Feb. 1-2	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Colorado Springs, CO
Feb. 2-3	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Southwest Chapter	Albuquerque, NM
Feb. 6-7	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Anchor Block	Minnetonka, MN
Feb. 8-9	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Fairfield, NJ
Feb. 14-15	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Eagle Bay Hardscapes	Charlotte, NC
Feb. 14-15	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course (Spanish Course) — Eagle Bay Hardscapes	Charlotte, NC
Feb. 14-17	ICPI 2017 Annual Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
Feb. 15-16	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Techo-Bloc & Sauder's Hardscape LLC	New Holland, PA
Feb. 18-19	ICON-Xchange	Phoenix, AZ
Feb. 20-21	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Amcor Masonry Products & Belgard	Salt Lake City, UT
Feb. 21-22	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Pensacola, FL
Feb. 22-23	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Lowcountry Paver	Hardeeville, SC
Feb. 22-23	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Lindenhurst, NY
Feb. 23-24	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard & Miller Material	Overland Park, KS
Feb. 23-24	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Belgard	Idaho Falls, ID

Feb. 27-28	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Landscape New Brunswick	Fredericton, NB
Feb. 28 - March 1	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — CPS Distributors, Inc. & Borgert Product	Westminster, CO
April 4	2017 Montreal PICP Workshop	Montreal, QC
April 6-7	Northeast Hardscape Expo	Providence, RI
Aug. 22-25	ICPI 2017 Summer Meeting	Toronto, ON
Oct. 18-20	Hardscape North America	Louisville, KY

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## ICPI WEBINARS

Date	Webinar	Time
Jan. 26	Long-Term Performance of PICP: David Smith — Technical Director, ICPI	1 p.m. EST
Feb. 2	Tech Spec 5 — Cleaning, Sealing and Jointing: Robert Bowers, P.Eng — Director of Engineering, ICPI	1 p.m. EST
Feb. 28	Tech Spec 15 — Specification of Mechanically Installed ICP: Andrew Vear — Director, PaverCrafters Ltd. and Robert Bowers, P.Eng — Director of Engineering, ICPI	1 p.m. EST
March 8	Upselling to Homeowners ( <i>Members Only</i> ): Donny Duke — Director of Design, Engledow Estates	1 p.m. EST
March 21	Tech Spec 11 — Mechanical Installation of ICP: Robert Bowers, P.Eng — Director of Engineering, ICPI	1 p.m. EST
April 12	Providing Value and Selling to Design Professionals ( <i>Members Only</i> ): Mark Dooley, RLA — Architectural Sales, Basalite	1 p.m. EST
May 11	Inspection of PICP: David Smith — Technical Director, ICPI	1 p.m. EST
June 8	PICP Design Using Permeable Design Pro: David Smith — Technical Director, ICPI and Robert Bowers, P.Eng — Director of Engineering, ICPI	1 p.m. EST

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## TRENDING ARTICLES

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