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ICPI NEWS

ICPI and Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) Request One-Year Delay on Silica Rule for Construction



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The ICPI and CISC sent a letter to the Acting Secretary of Labor, Edward C. Hugler on March 8 requesting a one-year delay on implementation of the silica rule for construction. The rule enforcement is scheduled to commence on June 23, 2017. The letter outlines that CISC member companies are experiencing significant difficulties in attempting to comply with the rule. **READ MORE**

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ICPI Study Reports Significant Growth in Sales for Segmental Concrete Pavement Contractors



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Gross sales for segmental concrete pavement contractors in the U.S. and Canada increased by 8.8 percent in 2016, according to a new report released today by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI). [READ MORE](#)

NALP National Collegiate Landscape Competition Hardscape Event Winner and Runner-up Celebrate HNA Installer Championship Admission Courtesy of ICPI and GIE+EXPO



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Top: Participants competing in the Hardscape Installation at NCLC. Middle Left: Participant completing the fire pit installation. Middle Right: Completed installation project. Bottom: First (Brigham Young University – Provo), second (College of DuPage) and third (Cuyahoga Community College) place teams and advisers at the NCLC Closing Ceremony in Provo, UT.

The 41st Annual National Collegiate Landscape Competition held in Provo, UT on March 15-16, 2017 was a great success. A total of 61 schools participated in the various competitions. A qualifying test narrowed the competition down to 40 teams **READ MORE**

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Join us for a Members Only webinar on value-added selling to design professionals with guest presenter, Mark Dooley, RLA of Basalite. Mark will provide expert advice on reaching out to potential clients and presenting a good return on your investment of time by leveraging confidence, strength and experience through great customer service. The webinar will take place at 1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, April 12. For more information and to register, [click here.](#)



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MEMBER NEWS

2017 Excellence in Hardscape Awards Recognizes County Materials' Concrete Pavers, Slabs and Retaining Walls



County Materials Corporation



Image 1: Emile Court Residence in Gillett, WI 2: Lake Edge Apartments in Madison, WI 3: Church Mutual Office in Merrill, WI 4: Smoke Tree Pass Residence in Appleton, WI 5: Menasha Corporation Headquarters in Neenah, WI

The innovation and beauty of County Materials' hardscape products were recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin

Masonry Alliance Excellence in Hardscape Awards. Five projects with concrete pavers, slabs and retaining walls manufactured by County Materials received awards at a February 22nd, 2017 gala, hosted at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin. [READ MORE](#)

Nicolock Paving Stones and Retaining Walls Acquire New Production Facility in Sparta, NJ



PRWeb

Nicolock Paving Stones and Retaining Walls, a leader in hardscapes and outdoor living, recently announced the acquisition of a new production facility in Sparta, New Jersey (formally Grinnell Concrete Paving Stones Inc.). This new facility will enhance distribution logistics and expand manufacturing capacity in the New Jersey market as well as to surrounding areas. [READ MORE](#)

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GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

NAM's Consumer Price Index, 2014-2017



NAM



If anyone is looking for further signs that the U.S. economy appears to be turning a corner, look no further than the fact that many of the indicators released last week hit multiyear highs. In addition, the Federal Reserve has sent a strong signal that it sees accelerating growth in the economy. As expected, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) voted to raise short-term interest rates by 25 basis points, upping them just three months after the last action. In doing so, the Federal Reserve noted better economic data and increased pricing pressures. The Federal Reserve will continue its process toward normalized rates, and according to the latest economic projections, participants still see three rate hikes—or two more after this one—in 2017. Of course, future Federal Reserve moves will hinge on incoming data, and more aggressive action might be necessary if the U.S. economy and/or inflation accelerate beyond current expectations. [READ MORE](#)

Builder Confidence Highest in Nearly 12 Years



NAHB

Optimism among single-family builders this month is the strongest it has been since 2005. Much of this positive sentiment stems from the widely anticipated reductions of government regulations. A prime example was the recent executive order to roll back the Waters of the United States rule that affects builders' and developers' wetlands permits. However, we can expect some moderation in builder confidence in the months ahead, as interest rates rise and headwinds persist for access to lots and labor.

As expected, last week the Federal Reserve increased the short-term federal funds rate for just the third time in the post-recession era. Much of the Fed's stance is fueled by a strengthening labor market, which added 235,000 jobs last month. As the rate of inflation approaches the 2 percent target rate, NAHB forecasts two additional rate hikes this year.

Additional price pressures can be seen on the supply side of the industry. Gypsum prices have increased more than 6 percent in the first two months of 2017, and softwood lumber prices rose almost 5 percent due to the ongoing lumber trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada. As housing starts continue to rise in the months and years ahead, additional sources of lumber will be required.

-NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz

INDUSTRY BUZZ

Young Construction Workers Mean More Monitoring, Longer Projects



NAHB

Employment in the residential construction industry reached 2.68 million in January of this year. Although this is still well short of the 3.45 million at the peak of the boom in 2006, it nevertheless represents an increase of more than 700,000 jobs since the employment trough of the Great Recession in 2011. [READ MORE](#)

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ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 29	PICP Specialist — Belgard & Amcor Masonry	Salt Lake City, UT
March 30-31	ICPI Regional Commercial Paver Sales Course	Oakland, CA
April 3-4	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Expocrete	Edmonton, AB
April 4	2017 Montreal PICP Workshop	Montreal, QC
April 4-5	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — New England Concrete Manufacturers Association	Providence, RI
April 5	PICP Specialist Course — New England Concrete Manufacturers Association	Providence, RI
April 6-7	Northeast Hardscape Expo	Providence, RI
April 6-7	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Expocrete	Calgary, AB

April 10-11	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Anchor Wall Systems	Minnetonka, MN
April 11-12	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Pavestone	Grapevine, TX
April 26	PICP Specialist Course — ICPI Northern California Chapter	Seaside, CA
May 8-9	Certified Concrete Paver Installer Course — Oldcastle	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
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
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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- [ASLA Survey Ranks Permeable Pavement and Fire Pits as Top 10 Projects in 2017](#) (ASLA)
- [Interlock Design\'s, "A Magnificent Mile," Featured on Stanislaus County, CA Website](#) (ICPI)
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