Another Great Year for ICPI Courses

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was another great year with 90 installer courses sponsored by our wonderful ICPI member companies and affiliate organizations. Approximately five of these courses were undertaken by new sponsors. Thank you to our sponsors for continuing to provide quality education for contractors on best practices in paver installation!

ICPI Conducts Members-Only Webinar on Recent Results and Goals for Upcoming Fiscal Year
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What has ICPI done for your company and the industry lately? What are the Institute's goals and plans for the upcoming fiscal year? Join ICPI's Chairman Matt Lynch and Executive Director Charles McGrath as they conduct a members-only webinar to review progress on the Institute's current and future activities, as well as answer questions from members. The webinar will take place at noon (Eastern) on Thursday, June 15. To register, click here.

Did You Know? 14,963

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The number of searches conducted on the ICPI website's new Contractor Member Search Engine since February 2016. Contractors can be searched by name, state, ZIP codes, distance from ZIP codes and/or applications (residential/commercial). Click here to visit the search engine page.

ICPI Summer Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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The 2017 ICPI Summer Meeting will be held in conjunction with the NCMA Midyear Meeting on Aug. 22-25 at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Ontario. The Summer Meeting will offer a variety of opportunities for member companies to be in the spotlight with a prominent sponsorship. ICPI offers many opportunities to fit every budget, as well as joint sponsorship opportunities with the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA). For complete details on the sponsorship opportunities available, click here or contact Erin Hobson at 703-657-6908 for more information.

ICPI Represents Industry to Canadian Government Officials at FCM Trade Show

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ICPI participated as a Corporate Partner in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Annual Conference and Tradeshows, June 1-4 in Ottawa, Ontario. The event attracted 2,079 attendees, predominantly mayors and councilors from municipal government across Canada. READ MORE

New ICPI Paver Pros Blog Highlights Raised Patio Construction Best Practices and Traffic Calming Using ICP
A new Paver Pros Blog post on the ICPI website highlights advice and tips regarding the best practices when constructing raised patios, written by ICPI's Director of Engineering, Robert Bowers, P. Eng. In addition, David Smith, ICPI's Technical Director, discusses traffic calming using interlocking concrete pavement systems and ICPI efforts to form partnerships to collect data, calm drivers and save lives. Click here to read the blog posts.

The Paver Pros Blog is part of an enhanced website Newsroom that also features more industry news, key Interlock Design magazine articles, important information from each issue of Paver Express, ICPI meeting news and updates on ICPI's Hardscape North America trade show.

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**New Issue of Interlock Design Focuses on Creating Better Home Environments**

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The second quarter issue of ICPI's Interlock Design magazine features an in-depth article on holistic design using segmental concrete pavement systems to help homeowners transition from a hectic work environment to tranquil, relaxing and enjoyable residential living. Click here to read more.

**ICPI Welcomes Chelsea Daum**

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Chelsea Daum is our new Membership Services Coordinator. Chelsea has previous experience as a Training and Events Coordinator and Membership Coordinator at the Silver Eagle Group LLC. She also did a Disney College Program Internship with the Walt Disney Company and volunteered for many international nonprofit organizations. Chelsea earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in business management and a minor in marketing from Kent State University. We are pleased to have her on the ICPI staff team.
ICPI Welcomes New Members in May

ICPI welcomes the following members:

Associate:

- Sable Marco (Pont-Rouge, QC)

Informational Contractor:

- Carolina Landscape Management (Hendersonville, NC)

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MEMBER NEWS

ICPI Members: Got News to Share?

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

INDUSTRY BUZZ

Senate Committee Reports on a New Bill with Permeable Pavement Language

The U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee recently issued a report on Senate Bill S692 Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act with text supporting permeable pavements. The Senate report that accompanies the bill, Senate Report 115-87, includes language directing the US Environmental Protection Agency "to promote green infrastructure (measures like landscaping or permeable pavements that reduce storm water..."
flows into sewer systems or surface waters) by conducting outreach and training through the agency's regional offices.”

**NAM's Real Gross Domestic Product**

In the minutes of the May 2–3 Federal Open Market Committee meeting, members noted that while "aggregate spending in the first quarter had been weaker than [expected], they viewed the slowing as likely to be transitory.: With that in mind, the Federal Reserve is likely to raise short-term interest rates at its June 13–14 meeting. On Friday, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that the U.S. economy grew 1.2 percent in the first quarter in newly revised figures. This improved slightly from the earlier estimate of 0.7 percent growth, but nonetheless, it continued to represent a slow start to the year. Yet, I anticipate a strong rebound in the second quarter. My current forecast is for at least 3.0 percent growth in real GDP in the second quarter, with the economy expanding 2.2 percent for 2017 as a whole.

**Second Look at GDP Growth in the First Quarter**

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released the second estimate of real GDP growth in the first quarter of 2017. Economic activity expanded at a 1.2 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate, an upward revision from the previous 0.7 percent estimate. This estimate is based on more complete data than was available for the "advance" estimate. Real GDP grew at a 2.1 percent rate in the fourth quarter.
Permeable Pavements in Cold Climates: State of the Art & Cold Climate Case Studies

Researchers began by conducting an extensive literature search that identified and summarized 170 documents on permeable pavement use and performance. They also identified and summarized case studies, including test cells at MnROAD and in four Minnesota cities or water districts, as well as in parking areas in Denver, Colorado; at the University of New Hampshire; and in Ontario, Canada. Researchers then worked closely with a Technical Advisory Panel composed of state and local road engineers and industry representatives to develop a simple, web-based tool for initially deciding where a permeable pavement might be feasible and a final report that would function as a guide to decision-makers.

NAHB Releases Remodeling by Zip Code Estimates for 2017

NAHB recently released its latest projections of spending on improvements to owner-occupied housing by zip code. The projections show total spending on improvements, the number of owner-occupied homes, as well as average spending per improvement, in each of over 26,000 zip codes for calendar year 2017.

Introduction to Permeable Pavements

Stormwater management is a key component of urban infrastructure design. If properly designed and constructed, porous pavements can help rainwater infiltrate soil, decrease urban heating, replenish groundwater and reduce overall stormwater runoff. Today, the construction of permeable pavement systems that can accommodate surface water runoff is gaining increased attention through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

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### ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### TRENDING ARTICLES

Missed last week's issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- [ICPI Releases New Maintenance Guide for Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements](#) (ICPI)
- [Recent Action on the OSHA Silica Regulation](#) (ICPI)
- [President Signs FY17 Funding Bill Containing ICPI Provision on Pavers](#) (ICPI)
- [Getting Creative](#) (Storm Water Solutions)

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