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ICPI NEWS

Another Successful Year for ICPI Installer Courses Thanks to Our Sponsors!



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We have had a very successful course season this year, with 70 Concrete Paver Installer courses, 15 Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement courses and 4 Advanced Residential Pavement Technician courses for a grand total of 89 installer courses! We look forward to another successful season this 2017-2018 with your help in sponsoring the installer courses.

Plan ahead! Now is the time to schedule a course for winter – dates are being booked right now! Check out our [Events Calendar](#) on the ICPI website. For more information on sponsoring a course, please click [here](#).

Special thanks to our FY 2016-2017 sponsors!

Concrete Paver Installer Course Sponsors (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

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- Landscape New Brunswick
- Michigan Green Industry Association
- Mid-Atlantic Horticulture

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- Basalite Concrete
- Belgard Hardscapes – Amcor
- Belgard Hardscapes – GMS
- Belgard Hardscapes – Northfield Block
- California Manufacturers (Basalite, Belgard Hardscapes, Calstone, McNear, Pavestone Company)
- County Materials Corporation (2 courses)
- ICPI Northern California Chapter
- Mutual Materials
- New England Concrete Manufacturers Association
- Pavestone
- Pennsylvania Horticulture Society
- Total Property Management

EVOLUTION
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ICPI to Serve as an Endorser for Manufacturing Day 2017



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ICPI is endorsing Manufacturing Day 2017. Manufacturing Day is produced annually by the National Association of Manufacturers and "is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers." This year's event will take place on Friday, Oct. 6.



ICPI Members are encouraged to get involved, and host an Open House event for students and the general public to show what manufacturing is all about. For more information or to register to host/attend an event, please visit the [Manufacturing Day 2017 website](#).

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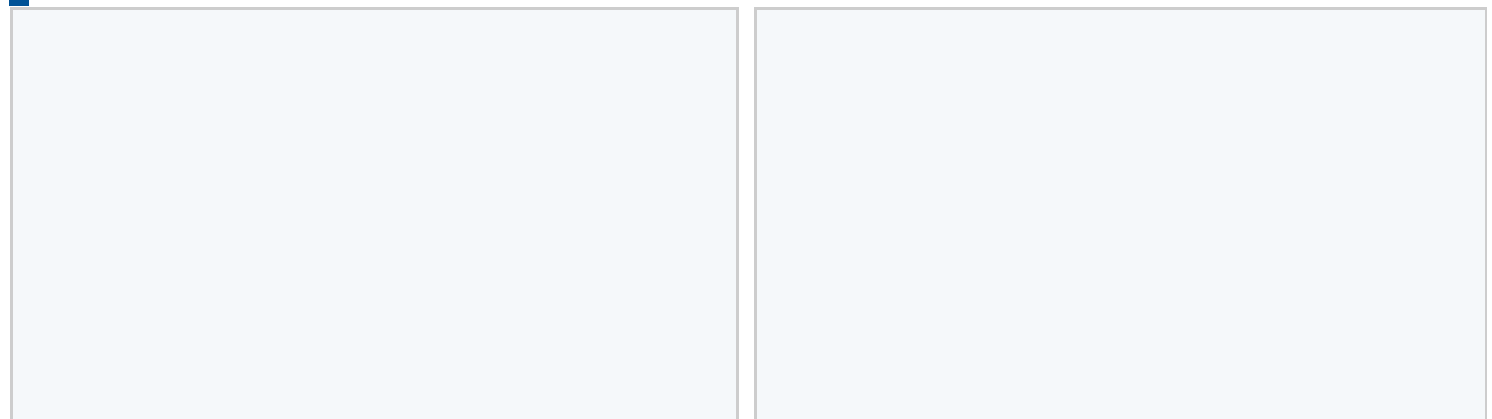


Enter the 2017 HNA Awards. Click [here](#) to watch a video highlighting some of last year's winners and telling you how to enter this year.

[HNA Awards](#) recognize outstanding hardscape projects by contractors in residential and commercial applications, including walkways, patios, driveways, plazas, parking lots, roadways and more. Award winners and honorable mention honorees will be recognized during the 2017

Hardscape North America trade show at the HNA Awards Recognition Ceremony and will be featured in *Interlock Design* magazine, the HNA website and several other industry publications. A distinguished panel of industry experts will select award winners and honorable mention projects.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT





ICPI Announces Social Event at Toronto's Famous 'Second City'



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The Second City opened its doors on a snowy Chicago night in December of 1959, and has since grown to become the world's premier comedy club, theatre and school of improvisation — with live shows every night in Chicago, Toronto and Hollywood. The Second City has been a launching pad for comedians, actors, directors and others working in show business. Notable alumni include Alan Arkin, Dan Aykroyd, James Belushi, John Belushi, John Candy, Chris Farley, Tina Fey, Bill Murray, Mike Myers, Gilda Radner and Martin Short among many others.

Are you ready to have some fun in Toronto? ICPI has got a night of laughter and networking planned for you! Join us on Aug. 22 for an evening you won't forget as we kick back and let the comedians of Second City Toronto make us laugh until it hurts. This is sure to be an unforgettable evening as the infamous cast goes to work to shed light upon the most hilarious and gut-wrenching current events. The show will conclude with an interactive improv session with ICPI members and a fun night cap at the rooftop bar and lounge. **READ MORE**



ICPI Endorses the ICON EXPO 2018 Machinery & Equipment Show



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The ICPI has endorsed the ICON Expo to be held Feb. 9-10, 2018 immediately prior to the ICPI Annual Meeting, Feb. 11-13 in Indianapolis. ICPI associate members qualify for exhibit discount pricing. ICPI Annual Meeting attendees can attend the show at no additional cost. Trade show only admission will also be available through ICON EXPO. For more information, go to www.iconexpo.org.



Did You Know? ICPI Member Benefits

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Did you know that ICPI offers members a variety of marketing tools for contractors to use for their business? Log in to the Members Only section of the website and click on "Market Your Business" for all our marketing information!

MEMBER NEWS

ICPI Members: Got News to Share?



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GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Apprenticeships, Technical Education Offer a Path to a Successful Workforce — 'College-Only' Is a Myth



Fox News

In making his impassioned speech on how our county's economy can grow through tax reform, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan said, "We need to connect people with the skills they need to get good-paying, in-demand jobs." [READ MORE](#)

Existing and New Home Sales, 2014-2017



NAM



Last week was a slower one for indicators, but the data points that were released reflected mostly positive trends, with the global economy showing signs of continued progress. Along those lines, the IHS Markit Flash Eurozone Manufacturing PMI rose once again to its fastest pace since April 2011. This suggests that

manufacturers in Europe have mostly brushed off political uncertainties, with economic growth on the continent continuing to trend in the right direction. New orders and output accelerated further in June, with both at levels not seen since early 2011. Looking ahead six months, the future output index reflected healthy expectations moving forward, with that measure at its highest point since it was introduced in mid-2012. In addition, IHS Markit also released preliminary figures for France and Germany, which were both promising despite mixed results in June. More. [READ MORE](#)

Consumer Confidence in June — Optimistic but Cautious Consumers



NAHB

Figure 1. Conference Board - Consumer Confidence Index



The Consumer Confidence Index, released by the Conference Board, rose in June. Consumers were quite optimistic about current conditions, but less optimistic about the near term outlook than in May. [READ MORE](#)

The NAM Testifies on How to Improve and Modernize NAFTA



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NAM Vice President of International Economic Affairs Linda Dempsey testified at a public hearing this week, organized by the Office of the United States Trade Representative, on the soon-to-be launched NAFTA renegotiations, where she laid out manufacturers' top priorities. She underscored key areas to improve and modernize NAFTA to grow manufacturing and jobs in the United States, including eliminating the remaining trade distortions and barriers in Canada and Mexico; cutting border and regulatory red tape; raising intellectual property rights and investment standards to U.S. levels; adding new digital trade provisions; and ensuring greater collaboration between the United States, Canada and Mexico to stop trade cheating. Dempsey also noted key areas where NAFTA was already working to support U.S. manufacturing production and jobs that should be included in a modernized agreement.

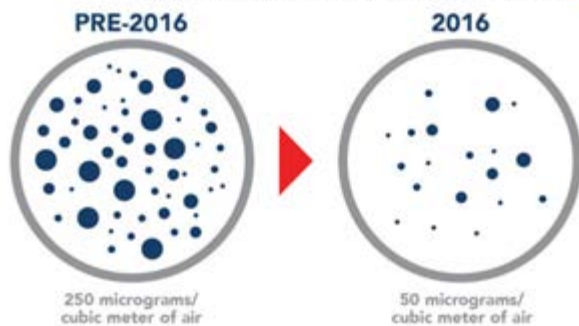
INDUSTRY BUZZ

Special Report: OSHA Silica Rule: Are You Ready?



For Construction Pros

IN 2016, OSHA REDUCED THE PEL OF RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA AVERAGED OVER AN 8-HOUR SHIFT BY 5X.



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration delayed enforcement of the crystalline silica standard that applies to the construction industry several months to conduct additional outreach and provide educational materials and guidance for employers. Enforcement will begin in September.

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OSHA to Hold Public Meeting to Solicit Suggestions for Strengthening the Voluntary Protection Programs



Department of Labor

OSHA will hold a stakeholder meeting July 17 in Washington, D.C., to discuss the future direction of the agency's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). The discussion will include comments and suggestions from the public on potential avenues for action. [READ MORE](#)

Training Opportunity: Construction & Maintenance of Permeable Pavement



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ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Aug. 8-9	Concrete Paver Installer Course — Nicolock	Plainview, CT
Aug. 19	HNA Northwest Regional Installer Championship	Lacey, WA
Aug. 22-25	2017 ICPI Summer Meeting	Toronto, ON
Aug. 25	HNA Central Region Installer Championship	Keller, TX
Aug. 29	HNA Western Region Installer Championship	San Jose, CA
Oct. 17-18	Advanced Residential Paver Technician Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 17-18	Concrete Paver Installer Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 17-18	Commercial Paver Technician Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 18	PICP Specialist Course — HNA	Louisville, KY
Oct. 18-20	2017 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY

Oct. 25-26	Concrete Paver Installer Course — ICPI Northern California Chapter	Sacramento, CA
Feb. 9-10	2018 ICON EXPO	Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 9-13	2018 ICPI Annual Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
Sept. 10-13	2018 ICPI Summer Meeting	Vancouver, BC
Oct. 17-19	2018 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY

To check out more ICPI Events, click [here](#).

TRENDING ARTICLES

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

- [More Permeable Pavement in the Pipeline?](#) (EPA)
- [2017 Summer Meeting — Register Now, Early-Bird Registration Ends July 24](#) (ICPI)
- [ICPI Foundation Projects Update Members Only Webinar](#) (ICPI)
- [In a Setback for Unions, Labor Department Moves to Revoke Obama-Era 'Persuader Rule'](#) (The Washington Post)

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