



BFP News and Views

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Multi-Jurisdictional Residential Amnesty Program Launching in May 2013

The Southern Nevada Building Officials (SNBO) and the SNICC are pleased to announce Residential Amnesty 2013 in association with Building Safety Month.

The primary goal of the Residential Amnesty Program will be to ensure the compliance of non-permitted construction that has been self-disclosed by homeowners. Obtaining Building Permits is not only mandated by law but will also help ensure safety and protection for the single largest investment - our home.

The Residential Amnesty Program may allow property owners who live in their homes to voluntarily come forward to obtain permits for non-permitted construction. This Residential Amnesty Program will also waive penalties on self-disclosed residential construction work done without permits.

The self-disclosure period will begin May 1, 2013 and will extend through

May 31, 2013, coinciding with Building Safety Month. The Residential Amnesty Program will allow homeowners to obtain permits without penalties for work performed on the following items:

- Room Additions less than 600 square feet
- Interior or Exterior Alterations
- Kitchen or Bathroom Remodeling
- Patio Covers
- Electrical or Plumbing Work
- Block wall repairs, installations and replacements
- Furnace replacement / AC Replacement
- Hot Water Heaters / Water Softeners
- Self-contained Hot Tub installations
- Fences greater than 6-feet in height
- Sheds or accessory structures greater than 120 square feet
- Garage conversions

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taining walls up to 4-feet in height

“Building permits and inspections help ensure the safety of your home and your family, as well as protect your investment,” said Ron Lynn, the Clark County Building Official and Building Department Director. “Faulty installations can cause fires, flood damage and other hazards. Work done without permits may not be covered by insurance. You also could face costly repairs if and when you try to sell your home.”

To apply for the Residential Amnesty Program, a homeowner must first contact the Building Department in which the home is located to obtain the necessary permit forms and fees. As part of the Residential Amnesty Program, the homeowner must also take part in a short educational training session

*Building Safety Month
Theme 2013:
Code Officials Keep You Safe*



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Building Department Welcomes the Fire Prevention Bureau

On April 2, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved the transfer of the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) to the Building Department. The primary purpose of the move is to make it easier to do business in Clark County, Nevada.

To date, the Fire Plans Check Group (Fire Plans Checkers and Fire Protection Engineers), Finance, Plan Intake, and FPB Administration representatives have been welcomed into the Building Department's Administrative Building located at 4701 W. Russell Road.

Sr. Deputy Fire Chief Page commented that “the FPB's initial move is successful because of the tremendous support and commitment of the Building Department.” He offered a special “Thank You to our IT Team.”

Within a week of moving into the Building Department, the IT Team implemented the FPB Plans Check Assignment Tool. This tool provides the FPB with a way to electronically track FPB applications and helps us meet the FPB customer's schedule needs.

In the near future, the FPB will begin the process of moving the Deputy Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector teams currently located at various Fire Stations around the County to their new home — the Building Department.

Everyone is welcome to meet Deputy Fire Chief Girard Page and his assistant, Valerie Schubert, or any of his knowledgeable and dedicated team in Fire Prevention.



AMY CHENG APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR SANDOVAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

"The Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors plays a vital role in promoting public welfare and safety by providing for the licensure of qualified and competent professional engineers and professional land surveyors. It is my honor to have an opportunity to serve on this important board, and I hope to make a positive contribution to the engineering and land surveying profession and promote public safety in the State of Nevada."

Amy Cheng

Amy Cheng, PE has been appointed to the Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to serve a three year term beginning March 7, 2013.

Amy Cheng has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Nevada since 1999. She received her Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1983 in Asia, and later earned two Masters of Science degrees in the US at the University of Maryland at College Park, one in Mechanical Engineering and the other

in Fire Protection Engineering.

Ms. Cheng worked with the Las Vegas Fire Department for over five years prior to joining the Clark County Department of Development Services (now called the Building Department) in 1999. She currently is an Assistant Manager for the Building Plans Examination Division overseeing the Building Architectural Plans Examination and Fire Protection Engineering section. Ms. Cheng also worked as a part time instructor in the Department of

Mechanical Engineering at UNLV (University of Las Vegas).

Ms. Cheng is an active participant in the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Asian

American Group (AAG).



Jeremy Payne Lauded for Efforts at Hakkasan Project

"Jeremy's efforts in staying current with a very fast moving project, while addressing potential code issues in a timely manner was crucial to completing the project ahead of schedule."

Quoted from McCarthy Project Manager David Prevo's letter to Randy Tarr, Assistant

Objectives are not fate; they are direction. They are not commands; they are commitments. They do not determine the future; they are means to mobilize the resources and energies of the business for the making of the future."

Peter Drucker

Commitment to the job never goes unnoticed especially when the project is complete and the appreciative customer commends Clark County's onsite inspector for the significant contribution. Jeremy Payne was the onsite resident inspector assigned at the Hakkasan Las Vegas project at the MGM Grand Casino, an upscale and lavish nightclub, which started construction in July 2012 and opened in April 2013.

According to Jeremy, "The greatest challenge associated with the project was keeping up with a very intense and high-paced construction schedule. McCarthy and their subcontractors worked continuous shifts to keep the project's estimated completion date realistically within their sites."

Hakkasan LV is unique in that all five stories of the building tie back into the MGM Grand. Hakkasan LV was also designed with its own smoke control system and that special attention had to be taken into consideration for all of its components. With these complexities, Jeremy made sure he was available many early mornings and late afternoons checking that all construction was up to Code.

In the interview with Jeremy, the feeling of accomplishment was very evident. "I feel as though the 8 years of experience I've gained with Clark County doing multiple combination inspections equipped me with the tools I needed to perform the large array of inspections the Hakkasan LV Project demanded."

Jeremy's contribution to this project signifies the County's

objective to provide the county with a safe build environment. The Building Department is indeed proud of Jeremy Payne for such commitment demonstrated on the job.



"The spoken word was the first technology by which man was able to let go of his environment in order to grasp it in a new way."

By Herbert Marshall McLuhan who predicted the World Wide Web (www.com) almost thirty years before it was invented .

Source: *Wikipedia*



Promotions and Retirements



Dee O'Reilly, Administrative Secretary, joins the Building Department as admin support to Kevin McOsker, Manager of Plans Exam. She was previously with the Facilities Division of McCarran Airport.

Asked what made her move to the Building Department, Dee, with her smiling eyes, proudly says, "because I was up to a new challenge in the County. With my experience in the Maintenance and Construction Industry at McCarran, I thought it was a good fit for my attributes."

That's our girl!

Lindsay Deere, Senior Business Systems Analyst, joins CCBD IT group to support Naviline and ProjectDox for Building and Fire Prevention.

Lindsay started at the County as a Programmer Analyst II in July, 2008, after moving here from Iowa. She spent her first four years in the Information Technology Department, mostly supporting the Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Department. Lindsay also implemented the Code Enforcement and Building Permits modules at Fire and also introduced ProjectDox electronic plan submittals last year.



Dee O'Reilly



Lindsay Deere

Congratulations on New Promotions!

Newly promoted to Supervising Building Inspectors are Mike Brooks and Matt Brewer.

Mike Brooks is now assigned to the Resorts and Facility Inspection Group. He's been with the County for 13 years.

Matt Brewer Matt has been with the County for 8 years. Matt says, "It's a challenging transition to be a supervising inspector, "you're not just thinking about yourself, but your team as well." Well said, Matt!



Will Be Missed

Brian Hume, Plans Examiner II, is retiring effective May 3, 2013. Brian has worked for the Clark County Building Department for 18 years assisting customers including owner/builders with navigating the building permit process.



Revisiting Our Mission Statement

Mission Statement for Review

"We will provide timely, progressive and effective plan review, permitting and inspection of construction to ensure compatible and safe development for citizens and visitors of Clark County."

Volunteers Needed to Review Mission Statement

Missions change and goals take on a different direction that should be more relevant to changing customer demands.

Clark County Building Department is all set to review our Mission Statement and Ron Lynn, our Director, is inviting team members to join the committee who will review our mission and vision.

If you are interested to be part of this committee putting together a new mission and vision for the Building Department, feel free to e-mail Ron Lynn's Executive Assistant, Gabrielle Schilling at gjs@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

