

# AZBO News



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## Message from the Board

Greetings!

My name is Michael Grubbs, I am pleased to be able to provide you with a little background about myself. I was appointed Treasurer for State AZBO in January of this year by the Executive Board. I have been active with the AZBO Central Chapter since 2014 having served as Secretary for 4 years, Vice President for 2 years and now President. During this time, I have gained enormous respect for the AZBO organization and the great work they do. Most notable are the Spring and Fall Institutes which provide valuable code training for code officials, contractors, and other development professionals such as me and you. The Annual Business Meeting held in July is an event that brings everyone together to examine what worked the previous year and also plan for the future. A big part of the ABM is the annual Golf Tournament which is always a great day and a lot of fun.

I began my building code enforcement career in 1995 in Medford Oregon as an electrical inspector where I worked for almost 16 years. I was the Building Official for the City of Ashland, also in Oregon, for 3 ½ years then relocated back to Arizona in 2014 to work for the City of Phoenix where I was their Residential Inspections Team Leader until March of 2022. I took a job with Maricopa County as Plans Examiner Manager and worked there for 15 months having just vacated this position to go back to my true calling, electrical inspections. I took a position with On-Site Engineering and will work once again for the City of Phoenix. The unfortunate result of my leaving Maricopa County is I have step down as Central Chapter President since I am no longer a jurisdictional member. It saddens me however my successor is a great guy and will do a fabulous job who has lots of support from present and past board members.

I have made a lot of friends during my time with AZBO which I value greatly. They are all as committed as I am to serve the citizens of the great State of Arizona and ensuring our buildings and homes are safe and code compliant.

I hope to see you at one of the Institutes or the ABM! Until then, be safe, have some fun and continue to support AZBO!

Respectfully yours,

*Michael Grubbs*



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## Ride for Roger / AZBO's Legacy Run, Saturday May 20, 2023



Thank you again for t-shirts, lunch, and prizes provided by our sponsors: OnSite Engineering, Willdan (*in memory of Roger Brooks*), and Stantec (*in memory of Kim Coyne*).

We had such a great time we voted to do it again next year. If you were unable to join us this year, **mark your calendars for May 18, 2024.**

AZBO's Legacy Run to honor those Building Safety Professionals who have gone before us.

REST IN PEACE **Pat Davis** and **Tom Haney** who left us in April and May, 2023.



*rest in peace*



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## Building Safety Month, May 2023

From **Shicheng Tao**, Chief Building Official,  
City of Chandler

Throughout the month of May, City of Chandler participated in the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council and its members and partners to promote the importance of building codes and provide education for the public about solutions that improve the safety, sustainability, affordability, and resiliency of buildings and community.

To appreciate the building safety professionals for their diligent services for our customers in the very front line daily, Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke, City Manager Josh Wright, and other City Officials came join the building safety professionals in an Appreciation Luncheon in the Development Services Department on May 11.



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From **Cherry Green**, Yavapai County

Our Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation and we set up a table to offer information to the public at our local Lowes Store on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## County promotes building codes

Throughout the month of May, the Yavapai County Building Safety Unit will participate in the 43rd Annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members, and partners to promote building safety. This year's campaign, "It Starts with You," raises awareness about the role we all play in ensuring safety in the spaces in which we live, work and learn. The campaign also makes the connection between building codes and our personal safety, as well as the important work done by building safety professionals in our communities.

The Yavapai County Building Safety Unit will be at the Lowes Home Improvement store, 2300 East State Route 69 in Prescott, on Wednesdays, May 10 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with information on the award-winning A Home of My Own program,

permitting and inspection information and a variety of standard plans that are free to the public and available for use in summer projects. Also, visit the Development Services booth at the Yavapai County Contractors Association Home Show on Friday through Sunday, May 19 through 21, for additional information on how to partner with Yavapai County Building Safety to improve the safety of your home and community.

Staff will be available to provide information and answer general questions about your building projects and improvements.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at [buildingsafetymonth.org](http://buildingsafetymonth.org) or join the conversation on social media using #BuildingSafety365.

The Yavapai County Building Safety Unit provides plan review, inspections and enforcement of the currently-adopted building codes.



From **Tiffany Copp**, City of Surprise

Mayor Skip Hall, with the help of Vice Mayor Judd (pictured), proclaimed May as Building Safety Month in the City of Surprise at a Council Meeting, publically recognizing the importance of building safety and the efforts of the City's Community Development and Fire Departments. The City's Communications team aided us in raising resident awareness by issuing weekly updates on building safety topics through social media. Swag baskets, pamphlets and information were displayed in the City's One-Stop Shop and key locations throughout City Hall, including the City Manager and Mayor & Council offices.



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**John Sheffer**, City of Mesa

The City of Mesa posted a reel on their Instagram page. I was unable to open the link, however you can check out their IG page for info.



From **Yvette Granados**, City of Casa Grande

The City of Casa Grande's building department built this tiny little house for Building Safety Month. We had our plans examiner and inspectors inspect the tiny home for any code call outs. This project took us about one month to build from tiny little pieces (approximately 700 pieces) and it was a great team building experience. The tiny home stands at 8" tall and 11" wide. We've had it displayed on our customer counter to show the public why life safety is so important. We also downloaded numerous documents from the ICC website and challenged our staff to take the Junior Code Official Training. Their certificates were printed and displayed. We are proud to announce we officially had 6 certified Junior Code Officials!



Under Construction

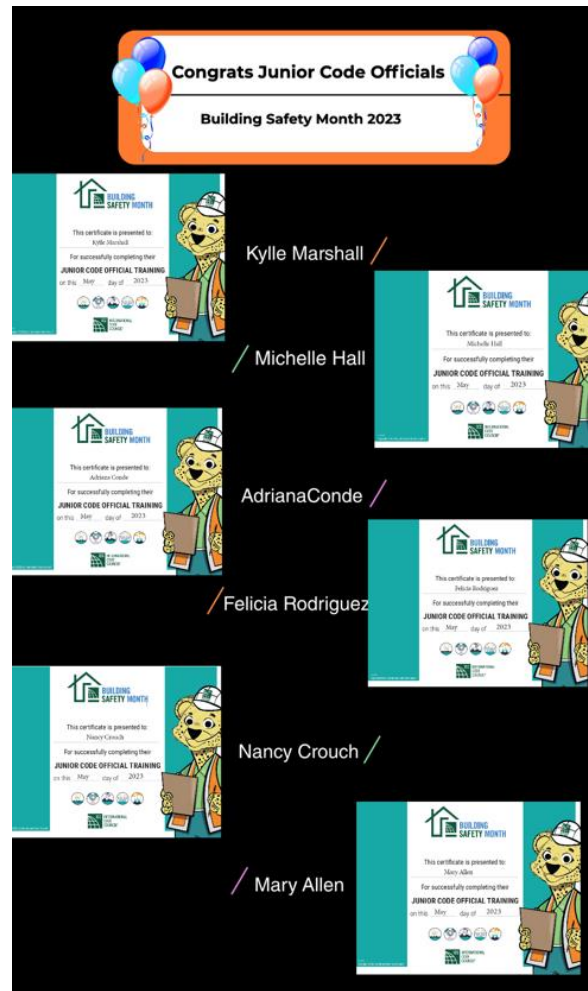


2023 Building Safety Month

Completed



- Code Call Outs:**
- Building**
- 1) No pool barrier
  - 2) No handrails on stairs
  - 3) No windows in bedroom
- Planning**
- 1) No 5ft set backs on pool
  - 2) No front yard set backs
  - 3) Front fence over 36 inches
- Engineering**
- 1) No retention
  - 2) No sidewalk



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From **Randy Westacott/Cheryl Mullis**, City of Goodyear

The City of Goodyear has so many things to celebrate including being the 11th fastest growing city in the United States and the 2nd fastest growing city in Arizona (depending on where you get your information) with a population of more than 106,090!

With so many exciting things happening in Goodyear, Randy Westacott has been working on special assignments providing an opportunity for Cheryl Mullis, Deputy Building Official to step into the role of Acting Chief Building Official.

Everyone that knows Cheryl knows she loves to plan a party! This year we celebrated Building Safety Month with Mayor Joe Pizzillo. We had lots of food, fun and festivities with Mayor Pizzillo! What an honor for Mayor Pizzillo to not only take time out of his very busy schedule to celebrate with Building Safety; he even took time to read the Building Safety Month Proclamation to all of us!



From **Amanda Murrietta**, City of Phoenix  
“The Kid in Me”



May is Building Safety Month, and this year’s campaign focused on building safety at home, preparing your community, solving challenges together, building safety professionals and you, and advocating for your community. As we near the end of May, the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Dept. Inspections Division is wrapping up this year’s project. The project, “The Kid in Me”, is General Inspections Team Leader, Don Councilor’s, idea to unite the community. During the process, Don created a video building two playhouses, that were then inspected by kids, to help raise awareness of Building Safety Month, while reaching out to a younger generation.

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Playhouses are being constructed by the Residential Inspection Team, with all materials donated by local builders and contractors. Two playhouses are going to be given to the lucky winners of the drawing to be held on June 20th. In addition, 10 lucky winners will also receive slightly used Power-Wheel vehicles in a separate drawing. All proceeds benefiting The Phoenix Children's Hospital. A special thank you to all involved to make this year's Building Safety Month a success.

To purchase tickets you can contact Don Councilor at [don.councilor@phoenix.gov](mailto:don.councilor@phoenix.gov) or [angie.holdsworth@phoenix.gov](mailto:angie.holdsworth@phoenix.gov) or the Phoenix Children's Hospital website. A special thank you to all involved!



## Arizona Permit Tech Committee

From **Tabby Villaverde**, Town of Gilbert

AZPT committee is almost 100% complete; with some final touches, we will be announcing our new secretary soon! Current Board Members:

- Chair: **Tabby Villaverde** (Town of Gilbert)
- Secretary : *Pending confirmation*
- Member: **Tracie Wilgus** (Town of Cave Creek)
- Member: **Dana Blake** (Yavapai County)
- Member: **Theresa Dimas** (City of Phoenix)
- Member **Lynn Flaaen-Hanna** (City of Tempe)
- Member: **Stephanie Johnson** (Yavapai County)
- Member: **Angela Nelson** (Town of Marana)



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AZBO ABM, July 18 through July 20, 2023  
Registration Information at <https://www.azbo.us/events.html>



Come join AZBO for a fun and relaxing day of golf in the cool country of Prescott Valley, AZ

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual AZBO ABM Golf Tournament  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023  
StoneRidge Country Club  
1601 Bluff Top Dr.  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Agua Azul &  
Gold Level

Sponsors: Brown & Associates, Shums Coda and Stantec

Registration: Registration will be done through the AZBO website event site only. There will be no onsite registration.

We are limited to 50 players so please register early.

Deadline for registration is July 1, 2023.

Green Fees: Please contact Mike Baxley at [Mike\\_Baxley@tempe.gov](mailto:Mike_Baxley@tempe.gov) regarding team requests and assignments.

Time: \$80.00 per player includes green fees, cart, breakfast, and lunch, goodie bag, awards, and prizes

7:00 am check-in time – do not forget to get your breakfast

8:00 am Tee-time

Mulligans will be available at the time of check-in at a cost of 2 for \$5.00 (cash only) and limited to four per team

Format:

2-Man Teams, Best Ball, Shotgun Start

Note:

You must be an AZBO Member or an AZBO Sponsor to play. You may have a guest, but the guest must be paired with the member.

## AWARDS

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 'The Most Honest Team'  
Two Closets to the Pin – Hole #4 and #13  
Most Accurate Drive Hole #18  
Longest Drive Hole #12  
Dixon Challenge Hole #15  
PGA Tour Superstore Hole in One #8

No person may win more than one closet to the pin. If a player places 1<sup>st</sup> in both, he or she will be awarded for the first hole won and the next closest on the second hole will win that hole.



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**Your Invited:**  
**B&A Hospitality Suite**  
**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



## **Luau Fun!!**



**Pack your favorite Hawaiian shirt, coconut bra & grass skirt**  
**Costume contest**  
**Food & beverage provided**



**The Point Bar & Lounge**  
**(Entrance is downstairs & back of the building)**  
**114 N. Montezuma St.**  
**Prescott, AZ 86301**



**approximately 3 blocks from Hassayampa Inn**

*aloha*



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Join us in Prescott in July for **Arizona Building Officials Annual Business Meeting (AZBO ABM)**. The official agenda should be out soon, so here's what I know about the event at the moment.

- Tuesday July 18, 2023 – Annual Golf Tournament at Stoneridge Country Club.
  - Tuesday July 18, 2023 – B&A Hospitality Night. Luau is the theme. There will be a prize so dust off your favorite tropical attire and get ready for some fun.
  - Wednesday is typically Education with Dr. Melendez.
  - Wednesday Evening July 19, 2023 is the Annual Awards Banquet. The **deadline for nominations is Thursday July 15, 2023**. This is a HARD DATE and cannot be extended. We need time for the nominations to be tabulated, the Awards Committee to vote and the trophy shop to have time to get them engraved. The nomination form and criteria are at the end of this Newsletter and also available on AZBO's website. Submit completed forms to [info@azbo.us](mailto:info@azbo.us) by 5:00 p.m. this Thursday.
  - Thursday is typically the Annual Business Meeting including swearing in of AZBO Board Officers for the coming fiscal year.
- There will be no on-site registration so be sure to register for golf and/or the ABM in advance.
  - Rooms are limited and the AZBO Room Block has expired. Check with the hotel directly to see if rooms are still available. There are several hotels in the area if they are booked.

## In Other News

From **Carl Montgomery**, City of Surprise

I am pleased to announce that we have decided to promote one of our own employees, Brian Rademacher, to the position of Building Inspector III!

Brian has been an exceptional employee and has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance and dedication to our organization. Brian's hard work, commitment, and expertise have made a significant contribution to the success of our department, and we believe that he is ready to take on new responsibilities.

Please join me in congratulating Brian on his well-deserved promotion. We are thrilled to have such a talented individual on our team, and we look forward to his continued success.

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## AZBO 2023 ANNUAL SPONSORS

VISIT AZBO'S WEBSITE FOR RECOGNITION  
OF CURRENT ANNUAL SPONSORS

<https://www.azbo.us/>



**AZBO**  
**ARIZONA BUILDING OFFICIALS**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting**  
**Date July 18 thru July 20**  
**Prescott AZ**



Nominate your peers who you believe have gone  
 above and beyond for AZBO in 2022-2023

**Deadline: June 15, 2023**

<p>Check <b>one box only</b> for award nominations:          See Page 2 for descriptions of awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Award of Excellence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Building Official of the Year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Building Inspector of the Year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan Reviewer of the Year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Permit Technician of the Year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievement in Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achievement in Code Development</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Award</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Award of Meritorious Service</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Special Services Award</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Award</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Companion of the Year</li> </ul>	<p>I Nominate:          Name of Individual</p> <p>Works for: Jurisdiction/Company Name (or Retired)</p> <p>Member of Chapter:   <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Canyon                                            <input type="checkbox"/> Central                                            <input type="checkbox"/> Southern</p> <p>Nominated By (name and jurisdiction/company):          Name</p> <p>Jurisdiction/Company Name</p> <p>Phone Number</p>
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**\*NOTE: Awards are for fiscal year 2022-2023\***

**\*Please limit reason(s) for nomination to current fiscal year recognition\***

**\*\*NOTE: Recipients must be a member of AZBO\*\* If unsure, check your local Chapter**

Reason for Nomination (include a short paragraph supporting your decision to nominate this person)

Contributions to AZBO on a Chapter or Committee Level:

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Other reasons for nomination:

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**Submit nominations to: [info@azbo.us](mailto:info@azbo.us)**

<b>Member of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.</li> <li>• Active participation at AZBO and/or local Chapter level.</li> </ul>
<b>Award of Excellence</b> "In honor of Alan Olson"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participations to AZBO.</li> <li>• Helpfulness to fellow members of our industry.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> <li>• Participation in ICC code development process.</li> <li>• Promotion of Building Code Enforcement as a desirable and important career.</li> </ul>
<b>Building Official of the Year</b> "In honor and memory of Pat Trueblood"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation to AZBO.</li> <li>• Helpful to fellow members on our industry.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> <li>• Promotion of Building Code Enforcement as a desirable and important career.</li> </ul>
<b>Building Inspector of the Year</b> "In honor and memory of Robert Graffius"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation to AZBO.</li> <li>• Outstanding achievement in the field of Building Inspection.</li> <li>• Helpfulness to fellow Inspectors.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> </ul>
<b>Plan Reviewer of the Year</b> "In Honor of Don Cunningham"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation to AZBO.</li> <li>• Outstanding achievement in the field of Building Plan Review.</li> <li>• Helpfulness to the public and fellow inspectors.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> </ul>
<b>Permit Technician of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation involving AZBO</li> <li>• Outstanding achievement in the profession of Permit Technician.</li> <li>• Helpfulness to customers, fellow Permit Technicians, and Code Official.</li> <li>• Participation, leadership and involvement in career related committees or functions.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> </ul>
<b>Achievement in Education</b> "In honor and memory of Brent Snyder"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation involving AZBO</li> <li>• For the promotion of education of Building Safety professionals with in-house training and/or Chapter member programs.</li> <li>• Personal Professional Development.</li> </ul>
<b>Achievement in Code Development</b> "In honor and memory of Forrest Fielder"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For outstanding contributions in the Code Development process.</li> <li>• Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation involving AZBO</li> <li>• Leadership in mentoring individuals to further their Building Safety careers.</li> <li>• Encouraging growth and development to members of the Building Safety Community.</li> </ul>
<b>Award of Meritorious Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For meritorious service to the Building Safety Community.</li> <li>• Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.</li> </ul>
<b>Special Service Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting AZBO above and beyond job description responsibilities.</li> <li>• For influencing participation of others for the good of the cause.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Service Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions/participation involving AZBO</li> <li>• For organizing and/or participating in events for career development or charities.</li> </ul>
<b>Companion of the Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding support to their significant other who is an active member of AZBO.</li> <li>• Outstanding personal contributions to the work of AZBO.</li> </ul>
<b>Chairman's Award</b> (as allocated by the AZBO Chair, limit 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding continuing contributions to the work of AZBO and support of the AZBO Chair.</li> <li>• Outstanding single contribution to the work of AZBO.</li> </ul>