

Multifamily Council Visits Simsbury Project – December 1, 2022



Members of the HBRA Multifamily Council toured the recently converted Simsbury Center Apartments. The project is owned by Freedom Property and has installed a new energy-saving heating system that generates free electricity. Freedom Property has installed Enviro Power’s SmartWatt Boiler as a drop-in replacement for the conventional heating system. The boiler combines well-known, highly efficient condensing boiler technology with a proven closed loop steam-turbine cycle to generate electric-

ity on site while lowering carbon emissions and energy costs. The boiler produces additional electricity for the building while functioning seamlessly as the heating and hot water system, at the same installation costs as a regular boiler.

Following the site visit, Chris Nelson treated members to a reception at Millwrights Restaurant.

HBRA Holiday Party – TPC River Highlands



The HBRA held their annual Holiday Party at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. The HBRA and the HBRA Charitable Foundation presented Major Migdalia Lavenbein and Holly Fink of the Salvation Army the check as the Presenting Sponsor of the WTIC Holiday Store to benefit the Salvation Army. Again, this year the HBRA and its members donated more than \$20,000 to the Salvation Army.

2022 Annual Awards

In late January the HBRA recognized the 2022 Award Winners and celebrated the evening with the Mark Fusco Band. The 2022 Awards went to the following recipients:



L-R Curtis King, Donsun Nadeau, Bob Wiedenmann, Kate Morrison, Mike Girard, Melissa Muszynski, Tom Tyler, Samantha Trachten, Jonathan Andrews, Ken Mita

President's Award Recognition to Melissa Muszynski, MBM Design and Kate Morrison, The Roberts Agency.

New Member of the Year: C&K Electrical and Jonathan Andrews of Cornerstone Carpentry.

Associate of the Year: David Trachten, Viking Kitchens

Remodeler of the Year: Tom Tyler, Tom The Toolman Tyler Home Improvements



Central CT HBRA President Ted Brown & Tom Tyler, Tom The Toolman Tyler Home Improvements

Builder of the Year: Ken Mita, Central Connecticut Construction Management



Central CT HBRA President Ted Brown & Builder of the Year Ken Mita, Central CT Construction Management

Housing Hall of Fame: Michael Girard, Simscoft Echo-Farms



Mike Girard & wife Charity Folk



Bob Wiedenmann & granddaughter

The highest award the HBRA of Central Connecticut awards to a member is the Irving Stitch Award. This award is only given to a member that exemplifies true dedication to the Association and the residential construction industry. This year the award was presented to Bob Wiedenmann of Sunlight Construction. Bob has chaired the HBRA of Connecticut Government Affairs Committee, served on the New Haven HBRA, Central HBRA Board and the State HBRA Board. He has truly exemplified dedication to the Association and the betterment of its members.

Market Update and Roundtable Discussion



The HBRA held a roundtable discussion with members on what changes they see in the market, changes in customer preferences and issues that are affecting builders and remodelers. The attendees felt the discussion was so beneficial that they wanted to have this event at least three times a year.

Members of HBRA of Central CT turn out at the Legislative Office Building to testify against Rent Control Legislation

