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This month we will be sending out a survey to all our members asking about whether they would be interested in having meetings with speakers outdoors at the park. This would be in compliance with Covid restrictions and allow us to have some sort of interaction amongst our members. Please take the time to respond to the survey.

Maintaining interest in SACA for our members is challenging in the time of Covid as we are not able to have our regular monthly luncheon meetings with speakers. Please reach out to us in order to bring attention to any issues or matters that concern your businesses that we as SACA can address. We can't help if we are unaware of the issues.

As always anyone interested in joining the SACA board or just volunteering to assist is welcome.

Kevin Wilusz



A Note on Giving

There is an unnamed company, in town, that has given bushel baskets of food out to employees and others in the community for the last 26 years. This year 130 baskets were given out. They don't want credit, but would like to be an example for other companies that are still working. Merry Christmas.

Anonymous





SACA Calendar of Events

General Membership Meetings, TBD

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are waiting to learn how guidelines unfold before scheduling upcoming GMMs.

We will keep everyone updated as we move forward.

SACA 2021 Board of Directors

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Government Meetings

Cochise County Board of Supervisors Board Of Supervisors Hearing Room 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee	Tuesdays 10AM
Sierra Vista City Council Council Chambers, City Hall 1011 N Coronado Drive	2 nd &4 th Thursdays 5PM
Benson City Council Benson Community Center 705 W Union Street	2 nd &4 th Mondays 7PM
Bisbee City Council City Hall Building 915 S Tovreaville Road	1 st &3 rd Tuesdays 7PM
Douglas City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 425 10 th Street	2 nd Wednesdays PM
Willcox City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 300 W Rex Allen Drive	1 st Thursday 5:30PM

Virtual Plan Room

Visit SACA's virtual plan room for local bid opportunities.

www.saca-az.org, under membership.

Call 520-458-0488 for more information.

SACA's 16th Annual Charity Golf Classic

November 6, 2020 at San Pedro Golf Course in Benson, AZ

The golf event was held in Benson at the San Pedro Golf Course, this year due to the COVID-19 restraints at the golf course we normally hold our event. The golf event we planned was as socially distant as we possible could, and COVID resistant as possible. This event helps raise the necessary funds to support local community charities as well as the SACA building fund.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, without your support, we wouldn't have been able to make things happen.

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- Cochise Sponsor, \$2,500
 - Rutherford Diversified Industries
 - Adam Berns - The UPS Store
 - Mark Browning, CPA

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 - Pioneer Title
 - CEMEX Materials South
 - Mr. Fix-It

- Hole Prize Sponsor, \$250
 - Leslie Thomas - Nova Home Loans
 - CEMEX Materials South

- Tee/Green Sponsor
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Health, Safety and Welfare

OSHA Onsite Consultation Program

OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program offers no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small- and medium-sized businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories, with priority given to high-hazard worksites. On-Site Consultation services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations. Consultants from state agencies or universities work with employers to identify workplace hazards, provide advice for compliance with OSHA standards, and assist in establishing and improving safety and health programs.

Further information below:

*Article title: On-Site Consultation | Occupational Safety and Health Administration

URL: <https://www.osha.gov/consultation>

Announcing Safe + Sound Week 2021

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe. *This year's event is August 9-15

Why Participate?

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety successes.

Who Participates?

All organizations looking for an opportunity to recognize their commitment to safety are welcome to participate. Last year, more than 3,400 businesses helped to raise awareness about workers' health and safety!

[Check out our event archive for information on previous years' engagement.](#)

*Article title: Safe + Sound Week | Occupational Safety and Health Administration

URL: <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek>



Arizona Registrar of Contractor news

AZ ROC 2021 Trade Association Forum Schedule

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) will be holding the 2021 Quarterly Construction Trade Association Forums from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on each of the dates below. We have provided links to register for the virtual events now so that you can reserve the time on your calendar. We will let you know in advance if the option becomes available to attend in-person at the Phoenix office. Click the links below to register for each date you would like to attend.

[Tuesday, April 20](#)

[Tuesday, August 3](#)

[Tuesday, November 9](#)

Moving forward, as public meetings begin to resume, we will be offering forums as a hybrid virtual and in-person event. This will allow those who can't make it to Phoenix, Tucson or wherever we're holding a forum to still be able to attend, while still also providing the opportunity to meet with the leadership team in person, if desired.

In addition to monthly licensed contractor forums, we recently started two new "virtual" monthly meetings; one with new licensees and Qualifying Parties and the second being an educational seminar for prospective applicants. If you have an individual asking what they need to do to become licensed, the Applicant Education Seminar would be the perfect opportunity for them to learn.

We appreciate your time and feedback and look forward to seeing you at a future event.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fleetham, Director

Arizona Registrar of Contractors

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Unlicensed Bisbee Man Guilty of Contracting Without a License

Phoenix, Ariz., (Feb. 10, 2021) – On Mon., Feb. 8, 2021, Josildo Bonfim, 58 of Bisbee, was found guilty of Contracting Without a License, a Class 1 Misdemeanor, in the Bisbee Justice Court.

The charge stemmed from a 2019 Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) investigation that found Bonfim contracted to remodel a kitchen and dining nook for \$4,750.

However after being paid \$4,230, Bonfim abandoned the job without finishing the work. The homeowners also alleged most of the work he did complete was poor and would need to be redone by a licensed contractor. Additionally, the work required a permit but no building permit was obtained.

Bonfim has never been a licensed contractor in Arizona. Over the past couple of years prior to the remodeling project, the homeowners hired Bonfim for minor repairs after he was recommended to them by several neighbors in the area.

The Bisbee Justice Court ordered Bonfim to pay \$1,960 in fines and fees.

For more information on violations, [click here](#).



Article from EC&M

The Magazine of Electrical Design Construction and Maintenance

Whenever we perform substantial amounts of electrical work, we can safely assume we will need a permit. Big jobs like building a house, store, or skyscraper obviously require planning, blueprints, engineers, architects, soil testing, and a plethora of other professional needs. But what about home service work? If you ask your local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ), you'll find some service work requires permits while others do not. As a homeowner, having permits on big as well as small projects provides peace of mind. There is a security that comes from knowing the work performed at your house has backing. Pulling a permit as a tradesman should be considered a privilege, not a chore. Not everyone can pull a permit, and unlicensed work can be risky business for the client as well as for the worker. I have spent the last 20 years pulling permits nearly every week. Here are some things I've learned through the process. Maybe these tips can be helpful when handling permits.

1. Make a commitment to always pull permits when you are required to do so. Having these records are good for your business and your client in the case of a dispute or investigation.
2. Designate one person or one team to be accountable for pulling permits, record-keeping, scheduling inspections, and building relationships with local jurisdictions.
3. Create contact files for each permit office and jurisdiction. This will come in handy when you're trying to reach the right inspector to go into further details about the job you are completing. You may have questions for that inspector and vice versa. Make note of any special requirements set forth by that jurisdiction in their contact file. This will ensure that you are compliant with the requirements set forth by that office. Additionally, this will help you remember what each jurisdiction requires.
4. Become familiar with online permitting, and use this process as much as possible. This will save you both time and gas. Pulling a permit can be expensive without adding the cost of traveling around the city to different jurisdictions.
5. As with anything, create a budget for permits, and measure it yearly to make sure you are staying within that budget. This should be looked at as an investment into your business as well as a direct job cost.

Pulling permits may seem like something you "have to do." Instead of sinking into this mindset, view it as an opportunity to show your community that you do things the right way. Permits can help put to rest any hesitation a client may have toward your company or cover your bases in case of liability. A permit for a big job says you're licensed, but a permit for a small job says you are a conscientious company. Some contractors try to fly under the radar when it comes to service work. I urge you not to be that person.

Talbot is a licensed, master electrician in Georgia, where he was born and raised. He has been in the industry for 18 years and is currently the operations manager for Mister Sparky Atlanta, where he manages a team of technicians. In his spare time, he plays with his kids, volunteers, and enjoys flipping houses. He can be reached at gerald.talbot@mistersparky.com.

*This article is from the EC&M website found [here](#).



Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Member List

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Artistic Roofing Systems LLC	(520) 458-6781	www.roofingcompanysierravista.com
Castle & Cooke of Arizona, Inc.	(520) 378-9344	www.catelecookearizona.com
Cemex Materials South, LLC	(520) 236-2573	www.cemexusa.com
City of Sierra Vista	(520) 458-5775	www.sierravistaaz.gov
Cochise College	(520) 515-4509	www.cochise.edu
Cochise County	(520) 432-9440	www.cochise.az.gov
Creative Pools and Spas	(520) 508-6051	www.creativepoolsaz.com
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Dana Kepner Company	(520) 624-7180	www.DanaKepner.com
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Empire Homes, Inc.	(520) 455-5506	www.empirehomes-az.com
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Grasshopper Landscaping	(520) 456-8945	www.grasshopper-landscaping.com
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Guild Mortgage Company	(520) 227-5484	www.guildmortgage.com
Harvey Plumbing Inc.	(520) 378-3154	www.harveyplumbing.com
Hudbay Rosemont Project	(520) 495-3504	www.hudbayminerals.com
Isaacson Homes, LLC	(520) 559-0288	www.iqconstruction.biz
KE&G Construction, Inc.	(520) 458-9594	www.kegtus.com
Mountain View AC & Heating LLC	(520) 458-9594	www.mountainviewac.com
Mr. Fix It of Sierra Vista, LLC	(520) 227-8194	www.mrfixitsv.com
Mr. Shed	(520) 255-0901	http://mrshed.net/
Mule Mountain Pest Control	(520) -234-3435	www.mmpc-az.com
Perrill Construction	(520) 378-9467	www.perrillconstruction.com
Pioneer Title Agency	(520) 459-4592	www.pioneertitleagency.com
R.L. Workman Homes	(520) 458-0771	www.rlworkmanhomes.com
Rutherford Diversified Industries	(520) 458-8761	www.rutherforddiversified.com
Sierra Remodeling	(520) 459-3164	www.sierraremodeling.com
San Pedro Plumbing	(520) 378-4696	https://san-pedro-plumbing.business.site/
Sierra Vista Builders Supply	(520) 459-3263	https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaBuildersSupply
Sierra Vista Electric, Inc.	(520) 458-7196	www.sierravistaelectric.com
Sierra Vista Herald	(520) 458-9440	www.svherald.com
Sierra Vista Tile, Inc.	(520) 378-0841	www.sierravistatile.com
Southern AZ Home Builders Assoc.	(520) 795-5114	https://www.sahba.org/
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Sun Drywall & Stucco Inc.	(520) 378-2384	
The UPS Store	(520) 459-6996	https://locations.theupsstore.com/az/sierra-vista/2160-e-fry-blvd
Truly Nolen Pest Control	(520) 458-5095	www.trulynolen.com

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