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DID YOU KNOW?

Past Online and Hybrid Course Recordings Available!

Unable to attend one of IAA's FREE industry education courses? No problem! **Recordings of past webinars**, dating back to January 2022, are readily available on its website to members only. Need to brush up on **What HUD Paid Shoppers/Testers Look For That Can Get Your Property Sued**? IAA has your back.



Questions? Contact **Kara Harlan**, IAA's Professional Development Manager.

PREFERRED SUPPLIERS



TOP NEWS

1. Biden's State of the Union barely mentions housing



Despite a flurry of executive action from the White House in late January, President Biden's State of the Union failed to mention anything significant about housing, including anything about renter protections. Many in the rental housing industry, anticipated President Biden might lay out more information about a potential Tenant Bill of Rights. Fortunately, that did not occur on Tuesday night.

Here are three housing mentions:

- "We also need more first responders and other professionals to address growing mental health and substance abuse challenges. More resources to reduce violent crime and gun crime; more community intervention programs; more investments in **housing**, education, and job training."
- "Let's also finish the job and get more families access to affordable and quality **housing**."
- "Third, let's do more to keep our nation's one truly sacred obligation: to equip those we send into harm's way and care for them and their families when they come home. Job training and job placement for veterans and their spouses as they return to civilian life. Helping veterans afford their **rent** because no one should be homeless in this country, especially not those who served it."

Biden's speech focused on his accomplishments over the past year, and set the stage for an anticipated 2024 reelection campaign. The Hill has [the full story](#). The transcript of the speech [can be found here](#).

2. FPBSC meets to review the 2021 National Plumbing Code



On Tuesday, February 7, the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission met during its regularly scheduled meeting to review the 2021 International Plumbing Code. In total, 26 proposed amendments were submitted. After consultation with members and consultants, IAA did not submit any amendments to the plumbing code, as it did not contain any requirements not already forced by the marketplace. Thus, the fiscal impact to the multifamily housing industry is minimal. IAA learned that most of the changes to the amendments effect amenity areas and clubhouses, not individual dwelling units.

The FPBSC was able to get through 10 of the submitted amendments until running out of time. FPBSC held the remaining amendments for consideration until the March meeting, which will also consider the Fuel and Gas Code. IAA has proposed legislation, **HB 1575**, to address the code review process that is under consideration in the Indiana House of Representatives.

PARTNER SUPPLIERS



UPCOMING EVENTS & EDUCATION

Events

- **Maintenance Mania**, Tuesday, April 11 @ 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Virtual Education

- **CPO - Certified Pool Operator Course**, Tuesday, February 28 - Wednesday, March 1 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **FREE - Fair Housing Basics**, Tuesday, April 4 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- **CPO - Certified Pool Operator Course**, Wednesday, April 26 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **FREE - Marketing: Taglines, Tools & Tight Budgets**, Tuesday, May 9 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hybrid Education

- **EPA/CFC Certification Test Prep Course**, Wednesday, February 15 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **CALP - Certified Apartment Leasing Professional Program**, Tuesday, February 21 - Thursday, February 23 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (each day) - *Hybrid*
- **FREE - Mental Illness 101**, Thursday, March 2 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **FREE - REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) Inspections**, Thursday, March 23 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **CAM - Certified Apartment Manager Program**, Monday, March 27 - Thursday, March 30 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **FREE - Active Shooter - Best Practices for Staying Safe**, Tuesday, April 18 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **SAL Visionary Leadership Program Kick-off**, Wednesday, April 19 @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - *Online Only*
- **FREE - Disaster Preparedness**, Tuesday, April 25 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - *Hybrid*
- **FREE - DTF-Delegation, Time and Feedback-How to Win AND Stay Ahead of Leadership**, Tuesday, May 23 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - *Hybrid*
- **SAL Visionary Leadership Program - Day 1**, Wednesday, May 24 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - *Hybrid*

SIGNATURE SUPPLIERS



TOP NEWS CONTINUED

3. Local: IPS Operating Referendum Paused; Capital Referendum remains on May ballot



On February 3, the Indianapolis Public Schools district **officially announced** it is pausing its efforts to include a \$413.6M operating property tax referendum on the May primary ballot. The new funds were sought to help pay for a Rebuilding Stronger plan that included increasing offerings for elementary and middle school students.

- IPS' board already approved a \$410M capital referendum for the May 7 ballot to fund building renovations at more than 24 facilities and construction for a new elementary building. If that referendum is approved, no more than \$0.2066 per \$100 of assessed value will be imposed on property owners within the IPS district.
 - This is in addition to the current existing operating referendum of \$0.19 per \$100 of assessed value that does not expire until 2026.
 - **IAA has learned that IPS likely will try to push the paused referendum in the fall.**
 - IAA still opposes the capital referendum and is discussing a plan of action with other organizations, associations, and entities also opposing the referendum.
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4. Local: Evansville looking to modify Rental Inspection Program



IAA learned this week that the City of Evansville intends to drastically change its rental inspection program. IAA is closely monitoring the situation and engaging stakeholders to determine how best to provide feedback to the city. IAA wants to ensure all inspection programs comply with the perimeters placed in state law, which provide some protections to property owners. Recently, municipalities have been introducing and strengthening inspection ordinances in response over growing fears of increased out-of-state investment in real estate.



UPCOMING EVENT

MAINTENANCE MANIA



Date: Tuesday, April 11

Location: Indiana State Fairgrounds - Harvest Pavilion - 1202 East 38th Street Indianapolis, IN 46205

Agenda:

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM EDT - **Registration Opens**

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM EDT - **Open Practice**

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT - **Maintenance Mania Competition**

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM EDT - **Networking & Awards Ceremony**

Member Cost - Participation in Timed Events: \$74

Member Cost - Cheerleader: \$30

Maintenance Mania is an action-packed competition dedicated to the hardworking maintenance staff in the multifamily industry. Join IAA for the Maintenance Mania competition, followed by a social hour where the game winners and Maintenance Appreciation Awards winners will be presented. Competitors and cheerleaders will enjoy seven industry-related challenges designed to test your skills and knowledge.

The seven challenges include:

AO Smith Water Heater Installation

Fridgidaire Icemaker Installation

Halstead Click Lock Plant Installation

Kidde Fire & Carbon Monoxide Safety Installation

Kwikset Key Control Deadbolt Test

Pfister Drain Installation

Race Car Competition

DON'T FORGET: Indiana winners will have the opportunity to go on to compete at the National Championship held at NAA Apartmentalize in Atlanta this June to earn the title of Maintenance Mania National Champion!

HEADLINES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

- **Former ND star turned housing developer earns state tax credit (Inside Indiana Business)**
- **Lawmakers advance bill to let utilities charge consumers earlier for new building projects (ICC)**
- **Speedway schools seek renewal of 2016 operating referendum to pay for staff (IBJ)**
- **Short-term rental inspections bill passes Senate panel, with changes (ICC)**

- **Public computer offers help to Hamilton County residents facing eviction (Hamilton County Reporter)**

Questions? Clarifications?
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