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## Welcome New Members!

**Mark Bartolome**  
BK Restoration

**Cody Freeze**  
Precision Industries

**Rick Self**  
Rick Self State Farm Agency



## Chairperson's Message

by Lori Pippitt

With the recent warmer weather, I think it is safe to say that SUMMER is here! From what I have been

hearing around town, remodelers in Lincoln are BUSY. This is great news for all of us! Homeowners' interests include new decks, updating kitchens, opening up rooms to create more space, replacing siding, sunrooms and even additions onto their homes! Obviously, summer projects are HOT!

Hopefully, you each have at least one fun vacation planned this summer. I plan to spend my summer working, golfing and I will be off to New York City in July (for the first time) to visit my brother and his wife. Our Remodelers Council meeting in June will be a picnic at Antelope Park (located southwest of 27th and A Streets) this is always a fun time to take a break from our work day and network with other Remodelers Council members.

Whether you golf all the time, or only once a year, join us at the Remodelers Golf Outing, Friday, August 14th at Hidden Valley Golf Course. Call the HBAL office today to save a tee time! If you don't golf but would like to participate, sign up to volunteer at one of the activity holes, sponsor a hole, or contribute to the tournament. Please give Kayla a call about these details. We'd love to have you join us!

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COUNCIL OF LINCOLN



## Picnic in the Park Antelope Park Shelter #1

June 10, 2009

11:30 a.m.

Lunch from Lee's  
Chicken

Cost: \$7.00 per person

RSVP to [info@hbal.org](mailto:info@hbal.org)  
or 423-4225

# Remodeling Market Shows Signs Of Recovery

The residential remodeling market showed signs of improvement during the first quarter of 2009 with significant growth in all indicators, according to the latest National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) Remodeling Market Index (RMI). The current market conditions measure rose to 34.5 from 25.5 in the fourth quarter of 2008. Future expectations jumped to 30 from a historic low of 18.6 the previous quarter.

The RMI measures remodeler perceptions of market demand for current and future residential remodeling projects. Any number over 50 indicates that the majority of remodelers view market conditions as improving. The RMI has been running below 50 since the final quarter of 2005, following decreasing remodeling expenditures since that time.

"Remodelers are starting to receive more calls for bids and requests for proposals, although getting customers to sign for a job continues to remain a challenge," said NAHB Remodelers Chairman Greg Miedema, CGR, CGB, CAPS, CGP, a remodeler from Tucson, Ariz. "While the size of the jobs is smaller, remodelers are optimistic about this uptick in market activity."

The index component for national market conditions for major additions and alterations increased to 32.7 from 19.4 in the fourth quarter of 2008, while minor additions improved to 39.1 from 31.5. Maintenance and repair remained also climbed, to 30.4 from 23.6.

Measures for future expectations showed healthy growth during the first quarter, with the component for calls for bids rising to 34.2 from 20.6. The backlog of remodeling jobs component climbed to 28.5 from 18.4, and appointments for proposals jumped to 35.3 from 19.1. Finally, the component that measures the amount of work committed for the next three months rose to 21.8 from 16.4.

**"Remodelers say things are looking up from the doldrums of the fourth quarter,"** said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. **"While conditions remain below average and are down slightly from this time last year, the gains over the last quarter, and improvement in market expectations suggest a spark to the start of recovery in the remodeling market."**

For more information about remodeling, visit [www.nahb.org/remodel](http://www.nahb.org/remodel).

**Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.**

-- Peter Drucker

## Remodeler of the Month

**Name:** Larry Hans  
**Position:** President  
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**Company Information:** Hans Electric does residential and commercial work including new construction, remodeling and service work. The company's current workforce includes 4 full-time electricians, 1 part-time delivery man (my Dad) and an office manager (my wife).

**History:** Born and raised in Lincoln. Attended Northeast High School and worked for my Dad's construction company. Graduate of SCC-Milford. Worked for Schidler's Electric before starting Hans Electric in 1983.

**Favorite Books:** National Electrical Code; Bible

**Favorite Movie:** Christmas Vacation; any John Wayne movie

**Favorite TV shows:** Jag; American Idol

**Find Rewarding:** Finding the source of an electrical or mechanical problem and fixing it

**Biggest challenge in life:** Balancing work and personal time

**What inspires you:** New technology

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** Fireman

**Pet Peeve:** Lazy people

**Bad Habit:** Not making a "To Do" list

**Favorite vacation spot:** Our cabin

**Greatest Hero:** My Dad

**Spare time:** Spending time with family & friends; hunting & fishing

**Family:** Wife Carol, son Tim (20), daughter Kelly (18)

**Greatest accomplishment:** Raising 2 great kids!

*Have a great summer!*

