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WORKING TOWARD THE PRIZE

Kim Franklin Celebrates 15 Years With PCA Northeast Region



Individual effort is what makes an organization successful. Each employee makes their own unique contribution while helping the entire team work toward achieving its goals. The PCA Northeast Region has been very fortunate to have had Kim Franklin on our team for the last fifteen years. Kim is our Executive Assistant providing administrative support for our Castleton Office and direct promotion staff. She is the first point of contact that our Members, promotion partners and the public have with PCA Northeast. She works closely with PCA Skokie staff on financial, operational and HR issues. She monitors our budget and works with each staff member to insure that we operate in the most cost effective manner. She manages the PCA Northeast College & University Program. Kim has been doing all these things and much more with excellence since she joined us in 2000. On behalf of the entire PCA Northeast Membership and staff we thank Kim for her dedicated service, positive outlook and friendly manner. We look forward to celebrating many more milestones with Kim as an indispensable member of our team.

Kim is married to Scott and they have a son, Kyle. The Franklin Family gives back to their community with all three having been active members of the Speigletown Fire

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Company. Kim lends her accounting skill and experience to the organization serving as their treasurer. In her spare time Kim enjoys camping, country music and shopping.

Legislation Introduced in New Jersey Assembly to Strengthen Building Code

ASSEMBLY, No. 4626
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 29, 2017

Sponsored By:
Assemblypersons MARIA RODRIGUEZ-GREGG,
District 1 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)
and JOSEPH A. LAGANA,
District 28 (Bergen and Essex)

SYNOPSIS
Prohibits use of light frame construction in certain municipalities;
establishes fire safety protocols for light frame construction projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.



The building codes have been weakened over the years to the point where residents of multi-family housing are at risk for loss of life and property. A testament to this is the massive fire that occurred in northern New Jersey in January. The fire at Avalon in Edgewater left over 500 person's homes in ashes.

The increased use of lightweight combustible construction is not unique to New Jersey. Across the country news story after news story reports on catastrophic fires costing millions of dollars to battle and rebuild. What typically has happened, is that developers have simply demolished what was left of the building and rebuilt the same structure.

PCA Northeast, PCA National and NRMCA in addition to several other industry groups, concerned citizens and organized labor have formed a coalition to reverse this downward spiral. They are working to improve life and property safety by strengthening the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. The 3 prong effort addresses codes, legislation and public awareness.

Assembly Bill A4626 was sponsored by Assemblypersons Maria Rodriguez-Gregg (R) and Joseph Lagana (D) on June 29th. The bill addresses the use of lightweight construction in certain municipalities and establishes fire safety protocols for lightweight construction projects. True concrete/masonry

firewalls, NFPA 13 sprinkler systems, height restrictions and a fire watch during construction are some of the points in the bill.

Public awareness will play a big part in getting A4626 passed into law. The coalition will be contacting you for a call to action when the bill is up for consideration.

For information on how you can help, email lstrait@cement.org.

Link to A4626,

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillsByNumber.asp>

Town of Moreau a Repeat FDR with Cement Customer



Selfridge Road in Upstate New York's Town of Moreau had seen a myriad of problems over the years, with numerous complaints of ride quality from the traveling public. In March 2014, Highway Superintendent, Paul Joseph, attended a Full Depth Reclamation with Cement seminar luncheon put on by NYS Road Recycling Specialist, Heather Steffek, and New England Pavement Recycling Specialist, Dick Martin. As a result of the seminar, Mr. Joseph was convinced to try the process on Selfridge Road.

In July of 2014, Paul contracted with Reclamation LLC to upgrade roughly 2,000 feet of Selfridge Road using the FDR with Cement process. In 2015, Reclamation LLC reclaimed and stabilized 3,500 feet of another section of the same road. In total, Selfridge Road has about 315 tons of cement stabilizing its base, with more anticipated next year.

"We initially had soft spots on the section we did last year. However, after it had cured, we couldn't even drive centerline spikes into the base," Paul said. "We had sections that normally move a lot over the winter, but last winter, which was especially cold, we only had one spot move."

We look forward to working with Reclamation LLC and the Town of Moreau with their continued Full Depth Reclamation with Cement program.

Lizette Strait Earns LEED Green Associate Certification



PCA Northeast Region Marketing Assistant, Lizette Strait, passed the LEED Green Associate Examination, earning the Green Associate Accreditation. According to the US Green Building Council (USGBC), passing the LEED Green Associate Exam confers official recognition that an individual possesses a strong knowledge of green structures. Lizette represents the PCA Northeast Membership at the Urban Green Council which is the NYC Chapter of the USGBC. She also attends the Upstate New York USGBC Chapter's many functions and seminars.

"In the realm of ideas everything depends on enthusiasm..In the real world all rests on perseverance." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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