



Emmet County News Release

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Annual ‘Coffee with the Inspectors’ Set for April 17

Springtime weather ramps up activity in building, construction and remodeling and local officials want to help the industry be better prepared.

Emmet County Department of Planning, Zoning and Construction Resources is holding its annual “Coffee with the Inspectors” at the county fairgrounds community center Wednesday, April 17, from 9-11 a.m.

The yearly event is free and open to the public.

“There are always new people entering the construction field each year and others that are new to the area, so we like to hold this event each spring to introduce them to our inspectors and give them an overview of the resources available to them,” said Martin Van Berlo, building department director.

This year’s program will kick off with an introduction of the building department’s staff including Van Berlo, who also serves as a building inspector; Ken Cooper, commercial building inspector and plan reviewer; Andrew Kloss, plumbing inspector; Gregg Griffin, mechanical and plumbing inspector; Mike Marszalec and Carl Winters, both electrical inspectors; and three general building inspectors: Mike McPherson, Tom Doss and Joseph Richardson.

Van Berlo and staff will outline the various forms and documents available online at the county’s website as well as the department’s policies and procedures. Then, the inspectors will open up a discussion with those attending and answer any questions.

Free coffee and donuts will be available while the attendees listen to the presentation and interact with the inspectors.

Specific questions or inquiries about specific subjects attendees would like to see addressed at the event are always welcome to be submitted ahead of the event and can be sent to Van Berlo at

mvanberlo@emmetcounty.org.

In order to plan effectively, event organizers encourage those who plan to attend to RSVP by April 12 via email to swagar@emmetcounty.org or by calling (231) 348-1735.

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