

# SPECIGRAM

Official Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

## OLD BUILDINGS – NEW LIFE Opportunities and Challenges of Adaptive Reuse

**OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**5:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Cefalo's, 428 Washington Ave, Carnegie, PA 15106**

Adaptive reuse is on an unprecedented rise. Estimates show that within the next ten years, ninety percent of real estate development will involve adaptive reuse existing buildings in lieu of new construction. There are many contributing factors to this paradigm shift, but one key influence has been an increased awareness of climate change and its impact on our planet and its inhabitants. Hear Scott Bofinger and Jesse Gidley of LGA Partners discuss preliminary design considerations that evaluate the feasibility of adaptive reuse and the technical details to make it a reality. They will illustrate this through case studies of projects here in the Pittsburgh area. Come learn about the future of our industry.



**Networking: 5:30 pm**

**Dinner: 6:15 pm**

**Presentation: 6:45 pm**

**REGISTRATION:** Email [Pittsburgh.csi@gmail.com](mailto:Pittsburgh.csi@gmail.com). Cost \$45 per person. Payment will be at door (cash, check or credit card).

Please register by **October 6**.

*This program meets the AIA/CES requirements for continuing education and qualifies for 1.0 HSW Learning Units.*

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## MEMBER NEWS

### June Anniversaries

23	William Fiedler	Cintar Engineers
10	Damian Carnegie	AVT, Inc.
7	Susan Henshaw	The Bekon Group
1	Hillary Frisbie	Cannon Design

### July Anniversaries

33	Gail Nagie	Emeritus
28	Catherine Houska	Architectural & Structural Metals Consulting
10	Patrick Harding	A.L. Harding & Co.
5	Judy Reilly	Independent Consultant

### August Anniversaries

42	Dennis Buirge	CDM Smith
20	Benjamin Policicchio	Registered Architect
6	William Pope	WTW Architects
5	Dan Barra	DSS Tri-State
2	Scott Keener	Architect, Independent Consulting Specifier
1	Carly Helbling	PPG Architectural Coatings

### September Anniversaries

20	Mike Lechleitner	Florida Consulting
10	David Macharola	David Macharola Architects
8	Jason Henze	Overhead Door Co. of Greater Pittsburgh
1	Scott Cruttenden	CMK Roofing Solutions
1	Cameron Fine	National Gypsum Co.
1	Jenna Glover	RM Creative

### October Anniversaries

23	Barbara Smith	Barbara J Architectural Sales, Inc.
16	Pete Eritano	Construction & Maintenance Solutions, LLC
15	Kimberly Hummel	
15	Barbara Ruppel	Dodge Data & Analytics
11	Michael Andrews	Allegion
4	Michael Ballard	Allegion

## MEMBER NEWS

### New Members

Ben Marnik      R.J. Bridges Corp.

**Current Membership: 74**

The Chapter congratulates **Kate Schuster** and family on the birth of her 3rd son, Weston Smith Haley, born September 17th at 2:12 pm. He was 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 20" long.



## CSI Members

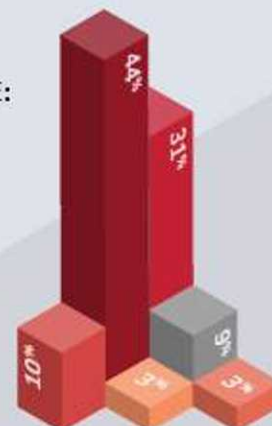
### BY OCCUPATION:

- Architecture, Design
- Building Product Manufacturers
- Construction, Contracting
- Specifications
- Engineering
- Other



### BY ORGANIZATION TYPE:

- Firms
- Manufacturing
- Contracting, Development and Management
- Academic and Association
- Government
- Other





## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD

### September 5, 2023 Board Meeting *(Virtual)*

#### TREASURER

June Financial Report approved.

Website expense of \$565 consists of (3) years' worth of hosting/maintenance – we had not received an invoice prior to this payment; amount includes \$125 for the logo change.

2023/24 Budget Report approved.

#### PROGRAMS

Trimble asked members to assist with programs for the upcoming year, as well as Hospitality checking into where we will hold our meetings. Next week we will be talking about Programs, so any help with ideas/suggestions will be appreciated.

#### GOLF OUTING

Barra – Will Bill Highway replace PayPal? How is he to collect the registration fees? Thornton & Trimble will check into getting Bill Highway set up and ready for Barra to use at the outing.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Highway - Board members have received an email directing them to the website. This program will replace our existing Treasurer's reports, budgets, etc., and will allow members to see the day-to-day activities by the Treasurer.

The treasurer (as well as the PRESIDENT and anyone marked as "FULL") will be able to write checks, make deposits and transfers through Bill Highway.

Fees for Member event's fees will be about the same as PayPal fees in the past.

Transfers will require an approval by a board member (marked as "APPROVALS")

Each member is listed, and has "VIEW", "APPROVALS", or "FULL" after their name.

This will make it easier for the Treasurer to publish reports, enter the budget, etc.

Trimble charged the meeting attendees to log onto Bill Highway and go through the options and try to learn more about the program.





## Remaking Cities: the Future for Downtown Buildings, Free

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**REGISTER HERE**  
(<https://aiapgh.ticketleap.com/remaking-cities/>)

As central business districts across the country face work, live and play changes, what are the options for Pittsburgh's Downtown buildings? An accomplished panel of local architects will discuss:

- Best practices / efforts underway in other cities post-COVID to revitalize urban centers.
- What changes are possible in Pittsburgh? Can affordable housing be addressed in this economic climate?
- What opportunities might we be missing; what questions should we be asking?
- Q&A with the audience



## REMAKING CITIES - OCTOBER 11

Bring your questions and Ask an Architect!

### Panelists:

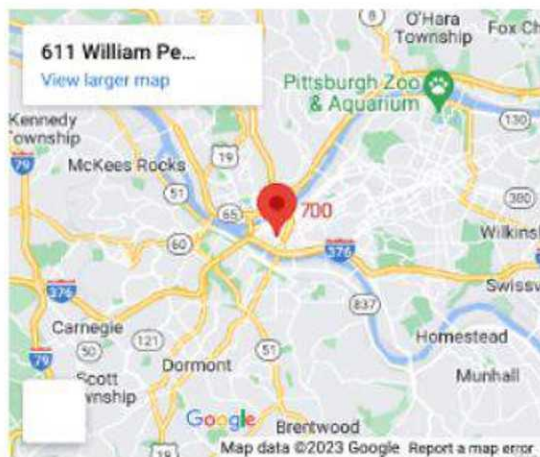
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*The event is free but registration is required to facilitate building entry. The program will start promptly at noon. Please plan to arrive by **11:45am** to get through security and into the theater space on the 7th floor.*



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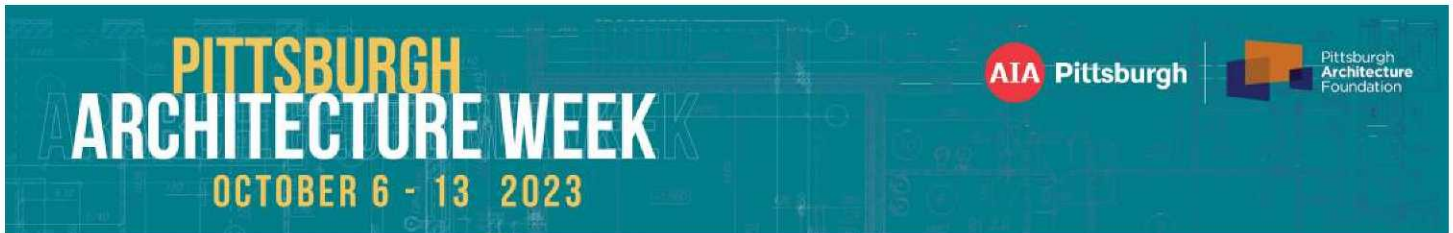
Venue Strada Offices

Address 611 William Penn Place, #700  
Pittsburgh PA 15219, US

Starts Wed Oct 11 2023, 11:45am EDT

Ends Wed Oct 11 2023, 01:15pm EDT





Join @AIA Pittsburgh for Pittsburgh Architecture Week, taking place from Friday, October 6 to Friday, October 13! PAW is open to the public and features exhibits, panels and tours that celebrate the past, present, and future of architectural design and the built environment in Pittsburgh and the region. Check out the lineup of events!

Architecture Week Event Page: <https://aiapgh.org/events/architecture-week-2023>

## 2023 DESIGN AWARDS

Join us as we celebrate the places and the people who make a difference through good design.

**We are excited to announce that the 2023 Design Awards Ceremony & Reception will be held this year on Thursday, October 12 at the New Hazlett Theatre and Nova Place.**

Enjoy food, drink and entertainment while seeing old friends and making new ones as we celebrate 2023 award winners and the wider community for a year of collectively improving the built environment.

5:30 PM – New Hazlett Theatre – Doors Open

6:00 PM – New Hazlett Theatre – Awards Ceremony

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Nova Place – Reception and Celebration

**Parking:** Available underground at Nova Place or on-street.

**Attire:** Business or Fun (or Fun Business)

GO HERE TO GET TICKETS:

<https://aiapgh.ticketleap.com/design-pittsburgh-2023/dates/Oct-12-2023> at 0530PM





### PechaKucha Night 2023

Mon Oct 9 2023, 05:30pm EDT to 07:30pm EDT

PechaKucha Nights are informal, fun gatherings held in more than 1,000 cities world-wide, where creative people share their ideas, works and thoughts in a 20x20 format.

PechaKucha Night is based on a simple, dynamic presentation style: 20 images x 20 seconds per image. It's about artistic and creative celebration, and promotion of local talent.

The event is constantly varied and dynamic, and always produces a relaxed, informal, and fun environment.

<https://aiapgh.org/events/architecture-week-2023/#event/2023/10/9/pechakucha-night-2023>







## Workshop: Air Barrier Installation and Detailing

Join us at AR Chambers on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM for a in-person demonstration of the Prosoco R-Guard air/weather barrier system. Mike Payne, Sr. Project Manager from Building Envelope Consultants and Scientists, will review performance standards and envelope testing practices.

Jeff Konkle (Prosoco) will lead attendees in a hands-on workshop! The workshop will focus on detailing of air barriers in common project situations such as:

- Rough Openings
- Pipe Penetrations
- Through-Wall Flashings
- Transitions to Below-Grade Waterproofing
- Expansion Joints





# CSI PITTSBURGH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
OUR HOLIDAY GALA FEATURING:

Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Tables

Product displays

Live entertainment (tentative)

**Happy holidays**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Design professionals attend for free!



**RSVP online at [csipittsburgh.org](http://csipittsburgh.org)**

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