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# CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

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**Mission:** The Minnesota Construction Association fosters education, recognition and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate, plan, create and sustain best construction practices.

**Vision:** The collaborative place for the building industry.

## Scholarship Golf Tournament A TRIUMPH OF SUCCESS

On June 6, 2022, MCA hosted its 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria, MN. The success continues to hold strong with a sold-out event and funds raised to continue awarding scholarships to students in Construction Management and related Construction programs! Contributing to the success were the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers. With high spirits and positive attitudes, everyone involved enjoyed the gorgeous weather, impeccable greens, and delicious dinner. Following dinner, prizes were awarded for skills on the course and pure luck in the raffle drawings. Thank you to everyone who joined us – We hope to see you next year!



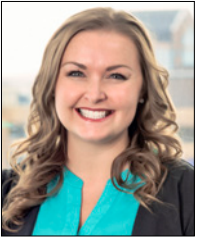
Shout out to Rachel Contracting for holding a raffle at their hole which brought in \$750!

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Allie Zeman  
Adolfson & Peterson Construction



Happy first day of summer! I hope you're staying cool in this extreme heat wave that just hit us. Classic Minnesota weather always keeping us on our toes. This tends to be my favorite time of year when new life takes form—everything starts to bloom, construction ramps up, and people get back outside. Speaking of new life, I'm happy to announce the newest MCA member has arrived. My family welcomed this 9 lb. bundle of joy, Henry Paul, on April 12th. We are home, happy and healthy and adjusting to life as a family of four. I will be out on maternity leave until mid-July, but you may still see this new member and me at an event or two in the meantime!

Supply chain issues continue to be a challenge for many. Thankfully we have several great events coming up. My hope is that at these events you can find time to network with one another to commemorate success stories, collaborate, and share similar frustrations we're all encountering.

Three of our most popular summer events are just around the corner:

- **Wednesday, June 22: Networking Happy Hour** >>
- **Wednesday, July 27: St. Paul Saints Game** >>
- **Wednesday, August 24: Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka** >>

Also save the date for our 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot on Wednesday, October 12. Keep an eye out for emails and on our [website](#) for other events throughout the year as well. I wish you all a successful busy season and look forward to seeing many of you soon!

**Find out what's trending in the industry and stay up-to-date on MCA activities!**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUNE 22**

Networking Happy Hour

**JULY 27**

St. Paul Saints Game

**AUGUST 24**

Networking Boat Cruise

**OCTOBER 12**

5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot



Find more information on MCA events at [mnconstruction.org/events/calendar](https://mnconstruction.org/events/calendar)

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- Natalie Belich, Triple E Water and Sewer
- Nathan Thome, Versacon
- Paul Benson, Kraft Mechanical
- Rory Synstelien, Civil Site Group
- Sarah Paul, JE Dunn



# — Fun at this Year's Golf Tournament! —

[Click here to view all photos >>](#)





**1st Place: 7a**



**SCORE 55**

Tom Piccione, Tom Hochstaetter, Matt Anderson, Jake Machone

**6th Place: 10a**

**SCORE 61**

Nate Stone, Nick Koch, Brock Norman, Bradley Partyka

**12th Place: 9b**

**SCORE 67**

Tyler Merideth, Bobby Colbert, Kevin Ramaker, Andrew Stark



# HAPPY HOUR

Find out what MCA is all about! Meet fellow industry peers and make new connections while enjoying Latin-influenced craft brews. The event will take place outside so dress for the weather! A cash bar with beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This event is FREE and open to members and nonmembers. You must RSVP to attend.

**COST:** FREE for members and nonmembers

**LOCATION:** La Doña Cervecería  
241 Fremont Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN

**RSVP HERE >>**



**WEDNESDAY  
JUN. 22**

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## MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

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### Please help MCA welcome our newest MEMBERS:

#### **DAVIS & ASSOCIATES >>**

Davis & Associates is the upper Midwest's representative for some of the world's finest architectural, commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential lighting and lighting controls. Our agency services include technical support, lighting design, computerized layouts, mock-ups, quotations, and unequalled project management.

#### **HONEYWELL BUILDING SOLUTIONS (HBS) >>**

Buildings affect people every moment of every day. And at Honeywell Building Technologies (HBT), we're transforming the way every building operates, because better buildings make our lives better. Over 23,000 HBT global employees support buildings of every type, from commercial offices, stores and schools to hospitals, airports and arenas. Our diverse technologies and brands enable us to create holistic solutions, improving virtually every aspect of your building's environment and experience. We believe buildings should be efficient and sustainable — and that building data can guide business decisions.

#### **J.P. PREMIER EXCAVATING INC >>**

J.P. Premier Excavating Inc, based in Anoka, MN, is dedicated to offering the best excavation services possible for each job we undertake. We have been serving the Twin Cities for over 20 years and have both earthwork and trucking capabilities.

#### **NOR-SON CONSTRUCTION >>**

Founded in 1978, Nor-Son Construction is a nationally recognized construction services firm focusing on healthcare, hospitality and commercial market sectors. Our tradition of client-focused relationships is supported by delivering projects of distinctive character, precision craftsmanship and incomparable quality.

#### **RENOVATION SYSTEMS >>**

Renovation Systems serves the multi-family, commercial, and new construction industry. From concept to completion, we provide quality service and expertise in flooring, care & maintenance, property enhancements, refinishing, and 24/7 emergency restoration services.

#### **ST. PAUL LINOLEUM & CARPET COMPANY >>**

We are a commercial flooring subcontractor. We have our own labor team, which gives us a one-up in the commercial flooring sector. We do a variety of work from TI to Healthcare. We are now doing concrete work; polished concrete and sealed concrete.

#### **USI INSURANCE SERVICES >>**

From many great individuals USI has become one unique industry leader. USI began in 1994 with a single office of \$6.5 million of revenue and 40 associates. Today, USI is approaching \$2 billion in revenue with more than 8,000 associates in approximately 200 offices across the country. Chelsea Poirier is an insurance consultant for USI Insurance Services in their construction department. She specializes in commercial insurance for contractors including workers' compensation, general liability, and commercial auto.



Please help MCA welcome our newest  
**STUDENT MEMBERS:**

**Alexandria Technical and Community College**

- Wyatt Wothe

**Dakota Technical Community College**

- Jack Robran

**Dunwoody College of Technology**

- Lillian Anderson
- Rogelio Bello
- Isaiah Dobson
- Nicholas Ennen
- Rachael Herbert
- Taylor Naumann
- Abigail Neuman
- Tyler Robb
- Abdullahi Yones

**Hibbing Community College**

- Jon DeCent

**Iowa State University**

- Wedad Adu Adi
- Joseph Hovick
- Shiva Ourang

**Minnesota State Community and Technical College**

- Jessica Bergum

**Minnesota State University, Mankato**

- Brady Andrus
- Jacob Miller
- Sarifah Nansamba
- Michaela Sylvester

**Minnesota State University, Moorhead**

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**North Dakota State University**

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- Kate Pelarski

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- Erica Jones

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- Ethan Reed
- Hank Wagemester

**University of Minnesota**

- Chloe Kuechle
- Alyssa Stommel
- Grace Stranik
- Aidan Tait
- Benjamin VanBinsbergen

**University of Wisconsin, Whitewater**

- Bridget Womack

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## SHARE YOUR CONTENT!

Leverage your membership by sharing your company's story. We make it easy for you to celebrate accomplishments with your fellow members. Click the buttons below to submit newsletter content:



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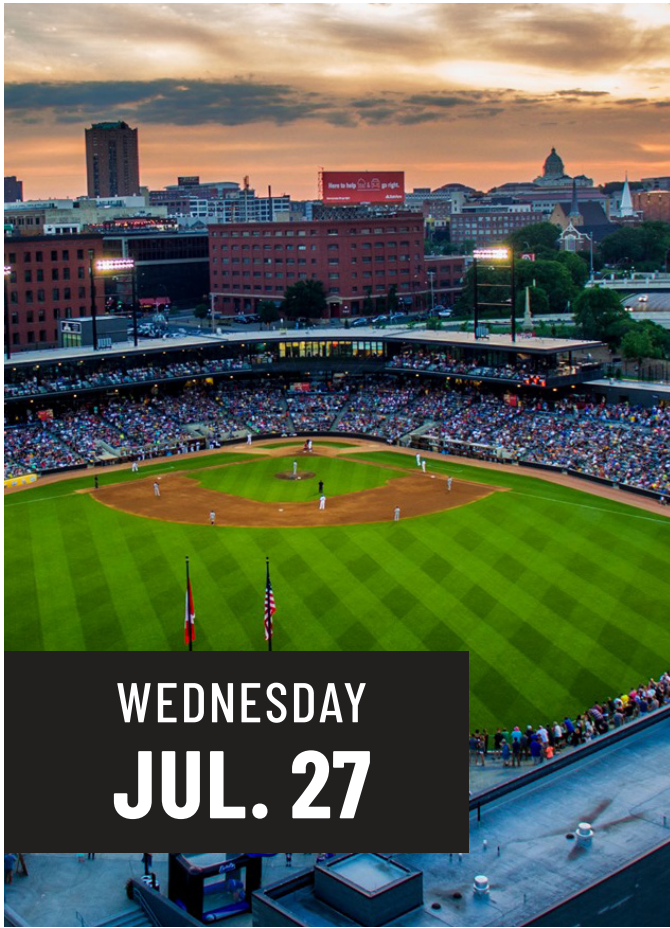
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SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



Visit the MCA website for guidelines and more information.



# ST. PAUL SAINTS GAME

Tickets are sold out! We have one Event Sponsorship for \$750 (includes two game tickets).

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### Thank You Sponsors!

- Carciofini Company
- KOMA
- RJM Construction
- Swanson & Youngdale
- Terracon
- Triple E Water and Sewer

# BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE MINNETONKA

All aboard! Sail with MCA on an exciting boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka. Take in breathtaking scenic views as you network, relax, and enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon with fellow members. Food and beverages will be provided.

**COST:** Members – \$40 | Nonmembers – \$60

**LOCATION:** Wayzata Bay Charter Cruises  
2 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331

**RSVP HERE >>**



WEDNESDAY  
AUG. 24



# FEATURED PROJECTS

## Kraus-Anderson Construction

The Larking –  
Minneapolis, MN

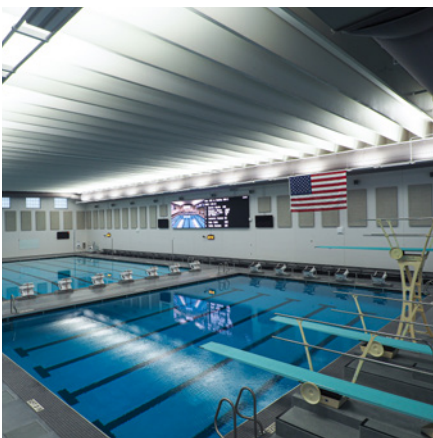


Kraus-Anderson (KA) has completed construction of The Larking, a new \$100 million, 16-story residential tower and Wells Fargo branch, located at 615 S. 8th St. in the heart of the Minneapolis East Town district. Designed by ESG Architects, The Larking is a mixed-use development featuring a 400,714-square-foot residential complex that will deliver 341 market-rate apartments. The development includes three levels of underground parking and is anchored by a Wells Fargo branch and an additional 9,100 square feet of street retail space. The Larking's elegant Elliot Park residences cater to active urban professionals with over 30 floorplans including seven unique penthouses. The property offers artful elements including floor-to-ceiling windows, wide plank flooring, granite countertops, and exposed concrete ceilings and columns. Live-Work-Play amenities include a Sky Lounge, pool deck, fitness and wellness center, sauna, golf simulator, pet spa, work from home suites, conference room and a creation studio. ■

**Completion Date: February 2022**

## Loeffler Construction & Consulting

Blanchard Aquatic Center –  
Lakeville, MN



A project 20 years in the making, The Blanchard Aquatic Center in Lakeville, MN is now one of the largest high school aquatic centers in the state! The facility features an eight lane, 25-yard competition pool and diving well with 3-meter and 1-meter diving boards. The space can accommodate over 500 spectators, and hosts a 32-foot by 9-foot video board that displays live video streams from the pool. Through community donations, the Aquatic Center was able to add features that likely puts it on the map as a regional competitive site. Our team is so proud to be a part of such a community centric project for the City of Lakeville! ■

**Completion Date: April 2022**

*Client: Lakeville Area School District - ISD 194*

*Architect: DLR Group*

*Partners: US Aquatics, Kimley Horn*

# MCA IN THE COMMUNITY



## The Pursuit Student Competition

Ryan Companies, Minneapolis, hosts an annual student competition for regional Construction Management programs. Students are required to respond to an RFP and present in front of a panel of industry judges. Taking first place this year was Minnesota State University Moorhead. We are thankful that Ryan Companies creates, promotes, and supports this real-world opportunity for surrounding construction management programs. ■



## Rachel Foundation Black Ice Jig

Rachel Contracting teamed up with the Rachel Foundation to host its **1st Annual Black Ice Jig Ice Fishing Contest**. Over 400 contestants braved the extremely cold temperatures and together over \$34,500 was raised in the inaugural event to give back to local community's and charitable organizations. ■



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# HOW SOUND IS YOUR OFFICE?

By Craig Spencer, VP Architectural Sales and Marketing, Sonus Interiors

You're finally back to working in your office after a long hiatus due to the pandemic, and you're noticing several facets of the environment that you hadn't noticed before. The primary complaint from people moving from their home office back to their employer's office is the lack of privacy. Acoustical challenges are the primary culprit in creating discomfort in the workplace.

## OFFICE CONSIDERATIONS

We filter two million bits of sense data every moment, all of us in different ways. For more auditory people, the modern office can be challenging. Design intention is to encourage collaboration, communication and serendipitous work encounters, with many benefits including improved access to natural light and ventilation..A by-product of these 'interactive' surroundings is that of noise. In the world's largest measurement of workplace effectiveness, just 30% of office occupants are happy with the noise levels in their workplace, and psychological studies often cite the role that 'irrelevant noise' plays in both disrupting work, increasing levels of stress and decreasing job satisfaction.

## ACOUSTIC SOLUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With the trend toward open spaces with hard surfaces becoming more prevalent, it is critical to have proper acoustical design components now more than ever. Acousticians have proven that a proper Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) should be between .80-1.0 NRC for Commercial Spaces, Board Rooms and Offices, Gathering Lounges, Cafeterias, Open Spaces and Lobbies. There are THREE WAYS to manipulate sound:

1. Absorption: 'Soaking Up' or removing sound to correct reverberation.
2. Reflection: 'Redirection' of sound to cause phase cancellation.
3. Diffusion: 'Uniformly Scattering' sound to create a passive surround sound.

## ACOUSTICS IN THE WORKPLACE

Using a variety of acoustical materials throughout the workplace can help create spaces that influence wellness and productivity. It's been proven that good acoustic design can address acoustic shortfalls by the use of materials which absorb excess noise to enhance communication between teams, reduce disturbance from unwanted speech, improve speech privacy for private phone calls and enable employees to focus better on complex, concentrated tasks. This all leads to over-all satisfaction for employees and management.

## EXAMPLES

Site-fabricated acoustic fabric wall and ceiling panels (<https://novawall.com/>) are an excellent source of sound absorption and may be installed in existing spaces with little disruption of day-to-day operations.







Soundproof fully assembled portable privacy pods are ideally suited for the open-office environment that is short on space for private calls and conversations (<https://poppinpod.poppin.com/Om-Collection/>).

## SUMMARY

Inadequate acoustics in the workplace can lead to fatigue, headaches, hearing damage and heightened emotions which can lead to absenteeism, staff turnovers and low productivity. The aim for office design is to create a variety of workspaces, breakout zones, coffee areas and meeting rooms with the right level of acoustic absorption where occupants can talk and work without having to raise their voice to be heard (or whisper quietly to avoid being indiscreet).

## SAVE THE DATE

### 5th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot

Join fellow MCA members this fall for a fun day of networking and shooting clays. Nationally recognized as one of the premier facilities in the United States, the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club offers MCA an 18 station course. Don't miss catching up with industry friends and colleagues while enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

>> Watch for more information on registration coming soon!



WEDNESDAY  
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