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Construction Newsletter

Hurricane Recovery

Our hearts go out to the families, friends and neighbors impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Join us in supporting emergency rescue and relief efforts to help those affected get to safety and feel at home again soon. We know that many of our members are already out there helping and will be the ones to rebuild parts of our great state again and for that we are so proud. Thank you to everyone for all that are you doing!



Upcoming Events

- September 12th: Top Golf
- October 6th: Clay Shoot

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- November 14th: Lunch & Learn
- December 12th: Holiday Dinner

Full details for each of our events can be found on our website under the Events tab.



Join us for a night of Top Golf on September 12th. Registration is \$35 per person and includes dinner, golf, two drinks, and an on-hand instructor. Register [here](#) or by emailing wendy@ctsaonline.org.

Less than 5 weeks until our annual Clay Shoot and spots are filling up fast! Sign your team up now to guarantee your spot. We also have some spots left for corporate sponsorships too! Registration includes one round of scored sporting clays, breakfast taco, BBQ lunch, and two boxes of ammo. Registration details on our [website](#).



Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 27th!

It's that time of month again to see who is showing up again and again on our lien list. Did you know that each week we take **all** the data from the ABJ Mechanics Liens and add them to a

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Top Five Contractors

McRight Smith Construction: 20 liens
 The Burt Group: 13 liens
 Journeyman Construction: 10 liens
 IE2 Construction Inc: 9 liens
 Cedar Park Construction: 9 liens

Top Five Owners

3423 Holdings LLC: 11 liens
 Group 1 Automotive: 10 liens
 Prep JCR Capitol Village
 Investors LLC: 9 liens
 Leander SF Development: 7 liens
 ABIA HP LLC: 7 liens

member and want access? Send an email to wendy@ctsaonline.org and we will get you access. The data to the left lists our top offenders over the past 6 months but our list goes back to the beginning of 2016.

New Members

We would like to welcome Hyden Construction Services, Alterman, Big State, Energy & Automation, Hensel Electric Company, and T. Morales Company to the association. We look forward to seeing them at future meetings and events!

Safety

We are all striving to keep our employees safe on the job site but it can be hard to keep up with all the changes. Did you know that CTSA has a section of our website dedicated to local OSHA and safety training that we learn about? Many of these are free and have English and Spanish versions. We also try to post some news articles that are relevant to our members.

[Picking up the Pieces](#)[On Filing Insurance Claims](#)

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<p>- Business Bank of Texas, September 5, 2017</p> <p><i>Now that Hurricane Harvey has passed, it's time for the cleanup and recovery to begin. Picking up the pieces after a natural disaster of this size can be overwhelming. But if you take the proper steps, you can alleviate a lot of unnecessary stress. Here are a few points to consider Read more</i></p>	<p><i>House Bill 1774 becomes law on September 1, 2017. One provision of the bill may have the effect of decreasing the interest rate on a claim where an insurer improperly withholds payment, and of changing the interest calculation from compound interest to simple interest. Read more</i></p>
<p>OSHA proposes delay of crane operator rule to November 2018</p> <p>- Construction Dive, Sept. 1, 2017</p> <p><i>For the second time since 2014, the <u>Occupational Safety and Health Administration</u> could delay the effective date of its new crane operator certification requirement, this time to November 2018. The new rule is slated to go into effect this November. Read more</i></p>	<p>The final nail in the coffin? Overtime rule is 'invalid,' court says</p> <p>- HR Dive, Aug. 31, 2017</p> <p>A federal judge <u>ruled</u> Aug. 31 that the Obama administration's overtime rule is "invalid," completing what may prove to be the final step in the rule's slow demise. While an appeals court was busy debating the appropriateness of the injunction that initially halted the rule, a lower court judge reviewed the rule on its merits and found that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) did not have the authority to issue a rule that effectively eliminates the Fair Labor Standards Act's duties tests. He also noted that because the rule itself is unlawful, the automatic updates that it included are unlawful, too. Read more</p>

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