

BUILDING SAFETY

The building industry was much slower in 2006 than it was in 2005. We are again anticipating a slower building season for 2007.

Lead and asbestos poisoning is not news to the building industry or to the general public. The building inspectors are trained and have information available to the residents regarding lead and asbestos poisoning. Please contact or visit the Department of Building Safety for more information.

One of the greatest problems surfacing in the building industry is **mold**. **Mold** can be very harmful. Many studies regarding mold have been conducted and research in this area is on going. The most helpful advice seems to be to, “eliminate moisture in the habitable environment”. Basic remedies are inexpensive for many types of mold. Please contact or visit the Department of Building Safety for more information.

The team of inspectors continues to train in areas most beneficial in achieving a safer community. All the inspectors have life long experience related to the building construction and maintenance industries.

A total of 386 permits were issued in 2006: (569 issued in 2005)

Combined total for building	130	Building permits denied	8
Plumbing	39	Building permits revoked	0
Electrical	110	Stop work orders issued	7
Mechanical	37		
Gas	48	Certificate of occupancy	
Well	22	Residential	25
		Commercial	3
New homes	10		
Condex/Duplex	1		
Multifamily	0		
Multifamily over 55	0		
Replacement mobile			
with manufactured home	1		
Detached barn/garage	5		
Sheds	11		
Pools	11		

Respectfully submitted,
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