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From the Editor

We are just a month away from The Masonry Society's (TMS) Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The Annual Meetings are a great opportunity to earn those required continuing educational hours with several educational sessions planned. As a special offering this year, thanks to the support of the International Masonry Institute and the Indiana/Kentucky Structural Masonry Coalition, TMS with the Structural Engineers Association of Indiana is offering a Masonry Day (M-Day) on October 16th, which full meeting registrants can also attend at no charge. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

As we head toward the end of the third quarter of the year it is time to start thinking about next year already! The Masonry Society is now soliciting sponsorships for *Sustainability E-News* for 2016. Sponsors are vital to the production of this newsletter - we couldn't do it without you! So thank you to all our 2015 sponsors! Please [contact the TMS office](#) for more information or to renew or become a first-time sponsor. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

Green Globes isn't as widely used as LEED, but several provisions now found in LEED, such as life cycle assessment and acoustics, first appeared in Green Globes. ~Tina

Green Building Initiative Announces Start of Public Comment Period on Revised ANSI Standard

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The Green Building Initiative's (GBI) 32-member Consensus Body today released for public comment a revision to GBI's American National Standard, known as ANSI/GBI 01-2010: Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings. The revised Standard, designated BSR/GBI 01-201X according to ANSI protocol, is now available on [GBI's](#)

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[website](#) along with a public comment form. GBI 01-201X will provide compliance requirements for the next version of Green Globes® for New Construction expected to be released in 2016. The official public comment period will run through Monday, October 26, 2015.

You Should Comment on the Revised Green Globes Standard

GREEN BUILDING LAW UPDATE

It is important for the continued success of the broader green building industry that you comment on the revised Green Globes Standard whether or not you have worked on a Green Globes project according to [this article](#). The proposed more robust Green Globes New Construction Standard may be a small step for GBI, but the continuous innovation that it brings to green building, as a geoengineering solution to man's impact on the planet, is a giant leap for mankind.

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Why You Should Care About Resilience

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Concrete is the most widely used man-made construction material in the world. It is versatile, economical, durable, recyclable, environmentally responsible and most importantly, it is resilient. Resilience is where the promise of sustainability and the real world meet. And while "resilience" may seem to be just the latest buzzword among green building enthusiasts and building designers, the concept of resilience is something we all need to care about according to [this article](#).

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

When businesses consider whether or not to pursue sustainability in their practices I always remind them that true sustainability includes improving the bottom line. Or as the article below puts it so well, "Becoming environmentally friendly lowers costs because companies end up reducing the inputs they use. In addition, the process generates additional revenues from better products or enables companies to create new businesses."
~Tina

Why Smart Companies Invest in Green Innovation

INFORMATION-AGE.COM

A savvy sustainability strategy can lower companies' costs and create new markets and new revenue streams, writes Ben Rossi. "[B]ecause those are the goals of corporate innovation, smart companies now treat sustainability as innovation's new frontier," he writes in [this article](#).

ODDS and ENDS

I haven't included anything in this category in a while, but the article below, while unusual and rather long, is really about miles of brick arches discovered under Liverpool in the UK and is testimony to the durability of masonry. ~Tina

Lost Tunnels Buried Deep Beneath the UK

BBC.COM

Theories abound as to why the Williamson Tunnels were constructed, and no one knows for sure, but Dave Bridson, a local historian and manager at the Williamson Tunnels heritage centre believes that "before Williamson came along, these pits in the ground already existed. But it was Williamson's idea to construct arches over them and seal them in. Properties could then be built on top of the reclaimed land - which otherwise would have been practically worthless." The brick arches "are

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still standing 200 years on with virtually no maintenance," he says. "Apart from the ones that have been damaged, they're still as solid as the day he built them." [Read more.](#)

Concrete Masonry Design Awards of Excellence Entry

NCMA.ORG

Now is the time to enter a project in the National Concrete Masonry Association/Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute's 2015 national awards program which showcases design and construction excellence using manufactured concrete masonry and hardscape products - concrete masonry units, manufactured stone veneer, articulating concrete block, segmental retaining wall units and interlocking concrete pavers. Categories include Sustainable Design. Entries will be accepted until October 1, 2015. [Click here](#) for all the details and to enter a project.

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

TMS Annual Meeting Features Educational Sessions and Masonry Day (M-Day)

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The 2015 TMS (The Masonry Society) Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel October 16-20, 2015, in Indianapolis, IN. Registration is now open. Plan on joining us for committee meetings, educational opportunities, and networking while enjoying social activities in the Hoosier State. This is a great opportunity to learn more about and participate in the development of masonry standards. More information on the meeting and registration is available [here](#).

Call for Proposals: Education Sessions and Reviewers

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The Green Schools Conference & Expo, formerly the Green Schools National Conference, is accepting proposals from industry experts eager to share their knowledge and efforts to create green, healthy, sustainable teaching and learning environments. The Green Schools Conference & Expo will be held March 31-April 1, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA. Learn more [here](#). The deadline for submittals is Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, at 5:00 pm EDT.

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