



For almost a century, every September our member firms have enjoyed a social and networking event unique to upstate New York. The annual clambake has been a long-standing tradition attended by thousands of people associated with the regional construction industry. Tremendous support of the event by Syracuse Builders Exchange ("SBE") member firms only reinforces the importance of maintaining this annual tradition.

As most of you are aware, Hinerwadel's has hosted our annual clambake since inception, and while the announcement last fall that Hinerwadel's was closing was alarming, I'm pleased to report SBE's annual fall clambake will continue.

Chevy Court, at the New York State Fairgrounds, will be the new home of the annual SBE clambake, beginning Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Although the venue has changed, the menu has not. The traditional clambake menu our guests have enjoyed for almost a century will continue, with raw little neck clams, steamed clams, fried clams, salt potatoes, Gianelli sausage, Hoffman hot dogs, hamburgers, roast beef sandwiches, corn on the cob, various types of chicken, cold beer, etc. The 2019 ticket price will be the same as 2018 at \$59/person.

In our effort to enhance the event, this year's clambake will include an on-stage performance from local renowned band "Hard Promises" and a wide variety of lawn games. In addition, SBE is no longer limited to the number of guests who may attend our event.

The importance of SBE's annual clambake has been expressed by many of our members over the past few months. Through round-table meetings and phone discussions with members, membership surveys and feedback from Board members, Chevy Court remained the premier venue for the future success of the event. There is plenty of parking, ample space to accommodate an unlimited number of guests, shelter in the event of bad weather, entertainment options and a catering company capable of serving our traditional menu to a huge number of guests for 5 continuous hours.

On behalf of the SBE Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for your patience while we performed our due diligence. The future location of the clambake has been a top priority since last fall. It is my sincere hope that our members will continue to support this year's event as it promises to be better than ever!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Earl R. Hall", is written over the typed name.

Earl R. Hall
Executive Director