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## DETAB PARADE OF HOMES 2009

Parade Dates: August 8 & 9 and 15 & 16

Builders, have your entry fee in by July 1, which will also be the date to have your featured home article ready for the Parade of Homes program. July 1 is the date for the ads for the program, also. You will be receiving the ad form very soon. There will be a VIP kickoff party Friday, August 7. Judging of the homes for the awards for Best of Show will take place the week before the Parade. An entry form and information packet will be delivered to you shortly.

Thus far, the DETAB builders who have submitted homes for the Parade are:

- GLENN CALDWELL, Caldwell & Loper
- MIKE HINEMAN, Dream Homes & Drafting
- DAVID BARRINGER, DB Builders
- MELVIN LINTON Jr., Melvin Linton Homes
- LEON STRICKLEN, Leon Stricklen Homes
- RICK RENFRO, Christian Home Builders
- BILLY HORTON, Billy Horton Homes

Once again the Parade of homes is fast approaching. Right now you have a full three months to finish up and make you home stand out for the Show. Please fell free to call me with any questions. For you first timers, just ask any past Parade of Home Builder and they will tell you that this is the best advertisement you can do, at any price. For only \$600 you get hundreds of people (looking to build or buy) walking through you home and talking di-rectly to you! It would take thousands of dollar of advertising to recreate this type of focused advertising on your own. I look forward to working with everyone, builders and associates, this year in the Parade of Home.

Mike Hineman, Chairman, Parade of Homes 2009

Dream Homes & Drafting, (936) 414-6453 [mike@1dreamhome.com](mailto:mike@1dreamhome.com)

### NOTICE FROM TAB:

To achieve energy conservation in all commercial and industrial construction and in residential construction **other than single-family residential construction**, Texas Health and Safety Code, §388.003(b), adopted the International Energy Conservation Code as it existed on May 1, 2001, as the energy code for use in this state for all such construction. Texas Health and Safety Code, §388.003(b-1), authorizes SECO to adopt the new or latest published edition of the International Energy Conservation Code if it will result in residential or commercial energy efficiency and air quality that is equivalent to or better than the 2001 Code. SECO will receive a recommendation from the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System ("Laboratory") on the efficacy of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code compared to the version of that Code as it existed on May 1, 2001. Texas Health and Safety Code, §388.003(b-3), requires the Laboratory to consider the written comments of interested parties that have been submitted to SECO within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Comments are due to SECO by Sunday, May 17. If you would like your comments to be considered by TAB for inclusion into possible TAB comments, please forward them to me by Tuesday, May 12. As always, thank you for your involvement and time.

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# Letter from the President

Dear DETAB Members,

One of the most important services of your Builders Associations, from local to national, is the advocacy provided by the lobbyists funded by the PAC's of the Associations. We spoke at the last general membership meeting about this and reminded you of the requested minimum of \$25.00 from each member of DETAB. TAB now has a quick and easy way to accept your contributions online:

Contributing to HOMEPAAC just got easier! Visit the HOMEPAAC page on the TAB website at [www.TexasBuilders.org/homepac](http://www.TexasBuilders.org/homepac) and make your contributions online.

Thank you for your generous past support of HOMEPAAC, the Texas Association of Builders political action committee. TAB's continued legislative success at the Texas Capitol is due to your commitment as a HOMEPAAC contributor. We encourage you to donate at one of the following annual levels of giving so that you, along with the other builder, developer and associate members of TAB may continue to play a crucial role in Texas politics. Whichever level you choose, your donation will have an impact.

**We need you to make a difference!**

**Capitol Club - \$5,000    Diamond Key - \$3,000    Platinum Key - \$1,500    Gold Key - \$1,000    Silver Star - \$500    Lone Star - \$250**

I also want to thank all of you who contributed to the DETAB Garage Sale Fundraiser. The weather held out for us, and we were able to raise over \$600.00 to add to our operations funds. I also want to thank Celia Alvarez of BC Custom Homes, Jack Powell of Efficient Climate Control, Mike Hineman of Dream Homes & Drafting for the time they donated at the sale. A special thanks goes to Hal Hunt for his donation of Hunt Stone & Fireplace location to hold the sale. Contributions from the sale were made by Leon Stricklen of Stricklen Homes, Melvin Linton, Jr. of Melvin Linton Homes, Jack Greene of Angelina Bath & Marble, Wayne Trammell of Barrett Appliance, Robert Williams of Home Building Supply and myself.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the First Thursday lunch meeting. We will have an update about TRCC new proposals that I'm sure will be of benefit to you all. A link to read about the details is in the article below.

Yours in fellowship,

*John C. Bryan*

## TRCC PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC) has proposed rules for public comment in the *Texas Register*. The three issue areas are negotiated rulemaking, the Warranties and Performance Standards Advisory Committee, and County Inspections. The negotiated rulemaking follows state statute and is an item in the TRCC Sunset bill currently under consideration in the Texas Legislature. The Warranties and Performance Standards Advisory Committee language largely follows the current rule with several additions. The County Inspection language is new to the rules and will set fines and disciplinary procedures for those who do not get the statutorily required code inspections in the unincorporated areas of the state and those areas with no municipal inspections. The proposed rules may be viewed in their entirety at: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/archive/April102009/PROPOSED/10.COMMUNITY%20DEVELOPMENT.html#86>

## Membership Drive

DETAB is planning a membership drive on Tuesday, May 19th, to coincide with the annual NAHB membership drive. We need to start planning for this event today if we want it to be successful. We want to offer a one-time new member sign-up gift package similar to the one we offered in 2007. We need every member to help assimilate this gift package. Some items that were a part of the 2007 package were; \$50 McCoy's gift card, \$200 free printing, an oil change, \$250 in attorney's fees plus many more. Several members went to business associates and asked for incentives and the total gift package had a value of over \$800. Some items, like a compete window package, were used in a drawing that included all new builders that joined. This is a great time for Associate members to show the association just how important DETAB is to you and your company. Builder members, this your time to talk to all your sub-contractor and suppliers and ask them to step up to the plate and help us with this effort and don't forget to talk to non-member business partners too. Remember that DETAB always supports members doing business with members. **Please call me at 936-594-7335 or e-mail me at [rc@christianhomebuilders.com](mailto:rc@christianhomebuilders.com) with your membership drive incentive today.** I hope that we will be able to add 50 new members during this one-day event.

Thank you in advance for your support because it won't happen without you.

Rick Renfro

Membership Drive Committee

# MEMBERS LIST

<p><b>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!</b></p> <p><b>Norris Construction-3/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>Ricky Ray Septic Systems-3/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>East Texas Professional Credit Union—3/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>Hutichson Plumbing—3/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>BUILDERS</b></p> <p>A-Plus Restoration &amp; Construction-03/31/2009**grace period</p> <p>Abel Flores General Contractor—5/31/2009</p> <p><b>BC Custom Homes-12/31/2009</b></p> <p><b>Baskin Builders-02/28/2010</b></p> <p>Billy Horton Builders—05/31/2009</p> <p>Burton Homes-07/31/2009</p> <p><b>Caldwell &amp; Loper Custom Homes-02/28/2010</b></p> <p><b>Christian Home Builders-03/31/2010</b></p> <p>Custom Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p>DB Builders-08/30/2009</p> <p><b>Daniel Barrera Construction-4/30/2010</b></p> <p>Diboll Williams Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p>Dixon Construction -05/31/2009</p> <p><b>Dream Homes &amp; Drafting-03/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>Frank Burrows Construction-03/31/2010</b></p> <p><b>Goodwyn Construction-04/30/2010</b></p> <p><b>Hamel Tile &amp; Construction-03/31/2010</b></p> <p>Handmade Enterprises-05/31/2009</p> <p><b>Homes by Hershel—02/28/2010</b></p> <p>Hunter's Remodel &amp; Construction-03/31/2009**grace period</p> <p>JCB Builders-05/31/2009</p> <p>Jeff Hamilton Construction—04/30/2009**grace period</p> <p>Jimmy Ellis Construction-09/30/2009</p> <p>Jim Ross Warren Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p>Kerry Powell Construction—05/1/2009</p> <p><b>LakeWood Builders-02/28/2010</b></p> <p><b>Leon Morris Construction-05/31/2010</b></p> <p>Lynn Williams Construction-09/30/2009</p>	<p>Martin Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p><b>McCleskey Enterprises-05/31/2010</b></p> <p>McNeil Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p><b>Melvin Linton Homes-03/31/2010</b></p> <p>Montes Homes-05/31/2009</p> <p>Nu Trend Homes—05/31/2009</p> <p>Palacio's Remodeling &amp; Contractor-05/31/2009</p> <p>PAT Construction-09/30/2009</p> <p>Parker Homes &amp; Repair-10/31/2009</p> <p>Pat Foley Construction—05/31/2009</p> <p>Seamans Construction Company-09/30/2009</p> <p>Smith Construction-5/31/2009</p> <p>Stewart Construction-05/31/2009</p> <p>Stricklen Homes-07/31/2009</p> <p>The Card-Miles Group-07/31/2009</p> <p>Tony Ware Construction-5/31/2009</p> <p><b>ASSOCIATES</b></p> <p>A 1 Party Party Rentals of Lufkin—9/30/2009</p> <p>A-1 Johnny Portable Toilets-05/31/2009</p> <p>A-1 Rent All-09/30/2009</p> <p>A-1 Smith's Septic-09/30/2009</p> <p>Accurate Assessment-05/31/2009</p> <p>Acme Brick Company-05/31/2009</p> <p>Alligator Annie's—05/31/2009</p> <p><b>American Real Estate-05/31/2010</b></p> <p>Angelina Bath &amp; 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# TAB NEWS

Texas Association of Builders Legislative Issues 2009\*

## Green Building

Obviously, new building will have an impact on air quality, which is why TAB is an eager advocate of consensus energy codes and the need for all homes built in this state to meet the stringent state mandated building and energy code provisions. As lawmakers focus more intently on energy consumption and use, there is no doubt that discussions will focus on the state's energy codes and energy efficiency standards for commercial and residential structures.

Statewide, builders maintain that it is important that market forces drive green building, allowing consumers to select the level of "green" they can afford. In the months ahead, TAB will work to ensure that our state's building and energy codes are not manipulated by special interest groups that drive unnecessary over-design or the use of specific products for the benefit of any one group.

To be sure, home builders can play an important role in air quality improvement and will work with Legislators to create sensible and sound approaches to protecting the environment, while ensuring that home building and homeownership are not unduly burdened in the process.

## County Development Authority

The issue of additional powers for county governments to regulate growth in their jurisdictions is one in which TAB has considerable interest. Our industry continues to recognize the challenges faced by county governments in many of the fastest growing areas of the state. TAB supports the reasonable tools that currently exist for counties to manage subdivision platting, including legislation passed last session enabling all counties to adopt the state's model subdivision rules that include state mandated minimum requirements for water and wastewater as well as minimum setbacks. However, our organization has continuing concerns over an expansion of power to county governments that could be used to drive up, or even prohibit, future development of affordably-priced housing. Cooperation is essential between local governments and the residential development and construction industry for our state to continue to meet the inevitable demand for housing, as driven by our state's population growth.

## Freedom of Contract

Texas is a state that prides itself on self reliance and individual responsibility. Freedom of contract is a notion that embodies that Texas spirit. During the 81st Texas Legislative Session, there are some who hope to chip away at this concept by placing limits on an individual's ability to freely contract with another. Such negative limits include restricting the use of certain legal remedies such as arbitration and indemnity provisions. Other limitations include eroding the ability of property owners associations to come together and make important property decisions for the good of the community, as well as curtailing the use of deed restrictions that place reasonable limits on the use of property without the need for costly and burdensome government regulations. TAB feels strongly that the freedom to contract should not be arbitrarily restricted with far reaching limits that result in fewer legal remedies and property oversight, thus curbing the use of effective and efficient tools current available to resolve disputes. Such Limits will undoubtedly result in expensive and time consuming litigation.

The final issues, Business, Property, & Appraisal Taxes, Property Rights & Eminent Domain, and Immigration will be included in the next publication of the DETAB NEWS.

\*Excerpted from publication from Rally Day 2009 published by Texas Association of Builders



# NAHB NEWS

## FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS WHO WANT NEW CONSTRUCTION, TAX CREDIT MUST ACT NOW

April 22, 2009—The National Association of Home Builders is urging first-time home buyers who want to build a new home and also take advantage of the \$8,000.00 first-time home buyer tax credit to act immediately.

“We have received many inquiries from potential home buyers asking of a sales contract on a new home by the November 30 deadline will be sufficient to receive the first-time home buyer tax credit,” Said Joe Robson, chairman of the NAHB and a home builder from Tulsa, Oklahoma. “They have been surprised to find out that they must move into the new home before they are qualified.”

Mike Dishberger of Sandcastle Homes, Inc., in Houston, Texas, said that building a home from scratch can take anywhere from four to six months depending on the floor plan and location. “Builders are ready and willing to work with potential home buyers to get them into the new home of their dreams, but time is running out to make those dreams a reality while also benefiting from the \$8,000.00 tax credit.

“Buyers also need to keep in mind that it takes time on the front end to select a community, a builder, a floor plan and the options they want in the home before the first shovel hits the dirt,” said Kevin Ernyear of Gale Home Builders in Kansas City, Mo. “Often it can take up to a month to complete this process in order to ensure the customer is satisfied with the home they will be living in many years down the road.”

It is important that home buyers understand the time requirements and get the process started with a home builder today if they want their new home completed in time to claim the tax credit.

In addition to the November 30 deadline, home buyers must also have not owned a home in the three years prior to the purchase and have a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) less than \$95,000.00 for single tax payers or \$170,000.00 for married filers in order to qualify for the tax credit.

More information on the first-time home buyer tax credit can be found at [www.FederalHousingTaxCredit.com](http://www.FederalHousingTaxCredit.com). To find a local home builder, consumers can contact their local home builders’ association at [www.dtab.org](http://www.dtab.org). Resources are also available to help educate consumers on the home building process at [www.nahb.org/forconsumers](http://www.nahb.org/forconsumers).

### FROM NAHB/BANK OF AMERICA HOME EQUITY’S STUDY OF LIFE EXPECTANCY OF HOME COMPONENTS:

#### Cabinetry & Storage

##### Cabinet Lines:

Bath Cabinets	Lifetime	Medicine Cabinets	50 years
Entertainment Centers/Home Offices	10 years	<u>Closet systems:</u>	
Garage/Laundry Cabinets	100 + years	Lifetime	
Kitchen Cabinets	50 years		



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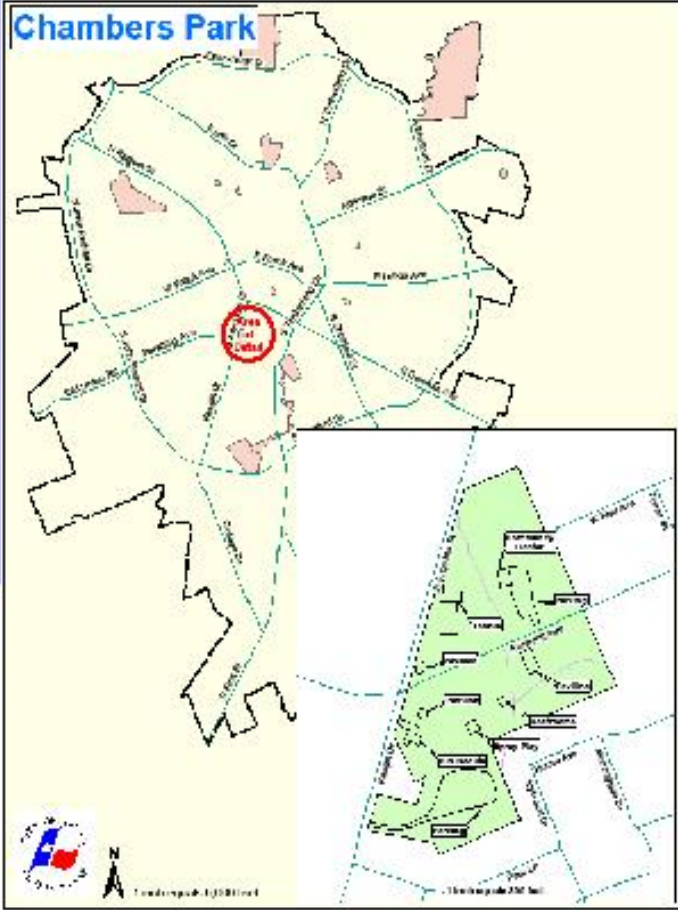
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Do Business With A Member

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

JOIN US! Deep East Texas Association of Builders General Membership Luncheons are held each First Thursdays of the month. We will have a guest speaker, catered luncheon, and an opportunity to network with DETAB Builders and Associates. When you come in, please sign in at the registry desk, pick up any literature or materials provided there, and a \$10 lunch fee will be collected at this time. Please make sure you bring your business card to enter into the Associates Presentation Drawing. Two cards will be drawn, and that Associate Member will have the opportunity to give the Builders present a short presentation of your company, services and products. Be prepared with any literature you may need for this presentation, since you will have their attention in a separate meeting room. This is your opportunity to join in the mission for **Members Doing Business with Members**. Bring a prospective new member as a guest!

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**PLEASE RSVP BY**  
April 30



## **2009 Calendar of Events:**

### **Membership Drive, May 19**

DETAB Headquarters

Leon Stricklen of Stricklen Homes, Chairman

**Trap Shoot**, June 13, 2009, Place to be Announced

Hal Hunt of Hunt Stone & Fireplace, Chairman

**Fishing Tournament**, Jackson Hill Marina, (July) Date to be determined

David Barringer of DB Builders, Chairman

### **TRCC BIG 5 Compliance Course, June 25**

Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center, 10 AM to 3 PM

**Parade of Homes**, August 8-9 & 15-16

Mike Hineman of Dream Homes & Drafting, Chairman

**Golf Tournament**, Date and Place to be Announced

**Home Products Show**, March 11-15, 2010

Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center

Celia Alvarez of BC Custom Homes, Chairwoman

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with questions on these events. We will need committees to help arrange these events. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated and will guarantee the continued success of the Deep East Texas Association of Builders.

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ACCURATE ASSESSMENT SERVICES earns award for INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATIONS of new homes that protect the environment through energy efficiency

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS – ACCURATE ASSESSMENT SERVICES is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a 2009 ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes the important contribution ACCURATE ASSESSMENT SERVICES has made to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by inspecting and certification of more than 25,000 ENERGY STAR qualified homes in the last 9 years. Collectively, these homes will save homeowners approximately \$1, 254,560.00 on utility bills each year.

The environmental benefits of these ENERGY STAR qualified homes are equal to the equivalent of:

- Eliminating the emissions from 12,377 vehicles
- Saving 74,870,640 lbs. of coal
- Planting 20,460 acres of trees, or
- Saving the environment 146,386,380 pounds of CO2 per year

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15% more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20-30% more efficient than standard homes.

ACCURATE ASSESSMENT SERVICES, LLC has worked with builders and homeowners over the past 9 years to build energy efficient homes. They have helped to build a new generation of more comfortable, easy and more affordable to maintain houses for Texans, helping Texas to be energy efficient, one home at a time.

ENERGY STAR qualified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction ducts, properly-sized and installed efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products, and third-party verification of energy performance.

“Most homebuyers focus on what’s outside the walls,” said Sam Rashkin, National Director for EPA’s ENERGY STAR homes program, “but they also need to look behind the walls for the energy-efficient features found in ENERGY STAR qualified homes that help ensure comfort, quiet, improved indoor air quality, and low utility bills for years to come.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers business and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGYSTAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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