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**April 21, 22, 28 & 29 Homes open from 1pm-6pm**

**It's that time of year already! The 2007 Parade of Homes has arrived and brings the citizens of Central Texas 20 beautiful homes to tour. Representatives from each builder company will be on hand during Parade hours to talk to those attending and answer any of your questions.**

**Tickets will be available at every home on tour and admission is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. TABA Members should note that a discounted ticket is available at the TABA offices for the member price of \$4 per ticket.**

**Member tickets will be available at the TABA office beginning April 13th. Tickets are good for all four days of the show and unlimited viewing of any home on tour.**

The official *Parade of Homes Magazine* will be distributed in the April 20th edition of the *Temple Daily Telegram* and available at any TDT newstands. As well, they will be available at every home on tour.

TABA would like to thank the hard working *Parade Committee* which is headed up by Robbie Johnson of [Stillwater Custom Homes](#). Committee members Chris Alexander, Derrick Hunt, Gary Garner, and Mike Pilkington have worked hard to bring a first class *Parade* to Central Texas.

TABA would also like to express our gratitude to our generous partners that help bring such a fantastic event to the community year after year. These include: [Central National Bank](#); [Amos Electric](#); [Inhouse Security](#); [Heart of Texas Landscape & Irrigation](#); [Temple Daily Telegram](#); [Texas Bright Ideas](#); and [Atmos Energy](#). Without their contributions this event would not be possible!

Last but certainly not least we wish to thank the 18 builders that participated this year. You all have truly added to the professionalism and class of the *Parade* and we appreciate your willingness to open up your homes for our enjoyment.

For maps to the 2007 parade of homes [click here](#).

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### President's Message

Mike Pilkington

Spring is upon us and everyone is busy. Some are getting homes ready for the buying season, others are working to finish homes for the *2007 Parade of Homes*, many are doing both. Through it all the TABA Board and its committees are still finding time to meet, plan and execute our many projects. Others are

spending much time and energy analyzing the many issues our local governments are working on.

This proves the point that if you want something done--just ask a busy person to do it. I believe that is what makes our organization so great. We have so many willing to do so much.

Keep that in mind when you attend the *Parade* and our great membership meetings this spring. While you are at it, remember TABA when you compare how builder friendly our communities are versus others. This is due in large part to our association's efforts. Finally, make sure to look at the quality this same group generates back at their "real" jobs. After this reflection, I think you will be as proud of TABA and our leadership as I am.

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Troy Glasson  
Executive Officer

## Temple Planning for the Future!!!

The Temple CPAC or Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee has made it through its first wave of meetings. The meetings were designed to give this representative panel an opportunity to consider the thoughts of the community in regard to shaping the future of our city.

It is the role of the CPAC to act as an advisor to the [City of Temple](#) Planning and Zoning Commission, City Staff, and consultant team and as the recommending body to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City's Comprehensive Plan. The March meetings were the first of many that will be designed to confront the issues revolving around the city's growth in the coming years.

As is common when a community takes an introspective and critical look at itself some of the meeting got a little uncomfortable (at least to me). Issues such as blight, challenges facing our schools, landscape, overlays, etc made me hold my breath more than a couple of times. The meetings never got ugly or out of hand and the consultants did a good job of keeping the committee and the focus groups on point.

The Comprehensive Plan project is very significant for Temple. The result will be a document that will "guide the growth and enhancement of our community through 2025," according to Temple Mayor Bill Jones.

The informal group forums presented the consultants on this project, [Kendig Keast Collaborative](#), with an opportunity to hear from the community about our perceived needs and desires for the city. Items covered during the forums included Land Use,

Transportation, Urban Design & Community Appearance, Housing & Neighborhoods, and Economic Development. All are important facets of a comprehensive plan, but it was stated more than once during the meeting that the key focus of the project will be land use and growth management.

From my perspective, the development community was very well represented at these meetings. The recent meetings were by no means the only opportunities that the public will be able to comment about this project as a number of outreach activities are planned throughout the year and into March 2008 when the final document is tentatively expected to be presented to the City Council at a public hearing.

Some important dates interested members might want to add to your calendar include:

- April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> – [Temple City Council Districts 1 \(Jeter\)](#) & 2 ([Luna](#)) will have an opportunity to meet with the consultants on the project to identify issues, improvement needs, and priorities
- May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> – [Temple City Council Districts 3 \(Tyroch\)](#) & 4 ([Schneider](#)) will have the same opportunity listed above
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – the committee (CPAC) will meet to discuss draft plan elements and receive comments
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – community design workshop
- TBA – growth management workshop
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – the committee will meet to discuss plan elements and receive comments
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – the committee will meet to discuss plan elements and receive comments
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – City Council mid-point briefing
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – the committee will meet to discuss draft plan elements and receive comments
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – the committee will meet to discuss draft plan elements and receive comments
- March 2008 – Council public hearing on final draft

As you can see there will be plenty of meetings, and in-between the meetings there will be much time spent reviewing the drafts that come from the consultants. TABA intends to keep our members as in the loop as is possible while this project develops. Look for frequent comprehensive plan updates in future editions of [On the Level](#).

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## Picture the Fun Had by All





We would like to thank McCoy's Building Supply for sponsoring the Crawfish Boil. The food was hot and the band was hotter. If you missed this event, you should make sure to prepare to reserve a spot on your 2008 calendars because you won't want to miss it again.

Special thanks to  **Compass Bank** for sponsoring the entertainment and to  **LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY** for providing the cold drinks that went perfectly with the hot crawfish and also for the use of their facility.



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## THE 2007 ANNUAL TABA GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ALMOST HERE!!!



We are getting further into 2007, the weather is warming, the grass is greening and the golfers are itching to hit the links. The Annual TABA Golf Tournament is already upon us and is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th.

One major change is the location. This year, the tournament will be held at [Sammons Golf Course](#). Everything else remains the same - tee time, dinner, drinks on the course and of course a competitive game of golf.

Brad Turner, of [Monteith Title Company](#), and his committee have begun the process of planning for the May 10th tournament. Brad asked us to emphasize that "we are looking for sponsors and teams!"

The golf tournament is always a successful event and is one of TABA's major fundraisers for the year. Brad put on a record breaking tournament in 2006 with 33 teams entered. Knowing him, we are sure he will shoot for nothing less this year!!!

So dust off those clubs and make sure to practice because there is always stiff competition at this tournament. If you would like to enter either yourself or a whole team, [click here](#) for an entry form. Print it off, fill it out and fax it to the TABA office by May 4th.

Our fax number is 254-774-7273. You may also call the TABA at 254-773-0445 office if you would rather us email or fax an entry form to you.

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## TABA's 2007 BBQ COOK-OFF



Have you been perfecting your bbq recipes since last July? Are you ready to fire it up, step it up and win our cook-off this year? Did you not participate last year and walk away thinking to yourself "I can cook better than those guys!"?

The smack talk has gone on all year long. Who's going to walk away a winner this year? Who's going to redeem themselves, and who's going to cheat? (Surely none of our members!)

Well if you are tired of the talk and ready to get it on, here's your chance to shine. The Annual TABA BBQ Cook-Off is scheduled for Friday, June 15th at the Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton.

The location has been reserved, the time has been set and we need teams!!!

The entry fee is \$25 and there are five categories in which you may enter. Enter one or all five, it is up to you.

This event was a HUGE success last year and as with last year, activities for the children will be plentiful.

Please see below for the registration form. If you wish to enter a team, print this page off and fill it out and fax back to TABA at 254-774-7273. GOOD LUCK!!

### BBQ COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

**Friday, June 15, 2007 at Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Members:**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** *Please circle the category(s) your team will enter*

**Brisket    Ribs    Chicken    Beans    Dessert**

**Entry Fee is \$25 per team**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Payment Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please bill our company**

**Return to:**

**TABA, PO Box 2002, Temple, TX 76503**

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**Fax to 254-774-7273**

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### ***EO's Comments***

**Cheryl Hunka**  
**Executive Officer**

## **The Parade Is Coming To Town**

I can't believe that it is already *Parade* time. It just seems like we celebrated Christmas, but here we are with Easter already upon us. The *Parade* builders and subcontractors have been working tirelessly to bring quality products to the citizens of Central Texas and TABA is very proud to produce it. It is going to be a spectacular event as 20 homes will be showcased.

You won't want to miss the party celebrating this event! Mark April 20th at [Seaton Star Hall](#) on your calendars today. There will be BBQ catered by Best Quality Meats and the entertainment will be provided by Wild Horses - this really is a **CAN'T MISS** party!

I would like to personally thank Central National Bank for partnering with us this year. I would also like to thank Inhouse Security, Tri-Supply, Amos Electric, Texas Bright Ideas, Heart of Texas Landscape & Irrigation, the Temple Daily Telegram and Atmos Energy for their support. These partners are very important to this association.

**Members** - don't forget that discount parade tickets are available as a benefit of membership. They will be available for purchase

only at the TABA office beginning April 13th. They are \$4, half price of the adult ticket price. Half price children's tickets are not available.

## BBQ Cook-Off

Hopefully you read all about the Cook-off on a [previous link](#). The Annual TABA BBQ Cook-Off is scheduled for June 15th at Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton. Once again this will be "kid friendly" event, with activities provided just for the kids on what is sure to be a hot summer night.

We had 12 teams participate last year and we are hoping to grow that to 15 (which is probably our max at the facility). The event was a blast last year and we believe it is another **CAN'T MISS**.

[Click here](#) to print off an entry form and be sure to come join in the fun!!!

## Calling TABA Bowlers

Do you bowl? Do you want to bowl? If you are like me and can't golf or shoot skeet, bowling is just the thing for you. Everyone can roll a bowling ball down a lane and we want you to participate in the first bowling tournament that TABA has ever organized. The *Membership Meetings & Sponsors Committee* have already gone and had a "test bowl" and had a blast doing it. It was competitive and fun and we are excited to bring this event to our members.

There will be more information in the coming months so keep reading future editions of the newsletter. We do know it will be scheduled sometime in July - stay tuned for more details.

### **Member's Note:**

Todd & Justin Weber of Weber's Shooting Center asked me to let our members know that they are working with the McLane Company to put on a charity skeet shoot on Firday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th. It is a two-day event and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network. If you are interested in putting together a team for a worth while cause, please call Weber's Outdoors at 254-791-4867 for more information.

*That's it from my desk, hope to see everyone at Seaton Star Hall and toast to our success.*

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## NEW HOME STARTS

	Mar '07	Mar '06	'07 YTD	'06 YTD
Temple	40	32	84	90
Belton	5	6	29	34
Morgan's Point	3	5	7	15
Totals	48	43	120	139

## ALL HOME CLOSINGS

<b>Mar '07</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>'07 YTD</b>	<b>502</b>
<b>Mar '06</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>'06 YTD</b>	<b>537</b>

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## TABA Building Expansion Progressing Nicely!!!



THANKS to Coates Electric and E.K. Moore Corporation respectively, the electrical and masonry work are just about complete at 12 North 5th. And THANKS to Johnson Insulation, the building is fully insulated and ready for sheet rock, which is slated to start in the next week or so. Additionally, a special THANK YOU to Amos Electric who generously donated the fixtures, boxes and switches for all of our electrical needs!

The building expansion is really starting to come together. Not only is it coming together very nicely, it is coming together under budget and at an expense that won't tie the hands of our association for years to come. A big thanks to John Kiella and Kiella Development (Larry Hall and Brian Fields) for assuring this.

Be sure to look out next month for some comments from the subcontractors who have worked on this project. Many have said how contributing to this project has done wonders for their business, while others have admired the quality of the project.

We wanted to share a few photos with you (see above), but you really need to see the building in person to fully appreciate it. Come by anytime and take a look around.

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Home-PAC is the political arm of the Temple Area Builders Association. With just about 60 members, there is still plenty of room to grow. During the month of April, that is exactly what the Home-PAC Trustees will be trying to do--GROW Home-PAC.

Troy Glasson, who serves as a non-voting member of the Home-PAC Trustees says that he believes "there is still a great deal of potential to grow Home-PAC. With only 60 members, we do so much to support our community and our industry both in terms of contributing to community projects and in support of political candidates that share the pro-growth philosophies of the home building industry."

In just over 10 years, Home-PAC has contributed almost \$155,000 in backing candidates and causes that our trustees believe are supportive to our industry. PAC dollars are essential to assuring that TABA maintains a strong voice in the local and statewide political arenas.

It is important to note that the vast majority of PAC contributions are made to local candidates and causes. Home-PAC has consistently supported local school bond elections; the Temple College Foundation; the Temple Bioscience District; the Temple Veterans Hospital; and quality of life efforts such as public safety, recreation, leisure, and beautification.

In supporting these local initiatives, Home-PAC believes that we are leveraging dollars to help create a more attractive community, thereby making our communities more desirable to people and businesses looking for a new home. "The more folks we can attract, the more viable the home building industry remains in and around Temple," says Mike Pilkington, of [Pilkington Development Corporation](#), who serves as a trustee for Home-PAC.

Of course, Home-PAC funds also go toward the support of candidates that TABA Home-PAC believes are firmly in support of the continued growth of our community and our industry. John Kiella, of [Kiella Homebuilders](#), serves as Home-PAC Treasurer. He stated that "with ever growing regulatory burdens and a rise in anti-building forces across the state and country, it is imperative that TABA has the ear of the decision makers when we have an interest in a particular issue."

To that end, Jason Carothers, of [Carothers Executive Homes](#) and Chairman of Home-PAC has asked that you consider giving to Home-PAC. "If you are a member of TABA and don't give to Home-PAC you are not fully supporting your industry. The money you give to TABA goes to support the administration of the association and the many opportunities that creates for your business. The money you give to Home-PAC goes directly to support the viability of your industry for years to come."

This month the trustees will be contacting as many of our members as they can on the afternoon of April 19th. With more than 360 TABA members, they will not be able to reach you all, so please consider giving to Home-PAC. Your contributions will be put to great use for your community and your industry.

You can give as little as \$50 a year and help a great deal. Giving levels include:

- President \$1,000
- Senator \$500
- Congressman \$250
- Legislator \$100
- Constituent \$50

To learn more about joining Home-PAC, please contact the TABA office at 254-773-0445.



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