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Expo 2007 - Home & Garden Show is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th at the <u>Bell County Expo</u> <u>Center</u>. Exhibit space is nearly booked. If you are interested in exhibiting in the show please don't delay in calling the TABA office to reserve a booth as the show is 95 percent full as of publish date of this article. <u>Click here</u> for an up-to-date exhibitors list.

We are very excited to have added numerous booths in the Exposition and the Assembly Halls of the Expo Center. Had we had not done so, we would be out of space already. We learned last year that there was a great need to grow the show and took steps immediately following the 2006 show to increase the size to accomodate the number of vendors that want to participate.

Again this year, we have the *Classic Car Show* that exhibits inside the Exposition Building. This exhibit really gives an added attraction to an already fantastic show. The car show will not be partitioned off from the rest of the *Home & Garden Show* but will instead be incorporated into the show. It should allow for a steady increase of traffic inside the Exposition Building.

The show committee has worked very hard to bring Bell County new vendors, new exhibits, more products, and innovative services to display to area residents. When you come to the show, we are hopeful that you will notice the new look it has this year with all the familiar vendors set up in different locations and new vendors scattered about the entire complex.

The <u>Bell County Master Gardners</u> will be presenting various seminars throughout the weekend offering garden and landscape tips and ideas. Due to low attendance in past shows, we chose not to schedule any building and remodeling seminars this year. If this is something you would like to see brought back, please let us know.

We are sure that there will be something at the show for everyone, so gather up your family and friends and come and spend some time with us the last weekend in February.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Two-day passes are available for \$7. We hope to see you there!!!

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I was told by several people that my year as president would be a fast one. I already am realizing how true that is. There is so much going on at TABA right now that keeps me and everybody else involved very busy and makes time fly. Many of the projects that I mentioned last month have moved miles forward toward being the successes that I predicted.

The busiest group has been the Home & Garden Show committee. This show is coming up on the 24th and 25th. There are only a few booths left so hurry and get yours reserved or it will be too late. Tony Gallagher, Cheryl, and the committee are going to put on quite a show.

If you miss the Preview Party on the 23rd you will have missed a great time and a super networking opportunity. The subcommittee for the preview party is made up mostly of members of the committee that put on so many great meetings last year and I am excited about their plans.

Pat Patterson's Government Affairs Committee has been very active and has kept Troy busy working on more things than I have room to write here. So much of this work goes on behind the scenes but suffice it to say that if this committee's work ever stopped it would quickly become very evident.

Speaking of Government Affairs, Troy is working hard to get a good delegation to represent us at the biannual Rally Day at the Capitol on the 28th. Associations from all across Texas will be there to show Austin that we are a "force to be reckoned with" and to have an opportunity to meet with our respective representatives and let them know about our issues and concerns. Let Troy know if you are interested in joining us. The more we have in attendance, the more apparent it will be to our government and state association that TABA is a force all of its own.

Thanks again to all of our members for your involvement and for being out there doing quality work in our community. Keep it up and see you at the preview party.

Mike Pilkington

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Troy Glasson Executive Officer

As I noted in my last update (<u>The Coming Year</u>), there are a number of significant issues that will be dealt with by the City of Temple this year. In effort to keep our members aware of how these events will progress, the <u>Government Affairs Committee</u> recently met with members of the Temple City staff to receive an update on the progress of a number of projects that we will be monitoring and participating in throughout 2007 and into 2008.



The staff at the planning and public works departments are both off and running. The projects that they are working on will shape development in Temple for years to come.

The Temple Planning Department, now directed by Tim Dolan, will work on a project to develop specific criteria for an overlay

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zoning district for the entire portion of I-35 that exists inside the Temple city limits. The City Council will begin reviewing the project this month.

In March and April respectively the department plans to take revisions to the metal buildings and signs ordinance to the Council some of these revisions will be extensive, others are meant only to make clarifications to the current ordinances. Metal buildings will receive a great deal of attention throughout the summer and some significant changes to this ordinance could emerge by July.

A Unified Development Ordinance will be presented to the Council in May. This document will serve to "clean-up" conflicting language that exists in the zoning and subdivision ordinances. Later, it will take into account the Temple Comprehensive Plan that the City will also be working to update this year.

Further, a rewrite of the commercial landscape ordinance is in the works. The first phase of this project, due for Council review in June, is designed to clarify the current document by adding language that will make clear current irrigation requirements and provide a tree and shrub standards plant list. This document will be mulled over throughout the year and it is likely that there will be a push for it to undergo substantial changes (in terms of increased requirements) by 2008.

The Public Works Department will also be doing some major planning this year as they are currently in the middle of updating the six year old Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Components of this plan include data about where current lines are, how big they are, and how adequate they are. The document will also provide statements and maps that will indicate when and where services will be extended in the future. Additionally, in updating the plan, the City will consider extension policies for bringing water and sewer lines to new developments.

Finally, the Planning and Public Works departments will work with a recently selected consultant, Kendig Keast Collaborative, to update the city's Comprehensive Plan. This will be a key document in planning for and managing the growth and development of the city over the next five years or so.

TABA will work as closely as possible with the City to assure that the interests of the homebuilding industry are given plenty of consideration in each of the projects listed above. In doing so, we will need the support of our members to make sure that our voice is heard. Should you have interest in working with the City on any of these projects, please let me know and I'll work to get you involved.

I can be reached at 254-773-0445.

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Presents:

RALLY DAY '07



(Call Troy Glasson for more information 254-773-0445)

AGENDA

8:00 Meet at TABA Office for Breakfast and Board Bus 8:25 Depart for Austin 8:50 Bus Program

- Welcome: TABA President Mike Pilkington
- View Rally Day Video
- GA on Video Debrief
- Questions

10:15 Arrive at State Capitol 10:30 Rally Day Program: TAB Legislative Program 11:30 Rally Day Luncheon

1:45 Capitol Tour

- (2:15) Office Meeting: Jimmie Don Aycock, District 54 (Lampasas, Burnet, Bell)
- Sign guest book in Dianne White Delisi's Office, District 55 (Bell County)
- Sign guest book in Senator Troy Fraser's Office
- Attend Chambers/Legislative Hearing(s): TBD

2:45 Group Photo on Capitol Steps
3:15 Gather on 3rd Floor (Senate side) of Capitol
3:30 Move into Senate Conference Room (3E.4)
3:45 Meet with Representative Delisi
4:30 Meet with Senator Fraser
5:30 Bus Back to Temple

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2007 Home & Garden Show Exhibit Directory

If you haven't already done so, please call the TABA office today to book your vendor space - 773-0445.

Space is limited so don't delay!!!

Air Conditioning & Heating

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Appliances

Austin – Closs Co. - 90, 115 Rainbow Cleaning Systems - 157

Bath Specialties

Central Texas Marble -160 K.J.M. Marble, Inc. - 126 Miracle Method - A80

Brick, Concrete, Stone & Tile Products

Darden Brick Co. - 100 J&S Decorative Concrete - 51-52 Premier Stained Concrete - 98 Sea Spray - A28 Stain and Stamp, Inc - A79 Texas Premier Brick - A2-A4

Builders & Developers

American Classic Homes - 11 Centex Homes - 30 Edanbra Development - 136 Kiella Homebuilders - 127, 138 Larry Lilly Builders - 124-125 Owner Builder Network - 87 Regatta Home Builders - A60

Building Products & Builders' Hardware

Central Texas Polysteel - A8-A11 Ferguson, Inc. - 46-48 Mueller, Inc. - 62-63 The Garage Door Co. - 82

Carpeting& Flooring Products

Best Way Carpet Services - A12 - A13 Chisholm Trail Flooring - 147 The Carpet & Tile Center - 28-29 The Floor Store - 17

<u>Communications - Telephones & Paging</u> Alltel - 75-76

<u>Cabinets & Countertops</u> Concrete Encounters - A32a Custom Kitchens & Baths - A55 Temple Area Builders Association

Earthstone Industries - 21-22, 74 Surface Source - 149-150 Wilsonart Solid Surfaces - 78

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Food & Food Accessories

Kitchen Craft International - 32-33 Pampered Chef - E7 Rachel's Texas Kitchen - E28 The Nutty Bavarian - E22

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Falls Lawn Furniture - E32-E33

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Germania Insurance - 137 Paysse Insurance - 155

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Preview Party 2007



"WELCOME HOME!!!" Tribute to Our Troops

Dress in your camo best and join us Friday, Febraury 23rd at 6:15pm at the Bell County Expo Center as we kick-off our Annual Home & Garden Show and pay tribute to our troops abroad and at home who fight for our freedoms every day.

The Home & Garden Show committee has themed our Preview Party "Welcome Home" in honor and memoriam of our troops overseas, at home, and those who have died in battle. We will be dressed in camo to celebrate their bravery. Join the committee in this spirit.

The Preview Party will be catered by Las Casas and the menu will include peeled boiled shrimp with cocktail sauce, sliced smoked pork tenderloin with rasberry chipotle glaze, rolls and spreads, grilled Italian sausage with marina sauce, fresh vegetable tray with dip, spinach pinwheels, kicked-up guacamole and tostada chips, and of course Las Casas famous white wings. Apple crisp and dixie cup ice cream will be served for dessert. Tea and beer are provided and there will be a cash bar available.

The cost per ticket is \$25. This is a private party by invitation only. Tickets must be purchased before the event Friday night. Tickets will not be sold at the door and nobody will be admitted without a ticket.

Please contact the TABA office to purchase your Preview Party tickets. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening and you must be present to win.

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Tim Dolan, Temple City Planner

The City of Temple has hired a new planning director. Tim Dolan has 23 years of municipal experience, having most recently served as the Development Services Director in Marble Falls, where our sources from that area tell us he brought a level of professionalism to the City that it had never experienced before. There he created an evironment with rules that were spelled out and consistent, and he was noted to work very cooperatively with the local builders.

As you'll note in the <u>Government Affairs Update</u>, Mr. Dolan more than has his work cut out for him this year, and we can attest that he has hit the ground running.

We are very excited to welcome Mr. Dolan to Temple.

TABA members, be on the lookout for an invitation to a reception that we will be putting together for Mr. Dolan in the near future.

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Salado Building Permit Update



You may recall past TABA president John Kiella's October 2006 editorial where he

wrote about the potential for an extreme increase in the cost of Salado building permits. Since that time TABA has worked with the Aldermen of Salado to make sure that our industry has a voice in this process.

It will be necessary for Salado to adjust their fees in the near future in order to adequately fund their inspection process. In determining how to best handle this increase, the Village of Salado has been accommodating to TABA's request for input into the process.

Since our initial conversations, Salado has considered an analysis that TABA provided in order for them to compare their prospective rates with those of neighboring communities. With this analysis in mind, the Aldermen opted to assign a committee to further explore ways to address the municipality's needs.

Alderman Merle Stalcup is heading up this committee, and he recently provided TABA with an update on the committee's work. The following paraphrases the correspondence that he has had with TABA:

The committee has met twice. We have reviewed the overall condition of the permitting system in Salado. At the same time, the committee heard interviews and presentations from multiple third party providers of plan review and building inspection.

The companies that were interviewed were <u>Bureau Veritas</u>, <u>Metro Code Analysis</u>, and <u>Inspection Tech</u>. All three had very good references, insurance, experienced inspectors, and a system in place to support the Village of Salado in the permitting process.

In a January 2007 meeting, the committee recommended to the Board of Alderman that Metro Code be the third party provider of plan review and inspection service. In doing so, they would also serve as our "Building Official" since the Village of Salado Building Official recently resigned his position.

At the direction of the Board of Aldermen, we have contacted Metro Code in effort to begin the negotiations of a contract with the company. Once completed, the contract will go back to the Alderman for final review.

A February 6th meeting will take place in Salado in which the committee will review the chain of process—from the time that the contractor/resident requests information about a building permit to the time that actual permit is issued—for our building permits.

The committee has agreed to work within the constraints of international building codes, and to gear our primary efforts toward the continued improvement of our permitting process and ensuring that we are contractor and resident friendly.

A final meeting will be held in March to review the findings and to submit a report to the Board of Alderman.

Members of the committee include: Merle Stalcup, Chairman; Dean Winkler, commercial builder; Larry Lilly, residential builder; John Anderson, property owner; Jeff Kelly, plumber; Tom Gidley, electrician; Melanie Kirchmeir, realtor; Larry Neil, architect; Suzi Epps, Alderwoman; and Wallace Davis, Salado Historical Society.

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Storm Water Stakeholders Meeting: February 21st at 11 a.m.



If you build or develop in Temple, TABA would highly recommend that you add *Storm Water Stakeholder Meeting* to your calendar for February 21st. At this meeting the City will be accepting input from the community on the practices that they will work to implement in complying with storm water regulations that not only impact our City, but our industry.

Please see the following letter that our City Engineer recently sent to TABA. Also refer to recent articles that TABA has provided on this topic including: "Storm Water Front & Center in 07," and "TABA Needs Your Input on Storm Water."

January 23, 2007

To: All Storm Water Stakeholders Re: Storm Water Stakeholder Committee (SWSC) Meeting

The City of Temple Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) project got off to a great start with the first Storm Water Stakeholder Committee (SWSC) meeting that was held on November 8, 2006. We had excellent attendance of more than thirty, which is very high considering that some organizations were unable to send representatives due to previous obligations.

At the meeting, Curtis Beitel, P.E., of Carter Burgess outlined the federal regulations under the Clean Water Act, which pertain to

municipal separate storm sewer systems or MS4 for short. He also presented a handbook prepared by Carter Burgess which contains the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) General Permit No. TXR040000, EPA Fact Sheets and a list of the six minimum control measures required by the permit along with a description of Best Management Practices (BMPs) being used by other cities. It was recommended that attendees review the list of BMPs so that at our next meeting, the SWSC could <u>vote</u> on which BMPs they would recommend be included in the City of Temple SWMP.

The next SWSC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday**, **February 21, 2007** at 11 am. The meeting will last approximately two hours and a box lunch will be provided so we request that all who plan to attend please RSVP by February 19 so that we can make appropriate accommodations.

For Texas, the Small MS4 General Permit is still under review by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is expected to be released soon. (Please see the following website for more details:

http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_quality/stormwater/WQ_ms4_AIR.html

If a representative from your organization was not present for the first meeting but you plan to have a representative present at the February 21st meeting please contact the City of Temple Engineering Department so that you can obtain the SWSC handbook in order to review the BMPs and can be prepared to vote. We have a very limited number of handbooks available, so we can accommodate additional copies for new organizations that were not previously represented at the first meeting back in November, on a first come, first serve basis only.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or you can call or email Dwade Dalton at 298-5802 or <u>Ddalton@ci.temple.tx.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Newman, P.E., C.F.M. City Engineer

Cc: Bruce Butscher, P.E., Director of Public Works, David Blackburn, City Manager

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka Executive Officer

What can I say? It's February and we are in full swing here at TABA organizing the *Home & Garden Show* and putting together the *Parade of Homes*. The first six months of the year are always the busiest time for me as all of the major association projects begin and end during this period.

Some of you may have called the TABA office to hear a different voice answering the phones. Tracy has joined our team for a short time to help get us through the crazy times that come with the *Home & Garden Show*.

As you have probably read or heard by now, the *Home & Garden Preview Party* should be a great event again this year. The theme this year is *Welcome Home*--we are using it as an opportunity to pay tribute to our troops.

The Home & Garden Show committee will be dressed in their camo best in honor of these brave men and women who serve in our military. We encourage you to join in the spirit.



The *Parade of Homes* entry deadline date has come and gone and it looks like we will have at least 15 homes on tour this year. It should prove to be an entertaining and inspiring tour for our community. More information regarding the parade will be published in future editions of our newsletter.

The location for the *Parade Kick-Off BBQ and Awards Party* has been decided. The party will be held at <u>Seaton Star Hall</u> and we are in the process of securing a band for this event. It should be another great event for all of our members.



The Membership Meetings and Sponsors Committee are planning the March Crawfish Boil which will again be held at <u>Lamar</u> <u>Advertising</u>. They have kicked the event up a notch by booking *Jean-Pierre and the Zydeco Angels* - a rocking cajun band (so I've been told). It should be alot of fun. It is again sponsored by <u>McCoy's Building Supply</u> who will be on hand to answer questions and give out information about the products they carry and the services they provide.

As you can see it's *busy, busy, busy* around here but we are lovin' it. Can't wait to see everyone at the Preview Party. Don't forget to come dressed in your camo.

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NEW HOME STARTS

	Jan '07	Jan '06	'07 YTD	'06 YTD
Temple	22	18	22	18
Belton	7	15	7	15
Morgan's Point	2	1	2	1
Totals	31	34	31	34

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

Jan '07	136	'07	YTD	136
Jan '06	173	'06	YTD	173

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