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## **TABA PARADE OF HOMES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19, 20, 26, 27**

The annual *TABA Parade of Homes* is coming to Central Texans this month. This is a highly anticipated event, and committee members began planning for it immediately following last year's *Parade*.

This year there are 19 beautiful homes to tour. Admission is \$8 for adults and children 12 and under are \$2. Your admission ticket provides you with unlimited viewing for all four days of the event. Homes are open from 1-6pm and are scattered throughout the Salado, Belton, Temple and Moffat area. The homes range in size from 1,200 square feet to over 5,000 square feet. Builders were asked last year to "*pull out all the stops*" by Parade Chairman, Justin Scott and they have done so. This is going to be another first class event.

As usual, TABA member tickets are available at a discounted price of \$4. There are no children discounts available. Discounted tickets are available only at the TABA office during regular business hours and will not be sold at any home on tour. If you wait to buy your ticket while at the event, you will have to pay the

full admission price. Tickets will be available in the TABA office by April 1st. The official *Parade of Homes Magazine* will be published and distributed in the April 18th edition of the *Temple Daily Telegram*. Maps are available on the TABA website. Click here for your link to the [2008 Parade of Homes map](#).

The event would not be successful if not for our partners. **Central National Bank** has again stepped up to help TABA bring this event to our community. This is the 2nd year they have sponsored the parade in this capacity and we truly appreciate their continued support. We would also like to thank our other Parade Partners, **Temple Daily Telegram, Wolff Construction, Texas Bright Ideas, Choice Rentals, Inhouse Systems and Tri-Supply**. The support of these member's enables us to ratchet up the level of the parade year after year. **THANK YOU!!!**

The Parade Awards Party is scheduled for Friday, April 25th at the CAC - Strasburger Hall. Master of Ceremonies George White will be on hand, so you do not want to miss this one as it is sure to be a great time with lots of laughs and maybe a few surprises.

The cost is \$15 per person and the dinner will be catered by Best Quality Meat. **Lengefeld Lumber Company** is the Parade Awards Party sponsor and again we say **THANK YOU Bruce!** for supporting the event, its builders and the association.

Year after year Bruce Walker and Lengefeld Lumber Company has sponsored this event. It is a party to not only recognize the award winners but those that had a hand in the construction of the homes--from lumber suppliers to framers to landscapers--many people must work together to have these homes ready in time. TABA staff know it is a huge sacrifice and commitment to prepare these homes and we sincerely appreciate each one that participates in the process.

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## President's Message

Derrick Hunt

The beverages were cold, the weather was perfect, the band was hot, the cars were hotter, and the crawfish were just plain smokin'! No, I haven't been to New Orleans lately, but I did make it out to  
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Lamar Advertising for the 3 Annual TABA Crawfish Boil. If you missed it, well, just read the first sentence of this paragraph again and put it on your calendar for next year and mark it “DON’T MISS”.

If you haven’t guessed by now, the Crawfish Boil is my favorite event, and this year’s was terrific. I’d like to thank Mat Naegele of Lamar Advertising and the Membership Meetings Committee for all the effort that went into this event. They did an outstanding job this year and set the bar pretty high for next year.

I’d also like to thank everyone at Lamar Advertising for lending us their facility, which is perfect for this event, and their assistance with everything from set up to clean up.

As always, we couldn’t provide this type of event to our members without sponsors. Thanks to Hardware Unlimited, Aspen Air, Pro Carpet and RT Schneider Construction Company for their sponsorship. Special thanks to Trnum Auto Group! They brought out a nice selection of new vehicles for us to admire while the crawfish was prepared. This made for a nice addition to an already great event.

Finally, as the thermometer begins to rise, so does the anticipation to 2008 Parade of Homes. There are 19 homes entered in the event this year. On behalf of the Temple Area Builder’s Association and the Parade of Homes Committee, I would like to invite you to tour each and every one of them. With the broad range in size of the homes, you are certain to find one that is perfect for your needs. This year the Parade features more large homes than usual, so take your time, ask questions, take notes, and enjoy these beautiful new homes to the fullest extent.

### Derrick Hunt

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Troy Glasson  
Executive Officer

## Temple Masonry Ordinance to P&Z

The Temple Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the latest draft of the masonry ordinance on Monday, April 7th. The [latest draft](#) and a TABA [Government Affairs summary](#) are available on the [presentations page](#) of our web site.

Additionally, there is a proposal included in the ordinance that would provide for standards that the City could consider in allowing metal buildings in places they would otherwise limit them. This process would officially be called a "[mitigation review](#)." A sample application is also available on the presentations page.

## TAB on 3rd Party Inspections in the Unincorporated Areas

Beginning September 1, 2008, all homes in the unincorporated areas of the state must be inspected for building code compliance.

\*The applicable building code will be the building code in effect for the area, as currently mandated by the TRCC Act. The applicable building code for residential construction located in an unincorporated area not in a city's ETJ is the IRC as adopted and amended by the county seat of the county in which the construction is located. If the county seat has not adopted and/or amended the IRC, the applicable building code is the IRC as it existed on May 1, 2001.

(\*County Commissioner Eddy Lange is currently working with TABA to make sure the County is fully aware of this provision. TABA has recommended that the County consider adopting the 2006 IRC [as recently amended by the City of Temple](#).)

The types of inspectors that may be used are:

- a professional engineer licensed by the Texas Board of Engineering
- an architect registered with the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners
- a TREC inspector
- a code certified TRCC inspector.

The inspections must cover the foundation; the framing and mechanical systems prior to the installation of insulation and wall coverings; and final construction upon substantial completion.

The TRCC will create a unique numbering system using a builder's registration number for all construction subject to the new inspections. This number will be used to track the inspections.

The fee inspectors will electronically report the completion of an inspection using the unique number and receive a verification document showing the inspections have been satisfactorily completed. The purpose of this document is to show satisfactory inspections so as not to hold up closings.

Within 30 days of the registration of the home, the homeowner and builder will receive an official Certificate of Completion.

Inspection records and documents will not be turned over to the TRCC by the inspector or builder. However, the TRCC will conduct random audits of the inspection records, and builders must maintain those records for a minimum of five years.

## Building Science Workshop was very successful...



Steve Easley, a nationally recognized building scientist was at the TABA office in March to teach our builders, developers, HVAC installers and insulation experts more about code compliance and building science technology. All in attendance received TRCC continuing education credits and had very positive things to say about the training.

## Fire Safety Training on the Horizon...

TABA is currently working with Temple Fire Marshall, Mark Smith to prepare an educational seminar on fire safety. The training date is tentatively scheduled for April 30th from 10 am to 1:30 pm and lunch will be served. [Click here](#) for more.

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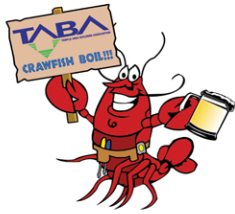
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## 2008 CRAWFISH BOIL

**Sponsored By:** Pro Carpet R. T. Schneider Construction  
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If you missed the 2008 Crawfish Boil, you missed an awesome party. Thanks to all of our sponsors, cooks, committee members and Lamar Advertising for everything you did to make this such a success. Check out the pictures below and check out what you missed if you didn't attend, then go to your 2009 calendars and mark CRAWFISH in big, red letters across the month of March just so you don't miss it again.



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**GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

**SAMMONS GOLF COURSE • TEMPLE • *FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008***

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS : 12:00 GOLFER CHECK-IN, 1:00 SHOTGUN START, LUNCH SERVED ON COURSE**

**DINNER & AWARDS– FOLLOWING PLAY**

**FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE FORMAT: YOU MAY FORM YOUR OWN FOUR MAN TEAM. AT LEAST ONE PLAYER ON THE TEAM MUST BE A TABA MEMBER. INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM BY THE COMMITTEE.**

**GOLF AWARDS: CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> PLACE TEAMS. A PRIZE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN FOR DAL.**

**TIES WILL BE RESOLVED BY SCORE CARD AT THE #1 HANDICAP HOLE.**

**OTHER PRIZES:**

- \* **STRAIGHTEST DRIVE**
- \* **CLOSEST TO THE PIN**
- \* **HOLE-IN-ONE**

**ENTRY FEE: \$125.00 INCLUDES GREEN FEE, ½ CART, PRACTICE BALLS, REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH DURING PLAY, DINNER AND DRINKS FOLLOWING PLAY. EAGLE SHOTS SOLD ON COURSE AT \$20 PER TEAM.**

**MULLIGANS AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN, 2 FOR \$10, MULLIGANS ALSO REGISTER YOU FOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWING.**

**ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION. WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK OR MC/VISA**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Player #1 Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #2 Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #3 Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #4 Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment Enclosed:\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

**CHECK**

**CREDIT CARD (VISA AND MC ONLY)**

**Card Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN WITH ENTRY FEE TO: TABA, P.O. BOX 2002, TEMPLE, TEXAS 76503. PHONE 254-773-0445, FAX 254-774-7273.**

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## **New Benefits of Membership**

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide information about two *new* member benefits that TABA can

now offer our members due to the expansion of our facilities and the evolution of the TABA website.

First, we have opened up our newly constructed, state of the art conference room for “business hours” use. Members of TABA will enjoy a deeply discounted rental rate. The room is available Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm. The *John & Suzanne Kiella Conference Room* is equipped with a large screen and projector, full service catering kitchen and plenty of furniture to seat 50 people very comfortably. Rates are determined at an hourly rate and use of the kitchen facilities, furniture and equipment are of no additional charge. A deposit is required.

Second, we have arranged for an advertising opportunity to offer on our revamped website. The TABA website, [www.tahb.org](http://www.tahb.org), has been set-up to advertise up to four members prominently on the homepage and every other page, with the exception of the “Home-PAC” and “Newsletter” pages.

The rotating ad is set up to change on a consistent basis and can provide an instant link to your website that will run 24/7! There are only 4 spots—all are available at \$2500 for the entire year. Our statistics show that the majority of our visits come from area business owners. Throughout the course of the year we have approximately 50,000 visitors.

As soon as someone visits our website, your advertisement would appear in the header of all TABA web pages that they view. It is a great value for your money. Visitors to our website include members and non-members alike. Many times visitors are persons looking for a builder or a company that does a particular type of work.

We are very proud to be able to offer these opportunities to our members. If you are in need of a facility to hold a company meeting or party, an education seminar or a client meeting, we have the place for you. Please call the TABA office for rates and details. If you are looking for new ways to advertise, give us a call. We would love to talk to you more about the possibility of website advertising on the TABA website, but remember there are only four spots available so don't delay.

TABA continues to strive to make your membership more valuable. If you have any questions about the newest TABA member benefits please don't hesitate to call us.

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## **TABA BBQ Cook-Off Make Plans NOW**

The TABA BBQ Cook-Off is scheduled for Friday, June 13th at the Overlook Pavilion at Lake Belton. There are a few changes that will be implemented this year. First some of the categories have changed. We have eliminated the beans and dessert category and have added wild game and salsa. The five categories are now brisket, ribs, chicken, wild game and salsa. You may enter all five or any category that you choose. The cost for a team entry is still \$25 and gates will open at 7am.

Door prizes will be given out during the day to team members and the Membership Meetings & Sponsors committee are currently searching for door prizes with a monetary value of a minimum of \$25. If you have a door prize that you would like to donate, please contact the TABA office. We also plan a washers tournament for the cooks that day. The non-cooking members will be invited to attend and taste the delicious eats at 5:30 and judging will be taking place at 5:00pm. Judges are still to be determined.

Prizes will again be awarded and this year we've put a new twist in for the winner. The 1st place winner in each category will be given a full year's worth of bragging rights in the TABA video that runs continuously throughout the day at the TABA office and is often seen at membership meetings.

So let's get those recipes put together, gather your team and send in your entry for the 3rd Annual BBQ Cook-Off.

### **ENTRY FORM**

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

**Team Members:**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Brisket      Ribs      Chicken      Wild Game      Salsa**

**[Entry Fee is \\$25 per team](#)**

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

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

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**[NEW HOME STARTS](#)**





	January '08	January '07	'08 YTD	'07 YTD
Temple	22	22	22	22
Belton	7	7	7	7
Morgan's Point	0	2	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>

	February '08	February '07	'08 YTD	'07 YTD
Temple	45	22	67	44
Belton	8	17	15	24
Morgan's Point	2	2	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>72</b>

	March '08	March '07	'08 YTD	'07 YTD
Temple	43	40	110	84
Belton	11	5	26	29
Morgan's Point	1	3	3	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>120</b>

## ALL HOME CLOSINGS

January '08	188	'08 YTD	188
January '07	136	'07 YTD	136

February '08	192	'08 YTD	380
February '07	184	'07 YTD	320

March '08	197	'08 YTD	517
March '07	182	'07 YTD	502

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### EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka  
Executive Officer

The Crawfish Boil was a complete success thanks to all of the committee members who dug in and helped out. A huge thanks to Mat Naegele and Lamar Advertising for the use of the Lamar facilities. We couldn't have done it without our sponsors - **Aspen Air, Hardware Unlimited, RT Schneider Construction, Pro Carpet and Trantum Auto Group**. It was truly a feast and a great night for networking and relaxation.

With March behind us, the Membership Meetings & Sponsors Committee will look ahead to the next two big events which are the BBQ Cook-Off and the Reverse Raffle. Both events have been scheduled and are advertised in this month's newsletter with the Cook-Off scheduled for June 13th and the raffle scheduled for July 11th. The Reverse Raffle was an enormous success last year and this year we have added 50 more tickets to be sold and are working on prizes.

Before I get too far ahead of myself... April is Parade of Homes month, our second largest fund raiser of the year. Our builders are ready to show off their wares and we have 19 grande homes on tour and we are ready for another successful parade to finish off the bulk of the first half of the year. Don't forget that member admission tickets are available for half price at the TABA office **ONLY**. So take advantage of this member benefit and purchase your ticket today!

I hope you have read in this month's newsletter about the [two newly added benefits of membership](#) - Conference Room Facility Rental and the TABA website advertising. Both are a great value for members. Call the TABA office for more information.

We hope to see everyone at the upcoming Parade Awards Party, MC'ed by George White on April 25th at the CAC - Strasburger Hall. It will be a night you won't want to miss.

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**CANCELLED: To be scheduled at a later time...**

**In-house Systems invites you to attend...**

**Fire Safety Training: What builders should know.**

(tentative agenda)

- 10:00 to 10:05 TABA Welcome
- 10:05 to 10:20 Temple fire bond election
- 10:20 to 10:50 Fire code update and Q&A
- 10:50 to 11:30 Local construction safety issues (residential and commercial)
- 11:30 to 11:45 Break for lunch
- 11:45 to 12:15 Safety video
- 12:15 to 1:00 Equipment presentation/alarm placement strategies
- 1:00 to 1:30 Hank Seyfarth, Unique Fire Safety on "Home Fire Safety"
- 1:30 Close

Cost: \$30 for members/\$40 for non-members

Date: April 30, 2008

Location: TABA, 12 North 5th, Temple

RSVP: 254-773-0445

\*TRCC training credit currently being requested.

**CANCELLED: To be scheduled at a later time. Sorry for any inconvenience.**

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Home PAC trustees have been hard at work over the past month. They have held meetings to build our membership and to interview candidates for local races. The following is a quick summary of the results of our recent meetings:

- **Home-PAC Membership Drive '08** was a great success. As a result, total membership is up 24 percent over last year. The number could increase as we continue to wait on several call backs.
- In the Temple City Council race for Council District 2, TABA Home PAC will endorse incumbent **Patsy Luna**. Make sure to ask everyone you know who lives in her district to go out and vote for Patsy on May 10th.
- The trustees met with Temple Mayor Bill Jones and Temple Fire Chief Lonzo Wallace to hear a presentation on the \$14 million **Temple Fire & Rescue Bond**. After hearing the presentation, the trustees opted to support the bond believing it to be in the best interest of the citizen's of Temple.
- The trustees also opted to support **Jared Bryan** in his bid to gain a seat as an alderman in Morgan's Point. If you live in Morgan's Point, please vote for Jared on May 10th.
- Finally, TABA Home PAC increased their support to **Martha Tyroch** in her race to represent District 55 in the Texas House of Representatives. Make sure to vote for Martha on April 8th!



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