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KICK-OFF PARTY at THE DEAD FISH GRILL

Thursday, April 15, 2010

6-8pm, \$10 per person

For the second year in a row TABA will have our Parade of Homes Kick-Off Party at the Dead Fish Grill. From 6pm until 8pm, heavy finger foods, beer and wine will be served and a cash bar will be available. Admission is \$10 per adult.

This year, judging as been put back into the event and awards will be presented at the kick-off party. You won't want to miss seeing the award winning homes on the 2010 Parade tour. RSVP are required and can be called in to 254-773-0445 or emailed to cheryl@tahb.org.

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Troy Glasson
 Executive Officer

Green Build Course at TABA This Month

TABA has set the date for “Green is Mainstream.” The course will be held on Thursday, April 29th from 10am to 1pm and will cost \$45 for members, with lunch included. The course offering is related to energy efficiency in homes. The workshop is designed to educate the residential construction community on coming changes to the Texas Building Code and Energy Performance Standards as they relate to the 2009 version of the IRC--this in giving you and idea about what to prepare as the State Energy Conservation Office is moving toward [statewide adoption of the code](#). It will also include general information on the national green building program certifications that are available for residential construction as well as best practices for installation of energy efficient products.

OSHA On the Prowl

OSHA has been making the rounds in Central Texas lately. They are said to be inspecting and fining at construction sites in McLennan County and telling builders that they are back in the regulatory business. In response, we've been making our members aware and pointing them in the direction of a 10 hour course that is being offered locally at Temple College on “Construction Safety Training.” The course is being held on April 21st and 22nd and I'm told that many have already registered.

1st Quarter Permits

The tax credit expiring soon (see [homebuyertaxcredit.com](#)) has me wondering if that is the driver behind the high number of permits that are being pulled in Temple this year. Year to date (as of Sunday, April 4th) Temple has had 141 permits pulled. Compare that to April 5, 2009, when only 79 permits had been pulled in Temple. This represents a 78 percent increase—WOW! Belton on the other hand reports only 16 permits pulled to date, compared to 25 this time last year—a decrease of 36 percent. This according to the *Temple Daily Telegram*.

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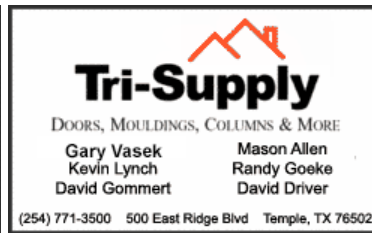
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15 HOMES ON TOUR THIS YEAR

15 beautiful homes by 9 builders have been entered for our annual Parade of Homes. Homes ranging from 1,200 to over 3,900 square feet and ranging in price from very affordable to high-end.

We have it all on this year's Parade of Homes, which will again be presented by **Central National Bank**. We also want to thank our other Parade Partners **Temple Daily Telegram, Choice Rentals, Texas Bright Ideas, Tri-Supply, Keene Roofing and Heart of Texas Landscaping** for supporting TABA in bringing this much anticipated event to the citizens of Central Texas.

Ticket prices have been lowered this year to \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. TABA Member tickets are also available only at the TABA office during regular business hours. These tickets are \$2.50 each and no children tickets are available. Member tickets **WILL NOT** be sold at any parade home.

Below is a list of homes on tour this year. Maps of home locations have been posted to the website as well as pictures of each parade home.

Patco Construction

607 Draper, Saulsbury Phase IV, Temple 1233 sq. ft.
4408 Canyon Ridge, Canyon Ridge Subdivision, Temple 1675 sq. ft.

EDC Homes

1521 Rusty Nail, Southern Draw, Temple 2170 sq. ft. - **SOLD - WILL NOT BE OPEN**
4923 Sean Patrick Glen, Stonegate II, Temple 2191 sq. ft.

Carothers Executive Homes

7628 Gun Barrell, Southern Draw, Temple 2207 sq. ft.
3312 Breaker's Cove, Regatta Oaks, Belton 2482 sq. ft.
615 Cliff Dr., Cliffs of Nolan Creek, Belton 3278 sq. ft.

Omega Builders

2509 Red Valley, Red Rock, Belton 2220 sq. ft.
238 Vine St., High Crest, Belton 2194 sq. ft.

Riley Scott Custom Homes

13618 Moss Rose Tr., Woods of Arrowhead Point, Temple 3363 sq. ft.
4919 Waterworks, Water Works Landing, Belton 3901 sq. ft.

KB Home

716 Moon Shadow, Village of Sage Meadow, Temple 2004 sq. ft.

Arnold Builders

6611 Milan Ct., D'Antoni's Crossing, Temple 2300 sq. ft.

Kiella Homebuilders

821 Villa Como, The Villas of Lakewood, Temple 2503 sq. ft.

Stillwater Custom Homes

11121 Overlook Cove, Overlook Ridge Estates, Temple 3220 sq. ft.

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Annual TABA Golf Tournament

Scheduled for Monday, June 21st at Wildflower County Club

The date, place and time have been set for our Annual TABA Golf Tournament. Planning is underway. As you might have noticed, the tournament has been moved back to Wildflower Country Club. We will have a shotgun start at 1:00pm with lunch and registration at 12 noon. Prizes will be awarded immediately following play. Please watch for upcoming emails that will include the entry form.

This event is great fun and we are limited to the first 100 golfers so sign up early!! We hope to see everyone there!!

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NEW HOME STARTS

	Mar '10	Mar '09	'10 YTD	'09 YTD
Temple	30	15	109	54
Belton	5	2	16	19
Morgan's Point	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	17	125	73

Note: this data represents a compilation of the statistics that are reported by the Temple Daily Telegram every Sunday.

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

Mar. '10	158	'10 YTD	358
Mar. '09	133	'09 YTD	364

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka
Executive Officer

It's been a fast paced first quarter and I cannot believe that the Parade of Homes is here! We did great at the Home & Garden Show. With record attendance, no exhibitor went away feeling the show was not successful for them. I think everyone is already looking forward and planning for the 2011 Show.

The Parade of Homes is scheduled for the weekends of April 16th and 23rd and runs 6 days. All 15 homes are located in the Temple/Belton area and are a great range of different styles, prices and sizes. There will be something for everyone to see. The board and parade committee took the step of reducing the ticket prices this year. We hope this will encourage and afford more people the opportunity to attend the parade.

The Parade Kick-Off Party is again going to be held at the Dead Fish Grill. Beer, wine and heavy finger foods will be available until our guaranteed quantity runs out. A cash bar will also be open. The party begins at 6pm and we will be presenting the parade awards around 7pm. This year only one home per size category will win Best In Show and Builder's Choice. RSVP's are required and the cost is \$10 per person. Please contact me before April 12th to make reservations.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone who sent prayers, well wishes, flowers and cards during my family's time of loss. It is a great feeling of comfort to know that so many prayers are being said for you and yours.

Hope to see everyone at the Dead Fish Grill on Thursday, April 15th (after you filed your taxes).

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"Green is Mainstream: Building Codes, Energy Efficiency and Best Practices in Green Building"



This 3-hour workshop will educate builders on changes to the Texas Building Code and Energy Performance Standards as they relate to the 2009 building codes, plus:

HBA: Temple Area HBA
DATE: April 29, 2010
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
LOCATION: 12 North 5th Street
PRICE: \$45 - Members
\$75 - Non Members
Lunch Included

- General information on the national green building program certifications
- Best practices for installation of energy efficient products

REGISTER TODAY!

Reserve your seat today! Call (254) 773-0445 to register before Tuesday, April 27.

Seating is limited.

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Re-Elect Russell Schneider

- Lifetime Temple Resident
- Local Businessman
- Conservative



CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 4

Councilman RT Schneider, local business owner and lifetime Temple resident, has announced that he'll seek another term on the Temple City Council representing [District 4](#). He desires to continue serving the community that he loves and wants to see flourish. His six years as a Temple City Council member enhances his 24 years of experience in business (the last 12 as an owner), making him an outstanding candidate. During these challenging times, he will continue to make smart, responsible fiscal decisions and will fight to ensure that citizens tax dollars are conserved and invested wisely.

Councilman Schneider is opposed by Justice Bigbie, who is retired and has been a Temple resident for approximately 10 years. Mr. Bigbie indicates that he is running primarily to assure that the City Charter is updated.

Councilman Schneider has stated that he agrees that a City Charter should be updated from time-to-time, and would be open to it when resources are available. In public discussions, the Council and City staff have pointed to more pressing issues for the City staff to focus on—noting that updating the Charter will take not only substantial staff time, but community support, tax payer dollars and an election to produce. The City is currently working hard to maintain current community services with a staff that has been significantly depleted during a period of economic instability.

Assuring our community continues to move forward is what Councilman Schneider says he is most concerned with. According to Schneider, “transportation (specifically I35 and Loop 363), and industrial rail infrastructure is my top priority.” TABA Home PAC believes that as a businessman, Councilman Schneider brings the professional background and public service experience that will help position the City to meet its growth challenges, even through these tough economic times.

TABA Home PAC Chairman Mike Pilkington lives in Temple District 4 and believes that “Russell Schneider has been a fantastic leader for the City of Temple and we are fortunate that he is willing to continue serving us. His belief in conservative budgeting principles has helped assure Temple generated enough revenue to keep up with its expenses, he’s helped secure the best administration that the City has ever had, and supported economic development and quality of place initiatives that will promote the continued growth and viability of our community for years to come.”

Please join TABA Home-PAC in supporting Russell Schneider for Temple Council District 4. You may vote early from April 26th through May 4th at Temple City Hall or on Election Day on May 8th at Vinyard Christian Fellowship (7425 West Adams).



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