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## TWO TABA Events, ONE Month!!

### 4th Annual TABA Reverse Raffle

The annual TABA Reverse Raffle is scheduled for Friday, July 23rd at the KC Hall. In hopes of assuring another successful and fun event, we have decided to bring back the 2008 format and prize schedule. In doing so we will sell only 240 tickets at \$100 each -- \$25 mulligans will be available for purchase at the door during check-in. The top prize is a John Deere Gator with nine other fantastic prizes to be awarded. Tickets are on sale now and can either be purchased through a member of the Reverse Raffle Committee or the TABA Board of Directors or you can call the TABA office. We expect that tickets will sell fast as they do every year so don't wait to purchase yours TODAY!!

### Annual TABA Golf Tournament

The Annual Golf Tournament which was originally scheduled for June has been rescheduled for Monday, July 12th and will be held this year at Wildflower Country Club. Entry is \$135 per player or \$540 per team and sponsorships are still available if you are interested.

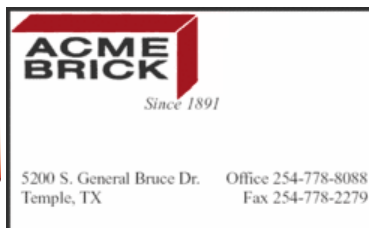
Lunch and check-in will begin at 11:30am and the tournament will commence at 1pm sharp. Lunch and drinks throughout the day are included in your entry fee. Eagle shots will be available for sale on two holes at \$5 per player or \$20 per team and mulligans will be available at check-in with a maximum purchase of 3 at \$5 each. We have enough room for 100 players so please sign-up early. The entry form is available [at this link](#).

**We want to thank *StrucSure Home Warranty, Lengefeld Lumber Company, Bell Contractors, James Hardie Building Products and Tri-Supply* for sponsoring this event.**

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Troy Glasson  
Executive Officer

## ***Temple Retains Flexibility in Driveway Design***

The City of Temple has recently adopted a parking ordinance in effort to keep vehicles from being parked or abandoned in areas of a yard that cause neighborhood blight. In doing so, they included language that impacted the way driveways are to be designed.

Understanding the apprehension this caused our leaders on behalf our members, TABA worked closely with staff to assure flexibility remained in this portion of the ordinance to provide the ability for current driveway design to endure.

In making sure the City would continue to accommodate designs that work, staff added language that provides for exhibits of designs that will be approved by right—several designs have already been submitted. If you would like to submit exhibits to staff for inclusion, please submit them to the Planning Department so that they can be considered.

Ideally, this will remove the burden of having to go to the planning director for approval of driveway designs that are fairly routine. We are hopeful that this provision will retain flexibility in the driveway design process for our members.

During final Council reading at which the ordinance was adopted, Council verified with the staff that the requirements for maximum driveway widths [24 feet plus flares for two car garages] would be measured at the property line. Staff specifically answered in the affirmative to the Council's direct question that the ordinance provides that driveways can be widened past the property line within specific parameters to accommodate handicap situations and other needs for additional driveway width.

It was understandable that several of our members became more and more apprehensive about the document as they gave it more thought--even up until the second and final reading of the ordinance. Design flexibility was clearly a continuing concern. City leadership bent over backwards to work with

TABA members on this ordinance, tweaking the document even up until the time of the final Council meeting. This isn't standard operating procedure for the City or for TABA. They truly went above and beyond. Please join me in thanking them for once again showing their willingness to regulate in an inclusive manner that benefits the entire community. We are very fortunate to operate in such an environment and credit is due to the great leadership we have in place in this City.

## Change Remains Constant

Join TABA in welcoming newly named **President of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, Bourdon Wooten**. Mr. Wooten has been serving as Acting President since January. His leadership was made official on June 1st. Mr. Wooten has lived and worked in Temple since 2002. Prior to his appointment he was President/Market Manager for Cumulus Media, Inc.

The City of Temple will also be realizing a changing of the guard in two divisions that are critical to City operations. **Tim Dolan**, Director of Planning has resigned effective June 10th to pursue opportunities in consulting and **Bruce Butscher**, Director of Public Works has retired. Join us in wishing both of these men well in their future endeavors. We also wish **Interim Director of Public Works Nicole Torralva, PE** well in running the department. TABA leadership met with Mrs. Torralva after she was appointed acting director and we believe she will do a great job in guiding the department.

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## TABA Directory - Call For Information

Members will be receiving via U.S. mail, a call for information for the annual TABA Membership Directory. This is an annual publication that includes the latest member contact information such as addresses, phone numbers, emails and websites. It is an invaluable resource guide for many and is also provided to those seeking information on area suppliers, subcontractors and builders.

TABA asks that you fill out the information update sheet in its entirety and return it to our office as soon as possible. There is a great and cost effective advertising opportunity that is offered within the membership directory. For only \$85 you can display your business card in the directory. The ad lasts for one year and can be viewed by members and non-members alike. Advertising pricing for the directory has not changed in over 15 years! Don't miss a great opportunity to get your business name in the hands of hundreds of

potential customers.

Publication of the directory is anticipated for August 2010. If we do not receive your updated information sheet, we will assume the current information we have on file is correct and it will be published as it was in the current directory.

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## NEW HOME STARTS

	May '10	May '09	'10 YTD	'09 YTD
Temple	42	46	187	134
Belton	9	4	31	32
Morgan's Point	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	50	218	166

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

## ALL HOME CLOSINGS

<b>May '10</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>'10 YTD</b>	<b>726</b>
<b>May '09</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>'09 YTD</b>	<b>721</b>

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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### TABA Room Rental

Do you need a place to hold a banquet, seminar or meeting? Does your organization need a comfortable room that is quiet and has plenty of amenities? Then TABA has the place for you - the *John & Suzanne Kiella Conference Room* at the TABA office building on 5th and Adams Ave. We have one of the best facilities in this area for a small group event and our prices reflect what is typical for a comparable facility in

our area. Best of all we provide a member discount! Check out our rates:

The room is available Monday thru Friday from 8am until 5pm. After hours booking may be available upon request - please inquire.

	Member	Non Member
1-3 Hours	\$100	\$200
3-5 Hours	\$125	\$250
Full Day	\$175	\$350

Use of the kitchen facilities, common areas, podium, projector, sound system and screen are at no additional charge.

Booking may be done by calling the TABA office and we reserve the right to book around already scheduled TABA events.

We are very excited to be able to provide this savings benefit to our TABA members and hope that our members will take advantage of this opportunity. Please call the TABA office for more information.



The National Association of Home Builders makes 'free money' available to our members in the form of great savings on every day items and services that many businesses use.

The [Member Advantage Program](#) is designed specifically for Association members and only TABA/NAHB members can take advantage of program offerings. Special incentive programs have been arranged through agreements with companies such as GM, Dell and UPS.

For instance, UPS, the world's largest package company, has partnered with NAHB to offer our members discounts of up to 30 percent on shipping. This benefit includes domestic air and ground, and international export and import. Visit [www.savewithups.com/nahb](http://www.savewithups.com/nahb) for more information.

Additionally, GM has worked with NAHB to provide an exclusive offer to our members. TABA members can get **\$500 off their best price** on most GM passenger cars, light-duty trucks, vans and SUV's. Nameplates include Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Cadillac, GMC, Saturn, Saab and HUMMER. Certain exclusions apply, check with dealer for details. For complete details about this offer visit [www.gmfleet.com/nahb](http://www.gmfleet.com/nahb).

NAHB's newest partner is the famous Omaha Steak Company. Check out the Membership Advantage link at the top of this article for a list of all the NAHB partners in the Membership Advantage Program.

## Shell Fuel Program - Another Member Benefit

As a member of TABA you qualify for a 3 percent discount on your fuel purchases. You are invited to apply for the Shell Fleet Plus card and begin earning this discount immediately on your company's fuel purchases and with the sting at the pumps these days, 3 percent can add up to a considerable savings if you operate multiple company vehicles. If you have questions regarding this program please contact our Shell representative, Raed Salah at 972-653-3127 or by email to [shellfleetcard@citigroup.com](mailto:shellfleetcard@citigroup.com). TABA hopes this newest member benefit will help to relieve some of the costly burden of doing business.



## *EO's Comments*

Cheryl Hunka  
Executive Officer

Summer snuck up on me. Before I knew it, it's 100 degrees outside and it is time for me to get the directory information put together and begin planning in earnest for the 2011 Home and Garden Show! Can somebody tell me where the year has gone?? All the Facebook posts are talking about time flying, children graduating and summer already being here. We are already mid-way through 2010 with two very successful events under our belt and we are ready to finish out our fundraising year with a bang.

We have two TABA fundraising events scheduled for the month of July - the Annual Golf Tournament and the Reverse Raffle. Two very different types of events, both equally fun and exciting. We invite all of our golfers and non-golfers to come out for a day of golfing fun and relaxation at Wildflower Country Club on July 12th. Not long after, on the evening of July 23rd, come in from the heat and take a shot at winning some great prizes during a membership dinner. The top prize is a 4x2 John Deere Gator. I can personally attest to the usefulness of these things. When I didn't win the gator in the 2008 raffle, my husband and I went out and bought one the following week and have been enjoying it ever since! Tickets are on sale now and there are only 240 available so buy early!

Well that's it from my desk. I hope everyone stays cool this summer - it looks like it's going to be a scorcher. Don't forget to sign up for the golf tournament and purchase your reverse raffle tickets. I urge you to not wait until the last minute. There is limited space in the golf tournament and a limited number of tickets sold for the raffle. Call the office if you have any questions.

Cheryl

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