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TABA GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH AT WILDFLOWER COUNTRY CLUB

1PM SHOTGUN START

Sponsored by:



It's that time of year again! Time for our Annual TABA Golf Tournament. It will be held on May 24th at Wildflower Country Club and shotgun start is at 1pm.

The format is slightly different this year with a 3-Man Scramble instead of 4. Two teams of three will begin at each hole and scoring will be done by Modified Peoria again this year. Winners will be awarded cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and DAL will be given something for their troubles.

Registration has already begun and the golf committee are still working on gathering sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor there are 2 different levels at which to participate - \$100 hole sponsor and \$300 tee box sponsor. The tee box sponsor will be assigned its own tee box and has the option of setting up a tabletop at their tee box if they wish. We have 9 left to sell at the time this article is being written, so please call ASAP if you are interested.

If you wish to enter a team you may do so by calling the TABA office for an entry form or [click here](#) to print one off and fax it. The cost has been reduced this year to \$100 per player or \$300 per team! We will have a \$10,000 putting contest sponsored by DON RINGLER CHEVROLET TOYOTA before the tournament begins and will be selling mulligans at registration (1 for \$10, 3 for \$20). We will also be awarding prizes for closest to the pin on all Par 3's and straightest drive.

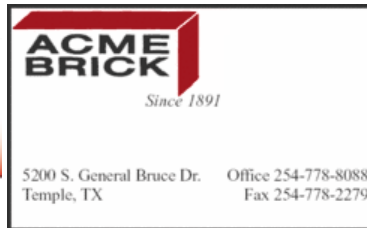
Brad Turner of Monteith Abstract Title will again be cooking sausage wraps for lunch and during play. It

should be a fun, activity filled day so please join us!

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**Director of
Government Affairs**

Blair Anderson

Happy May Day everyone---

As we start this month, I want to remind everyone that we have two elections being held this month. First, the Belton School bond is currently being voted on. You can find information about the bond at this link: <http://www.bisd.net/domain/1282> . As a reminder, HOMEPAC has contributed to the YES campaign, and has actively endorsed its passage. Good schools and an educated workforce are vital to both our industry and a strong Central Texas. Please get out and vote!

Additionally, May 29th we will have our primary election for residents. As always, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. Not all ballots will be the same based on your locality. The following candidates have been endorsed by HOMEPAC, and we encourage you to get out and vote.

- US Congress, District 31: **John Carter**
- State Senator, District 24: **Troy Fraser**
- State Representative, District 55: **Ralph Sheffield**
- County Commissioner, Precinct 3: **Marty Janczak**
- District Court Judge, 146th: **Jack Jones**
- District Court Judge, 27th: **Paul Lepak**
- Bell County Attorney: **Jim Nichols**
- Bell County 27th District Attorney: **Henry Garza**
- Texas 3rd Court of Appeals, Place 6: **Bob Pemberton**

These candidates have received financial assistance from HOMEPAC, and we encourage you to get out and vote for one of them!

Bell County Sheriff : **Bob Patterson and Eddy Lange**

Bell County Justice of Peace, Precinct 3: **David Barfield and Sonny Jaramillo**

These candidates have received financial assistance from the Texas Association of Builders HOMEPAC, which is our state association. We encourage you to get out and vote for them.

Texas Supreme Court:

Place 6 Nathan Hecht
Place 4 David Medina
Place 2 Don Willett

Texas 3rd Court of Appeals:
Place 5 David Puryear
Place 2 Jeff Rose

TXU/ONCOR Roundtable Discussion for TABA Members

We have tentatively scheduled a roundtable meeting for Thursday, May 31st. The meeting will be at 1130am, and go until approximately 1pm. Lunch WILL be served for those who RSVP to me blair@tahb.org or call 254-773-0445. It has been awhile since we have met with representatives from TXU/ONCOR, and we want to give our members a chance to interact and ask questions. Once again, you must RSVP if you are interested in attending this free event.

TABA Meets with new Belton Planning Director

We were excited last month to welcome Erin Newcomer to the City of Belton. Its clear she has hit the ground running as the Planning Department continues to hustle and bustle with economic development. She will certainly be an asset for our community. A small group of us had the opportunity to meet with her to discuss ways in which we can work together for the betterment of the city in the future. As many of you know, Belton recently landed a large high-tech employer and we were pleased to attend the groundbreaking ceremony with Belton officials (and Governor Perry) last month as well. Economic development and a healthy building/housing industry go hand in hand. Congratulations to the City of Belton and all involved in making this a reality.

City of Temple Technical Committee Meetings

We are pleased to let everyone know that the GAC Technical Committee has been working hard over the last few months to address issues identified as priorities for our members in our 2011 end of year meetings. Many of these items will begin the process of moving thru City Council in the next few weeks. We have also provided the city an open forum to discuss issues from their side that could use some streamlining/technical corrections with the input of our membership. A few items which have already moved forward or are in the process of moving forward include: **DRC Chair Change, DRC Attendance and decision making power, Single point of delivery for plat applications, consistency requirements within UDC for application requirements, enhanced software package which will allow for instant notification of inspections, automated inspection requests (and ability to track permits online), DRC meeting timeline/ability to have more time to review DRC comments, central location for all tags, staffing and review within the planning department, potential for hiring of a development coordinator and development design review engineer, site plan submittal standards, technical UDC amendments including wastewater/water pipe sizing, cost sharing for sidewalks, building over lot lines, addressing perimeter street fees, construction and plat order, long range infrastructure planning, and many others.**

As these items move thru the approval process, I will keep you all up to date on what the changes include. If you have any specific questions on these items, as always, do not hesitate to contact me directly. Many of these are city requested changes that TABA can certainly support. The City of Temple has been great to work with to address minor issues that our members were having on a variety of items. It is our intent to always work with the city as a partner and provide an open forum where we can both discuss challenges that we are having.

EAST TEMPLE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councilmember Morales is kicking off a visioning session for East Temple via the East Temple Development and Redevelopment plan. If you work in East Temple and want to be involved, please let me know. They are currently looking for members to participate in the workshop session May 19th from 10a-2p. The location will be the Wheatley Alternative Education Center. The invitation notes specifically: "Our intent is to focus on the physical environment in our planning efforts. We will look at potential opportunities for enhanced and additional housing, mixed use development, gateways and the restoration of existing buildings, homes, businesses, in order to restore East Temple into a safe and prosperous area".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: City of Temple and City of Belton Boards and Commissions

From my initial call for volunteers last month, we have recruited (4) excellent candidates attached to our industry for application to varying boards and commissions. If you are interested in joining the candidate pool, please email me at blair@tahb.org and I can send you an application to fill out. It is vital that we have qualified candidates ready to go when appointments to boards and commissions are being made, specifically those that impact our industry. You all have a wealth of knowledge in differing areas of our industry and that knowledge is so important in helping move our community forward. Many boards meet less than once a month, however, they are very important to all of us. If you would like to discuss this, please email or call me. The boards we are

looking to get candidates for meet varying days/times to accomodate all of your different schedules.

Have a good month

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope to see you all at the TABA Golf Tourney on May 24th. Rumor has it that there will be a \$10,000 60' putt challenge, so make sure you procure your best putter and join us out at Wildflower.

Blair

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PARADE OF HOMES
TEMPLE AREA BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

Presented By:



The Temple Area Builders Association announced their winning homes for the 2012 Parade of Homes at the awards ceremony held at the Dead Fish Grill on April 12th. About 200 people attended the Parade Kick-Off Party. Those builders and homes receiving superiority awards included the following:

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

HOMES \$299,999 AND UNDER

2003 Chamberlain Ln. – Creeks of Deerfield, Temple ▪ Kiella Homebuilders

HOMES \$300,000 - \$549,999.

1302 Nolan Ct. – Cliffs of Nolan Creek, Belton – Carothers Executive Homes

HOMES \$550,000 AND OVER

3066 Rolling Meadow Dr. – Creeks of Salado, Salado – Brad Dusek Homes

BUILDER’S CHOICE

HOMES \$299,999 AND BELOW

2003 Chamberlain Ln. – Creeks of Deerfield, Temple ▪ Kiella Homebuilders

HOMES \$300,000 - \$549,999

6083 Miller Ln. – Heritage, Salado – MF Construction

HOMES \$550,000 AND OVER

805 Paintbrush – Wildflower Country Club, Temple – Riley Scott Homes

The homes were judged by a team of builders and community leaders.

The Builder’s Choice Award is an award given by their peers and the judging panel is comprised of builders who are members of the Temple Area Builders Association.

The People’s Choice Award was given by 5 community leaders chosen by the TABA Parade of Homes Committee to tour and judge the parade entries.

Homes were scored on their kitchens, master baths, curb appeal, interior design and overall architectural design. An overall score was taken and a recipient in each size category was awarded.



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NEW HOME STARTS

	Apr '12	Apr '11	'12 YTD	'11 YTD
Temple	36	41	77	130
Belton	26	3	39	25
Morgan's Point	0	1	0	4
Totals	62	45	116	159

Note: this data represents a compilation of the statistics that are reported by the Temple Daily Telegram every Sunday. January and February 2012 numbers are missing.

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

Apr '12	161	'12 YTD	566
Apr '11	60	'11 YTD	350

Mar '12	153	'12 YTD	405
Mar '11	121	'11 YTD	290

Feb '12	132	'12 YTD	252
Feb '11	104	'11 YTD	169

Jan '12	120	'12 YTD	120
Jan '11	65	'11 YTD	65

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka
Executive Officer

Two major projects under our belt and one to go - GOLF!!! The Golf Committee chaired by Jared Bryan of Carothers Executive Homes has a really great day planned for our golfers so I hope many of you plan to join us. It is a 3-Man Scramble this year and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There is also a \$10,000 putting contest and as always food and cold beverages will be available all day during

play. The tournament is just weeks away so call the TABA office if you want to put a team together.

Just to update everyone, my health continues to improve. After an unsuccessful first attempt at implanting the ICD, a week later they had success and I am mending from that procedure quite well. I am hopeful this is the last of it and from here on out it is just maintenance. Again I want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during this time. It's been very touching for me and my family and very much appreciated.

So after golf it's summer time!!! I can't believe summer is already here. Right now there is not much on the TABA calendar for the summer months but that can change so keep reading your newsletters and watching for TABA Staff emails to come over your computer. I hope to see many of you at the Wildflower Country Club on May 24th!

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