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Home & Garden Show Coming Soon



It is that time of the year again! Your time to secure booth space for the Annual TABA Home & Garden Show is now. Exhibitor information has gone out in the mail and reservations have already begun to come in. Remaining booth locations are going fast, so if you would like to participate, call Cheryl today.

The Show is scheduled for February 21-23, 2014 at the Bell County Expo Center. Yes you read that right – we have added additional hours to the Show!! We will now be open to the public Friday night from 6-9pm, open the doors up on Saturday morning at 9am and close at 6pm and Sunday's hours will remain the same. This schedule provides 5 additional hours to have your product or service out in front of the public! We are very excited about this addition and believe all of our exhibitors will benefit from it. This change was made based on our exhibitors suggestions after last year's event. The floor plan has remained the same as it was last year and so have the booth prices.

For those members who wish to exhibit in the Show for the first time, please call Cheryl Hunka at 254-773-

0445 or 254-760-4647. The floor plan and booth price guide can be found on our website at <u>www.tahb.org</u> under the Home & Garden Show tab. When you call please have the layout in hand so we can discuss what is available. A deposit is due at time of booking and we accept all major credit cards.

With the additional hours including Friday, many of you may be wondering about the Preview Party. We have decided to forego the Preview Party this year, however we are planning a blowout Member Mixer in the upstairs special events room of the Expo Center from 5-8pm. More details to come. Please keep reading future *On the Level* Newsletters for more information regarding the *2014 Home & Garden Show*.

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Home & Garden Surplus Sale Deadline February 11th...

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS IN STORAGE THAT ARE JUST TAKING UP VALUABLE SPACE?

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PERFECT AND CANNOT BE SOLD TO YOUR CUSTOMERS BUT FOR THE MOST PART ARE IN FINE CONDITION?

THEN PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE HOME & GARDEN SHOW BUILDER SURPLUS SALE!!

The TABA Home & Garden Show Committee has decided to put on a Builder Surplus Sale in the Assembly Hall during the Home & Garden Show, February 21-23, 2014 and we are writing to see if you have any items in your warehouse that you would like to donate to this sale. This event is a garage sale type event that involves selling building materials to the general public. Part of the proceeds from this sale will benefit Habitat for Humanity and your donation to this sale is tax deductible.

We are looking for gently worn items that you would like to get rid of. Since our space is limited, participation will be on a first come, first served basis. The items that are not sold during the Home & Garden Show will be donated to **Habitat for Humanity** for use in either their Resale Store or to go towards construction of one of their homes.

Deadline for participation is February 11th. Again, space is limited and if you have items that you wish to donate we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. To donate items to our Builder Surplus Sale or for questions or more details, please contact Cheryl Hunka at 254-773-0445 ext 2 or 254-760-4647.

We feel this is will be a great event for the general public as well as for Habitat for Humanity and your support and contribution would be greatly appreciated.

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HOME PAC Update

Your TABA <u>Home PAC trustees</u> have a busy year ahead of them and they are already off and running. Several elections will take place in 2014, these include the March 4th Primary Election for state and county officials; the May 10th Local Election; and the November 4th General Election.

For the March 4th Primary, your <u>Home PAC Trustees</u> have endorsed a number of officials that requested to be considered. These include:

- State Representative Ralph Sheffield, District 55
- Texas Attorney General Candidate Dan Branch
- Candidate for Bell County District Clerk <u>Joanna Flores Staton</u>
- District Judge, 264th Judicial District, Marth J "Janie" Trudo
- Judge, County Court at Law No. 1, Candidate Ken Valka
- Bell County Clerk <u>Shelley Coston</u>

Early Voting will take place from February 18 – 28. Please join us in supporting these candidates along with other State level candidates that are supported by the Texas Association of Builders Home PAC.

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Troy Glasson Executive Officer

Note from the Executive Officer:

TABA has recently had a number of exchanges with Temple City Manager David Blackburn—now with the City for more than nine years. The list of accomplishments that Temple has seen under Mr. Blackburn's watch is long and impressive. TABA is very fortunate to have such a fine person to deal with during his tenure and we will continue to work with Mr. Blackburn and his staff as issues arise that impact our industry.

Example of the concerns and issues that we have recently presented to the City of Temple include:

Construction site theft is a major concern. I have heard from builders throughout the community that they are experiencing significant losses, I estimate ~50 homes have been vandalized or broken into in the last month or two alone.

Adoption of the **2012 IRC/IEC** is an issue that we believe needs a great deal of discussion. We have been informed that the Cities of Temple and Belton are considering moving to the latest version of the code sooner rather than later. TABA has suggested that our goal should be to review the new codes so as to educate the development community and the inspectors before adoption at the end of the year or early next year. This would allow all parties to ramp up to the coming changes. We will keep you posted as we

learn more about the pending code changes.

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2014 TABA Calendar

February 21 – 23 April 3 April 24 April 25 – 27 May 2 – 4 May 15 June 13 August 19 September 25 October 14 December 4 Home & Garden Show Crawfish Boil (TABA Office) Parade Kick-off Party (Deadfish Grill) Parade of Homes (weekend 1) Parade of Homes (weekend 2) TABA Golf Tourney (Wildflower) Reverse Raffle Member Appreciation Mixer Home PAC Skeet Shoot (Webers) Elected Officials Night Awards Banquet/Christmas Dinner (Wildflower)

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