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# On The Level

*Official Newsletter of the Temple Area Builders Association*

## PRESIDENTS UPDATE

### **Brandon Whatley**

Let me start by saying that I am honored to serve as president of our association for 2022. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance or anything that I can do to help you and your business. We have a great board of directors and staff that continue to work hard for the success of our industry in this community.

I hope everyone has had a successful first quarter of the year and that our businesses are thriving in 2022. I know the last several years have been very challenging for most of us in ways we could have never imagined. Unfortunately, the challenges continue with the supply line disruptions and labor shortages, both of which are currently extending our build times and making our jobs more difficult. The high demand and low supply of materials are greatly increasing the cost to build. At the same time, the demand for new homes is at a record high and I know we are all working harder than ever to meet the demand.

Many of us will attend the TAB meetings in Austin this week. I expect that we will have many opportunities to discuss our unique problems with others from around the state and hopefully develop some solutions.

I am happy to report that we had a great Home and Garden show in February. It was great to see this event back up and running. Attendance and participation was good and I expect next year to be even better.

At the end of the month, we will have our annual Parade of Homes. I know many of our builders and subcontractors are working hard to get the entries completed on time. The committee is putting together a great kick-off party event and I hope you all have an opportunity to come out and celebrate together.



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# 2021 HOLIDAY PARTY

**December 9th**

We hosted our Annual Holiday Party this year at the Bell County Expo Champion's Club! The event was a great success as we had many members in attendance along with some special guests including Texas Association of Builder's President Gene Lantrip & his wife Cindy! We enjoyed some great music by DJ Chuck and some yummy food provided by the Expo catering staff.

Shoutout to Nicole Stairs at CentraLand Title Company for helping make this event such a success!



**Never a bad time for some two-stepping!**



**DJ Chuck! Contact him for your next event!**  
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**TAB President Gene Lantrip & his wife Cindy!**



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# HOME & GARDEN SHOW

February 25-27, 2022



TABA's 46th Annual Home and Garden Show took place at the Bell County Expo Center the last weekend of February and gave Central Texans a look at a wide variety of new products and innovations in homebuilding and remodeling. The H&G show is the association's largest event and showcases thousands of square feet of the latest products and services. The show provides a fun environment where attendees can network with builders, remodeling specialists, pool contractors, landscape architects and hundreds of craftsmen and suppliers.



TABA was thrilled to have partnered once again with SPJST to bring you the 19th annual Home and Garden Car Show! The 2022 SPJST Car Show was open to all makes, models and years of vehicles.

The Bell County Master Gardeners were back again this year not only sponsoring the Kid Zone, but also hosting an educational booth and presenting free seminars!



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# HOME & GARDEN SHOW SPONSORS 2022

# Thank You!

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## **Preview Party Dinner Sponsor:**

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## **Preview Party Sponsors:**

All County Surveying, Carothers Executive Homes, CentraLand Title Company, Clark Associates, First Community Title, Horizon Bank, Kiella Homebuilders, Monteith Abstract & Title Co, Top Stone

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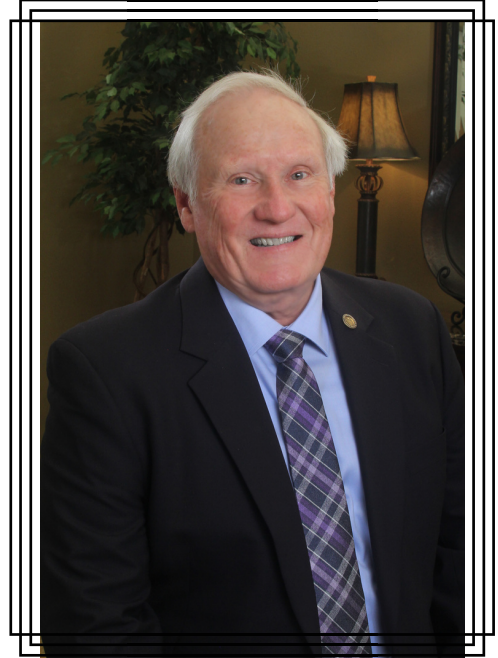
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## **Dome Arena Banner Sponsors:**

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Your TABA HomePAC has been busy politically this Spring. As you know, the Primary Election Day was March 1. Many of our favorite candidates like State Representatives Brad Buckley and Hugh Shine, County Judge David Blackburn and others were unopposed. HomePAC doesn't usually publicly support any candidate in a Primary election, but we made the exception with our longtime friend Justice of the Peace Ted Duffield and Bell County Republican Chairman Mack Latimer. Both won their races handily. Mack Latimer is a relative newcomer to Bell County. He is a West Point graduate and recently left the Army as a Captain. He wants to be more involved politically so when the former Party Chairman Nancy Boston decided to retire, Mack signed up. Mack's wife Laura Beth is an Assistant DA for Henry Garza. They live in Belton. We intend to include them in future TABA Events. You will enjoy meeting them.



The next election coming up is the school and municipal elections on Saturday May 7. Early voting starts April 25. City Council members in both Belton and Temple are unopposed. Temple's (and TABA's) Jessica Walker and Wendell Williams will serve another 3-year term. Belton's Mayor Wayne Carpenter, Councilman Daniel Bucher and newcomer Stephanie O'Banion will serve there. Stephanie is replacing her husband Guy O'Banion. She is currently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Also on May 7 is the Belton ISD Bond and Trustee election. Board President Jeff Norwood has two challengers and Trustee Manuel Alcozer has one. Suzanne McDonald is unopposed. You will hear more about these races later. The proposed BISD Bond election is for \$ 174 million. TABA HomePAC is in support of this proposal. TABA's own Mike Pilkington and Tony Gallagher are on the Bond PAC Committee. There will be a BISD bond presentation in the TABA Boardroom on Wednesday, April 13 at 11:30. All TABA members are welcome to attend. Temple ISD also has a proposed Bond and Trustee reappointment. Trustee's Shannon Gowan and Virginia Suarez were unopposed so they will just be reappointed for another term. TABA's Steve Wright is leading the \$ 164.8 million TISD Bond proposal. TABA HomePAC is also in support of this effort.

The next General Election is November 1. Rest assured TABA HomePAC will be very involved, and we will keep you informed.

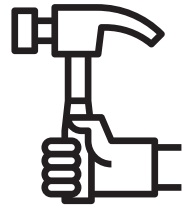
If you are not yet a TABA HomePAC member, please consider joining. There is strength in numbers, and we need your support. Contact Marty to hear the different options for membership.

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# TISD CONSTRUCTION TRADES PROGRAM



Temple ISD's Construction Trades Program, led by Stephen Bishop, has been putting in some hard work on their Tiny Home Project this school year! Check out some of the photos below on the substantial progress they have made! Be on the lookout for further Tiny House communications as they plan to auction it off once completed!





# TAB NEWS



2021-2023

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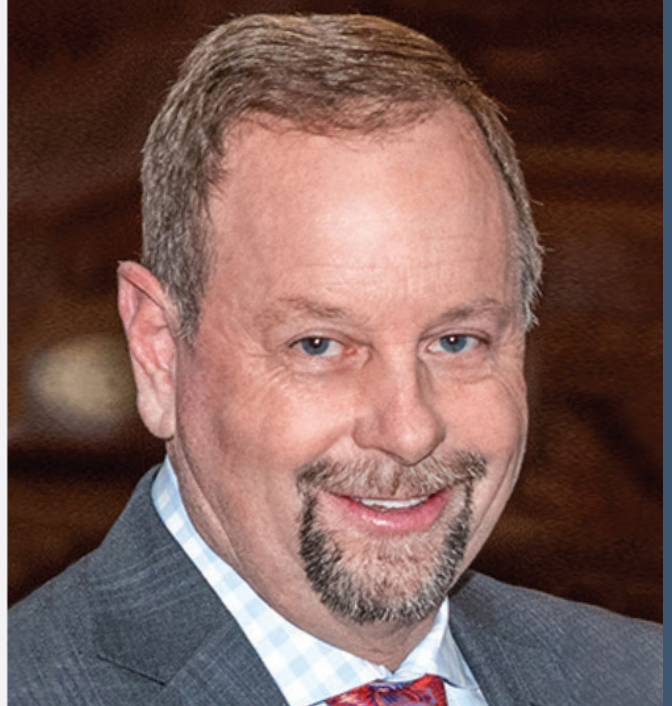


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## MODEL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY PLAN



The Texas Association of Builders Model Construction Safety Program & Jobsite Safety Standards Package® (Model Safety Plan) Version 4.0 includes:

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ABOARD**

## **NEW TABA MEMBERS**

### **Builder Members**

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BB Construction & Welding Services  
Regatta Ridge LLC  
Tanner Roofing, Inc  
Texas Seven Homes LLC

### **Associate Members**

Benchmark Real Estate Group  
Voodoo's Pet Mess Cleaner  
RZ Concrete Construction  
ForeverLawn Central Texas  
Safe and Sound Property Inspections, LLC

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Parade of Homes

Kickoff Party: April 28

Weekend 1: April 29-May 1

Weekend 2: May 6-8

## Turkey BBQ Cookoff

May 13-14

## Reverse Raffle

August, date TBD

## Golf Tournament

July 22

Contact us at [events@tahb.org](mailto:events@tahb.org) or (254) 773-0445 for more information on how you can get involved!



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