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On The Level

Official Newsletter of the Temple Area Builders Association

PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Megan Kiella

Dear TABA Members,

We've hit the ground running this year, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights with you as we continue to make strides in our industry and community.

First and foremost, please join me in extending a warm welcome to our newest additions to the TABA family: Sydney Cable, our Executive Officer, and Michael Smith, our Governmental Affairs Director. Sydney's experience serving our association and industry knowledge, coupled with Michael's deep-rooted ties in the community and passion for advocacy, make them invaluable assets to our association. Together, alongside your dedicated TABA Board of Directors, we're excited for all that is to come in 2024!

Sydney Cable's transition to the role of Executive Officer has been seamless, thanks to her proactive approach and tireless dedication to serving our members. Her leadership was instrumental in the success of our recent Home & Garden Show and Parade of Homes. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Central National Bank for their steadfast support as title sponsor, and to all our members who contributed to making these events a resounding success. We were excited to feature the Realtor Tour this year, which proved to be a positive collaboration with TBBOR and a fun opportunity for members of our realtor community to view the winning homes. Big thanks to Monteith Abstract & Title for sponsoring the Realtor Tour and contributing to it's success! We continue to include the Student Tour to collaborate with the school districts to provide the construction trade students an interactive learning experience as they view the parade homes.

Meanwhile, Michael Smith wasted no time diving into his role as Governmental Affairs Director, advocating on behalf of TABA and our industry. From engaging with local officials to championing key issues affecting builders and developers, Michael's commitment to driving positive change is truly commendable. I urge each of you to join us in supporting his efforts and staying informed about the vital work being done on the governmental front.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for May 9th, when we'll gather at the TABA building in downtown Temple to celebrate our association's 50th birthday and the completion of our building's renovation. This milestone wouldn't have been possible without the generous contributions of our longstanding members and Carothers Executive Homes management of the project. Let's come together to honor our past achievements and look forward to an even brighter future ahead.

And that's not all—we have more exciting events on the horizon, including a golf tournament on June 7th at Sammons Golf Course. A link to sponsor and register was sent out earlier this week, get ready to tee off in support of TABA!

As we forge ahead into the remainder of the year, let's continue to uphold TABA's legacy of excellence, collaboration, and community impact!



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Welcome

NEW TABA STAFF



Sydney Cable
Executive Officer



Michael Smith
Governmental Affairs
Director

HOME & GARDEN SHOW

February 23-25



Thank You

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HOME & GARDEN SHOW PREVIEW PARTY



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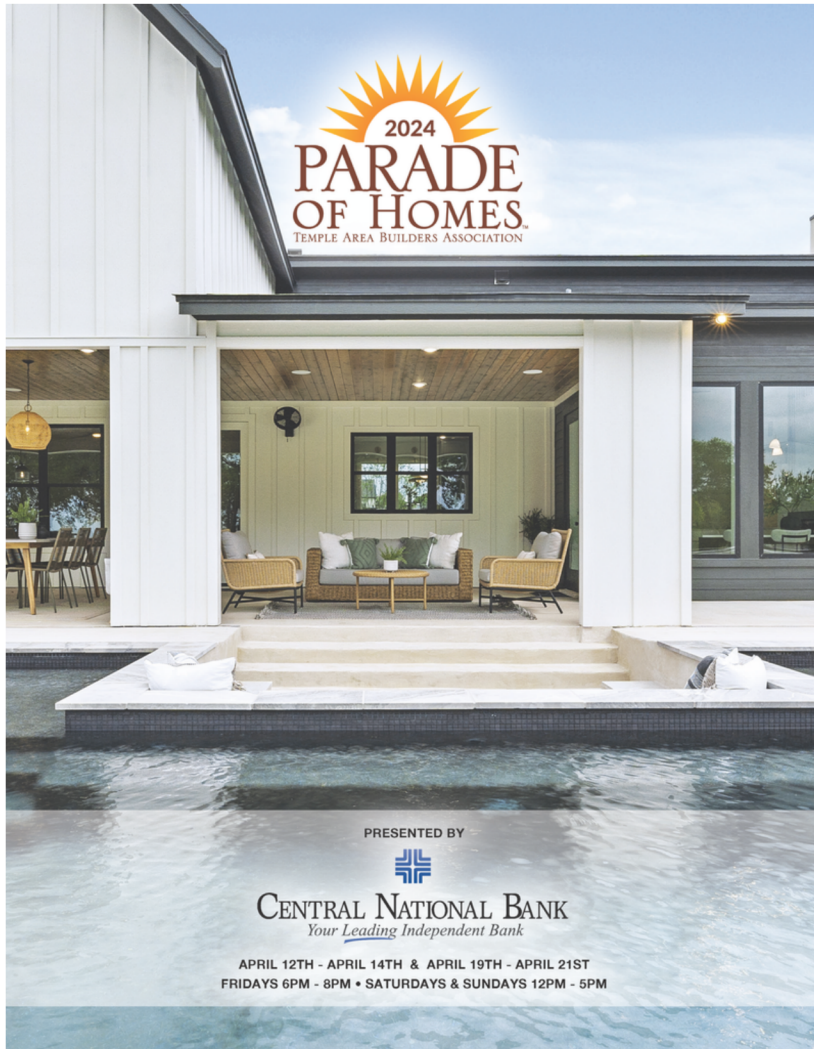
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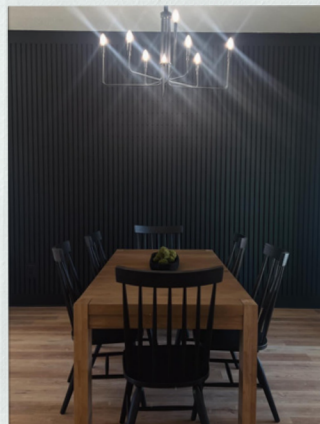
PARADE OF HOMES

April 12-14, April 19-21



Thank You
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Central National Bank
Kiella Homebuilders
Keene Roofing
KWTX
Suncoast Post Tension
Temple Daily Telegram
Texas Bright Ideas
TopStone
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PARADE JUDGING

People's Choice Judging - April 4th
Builder's Choice Judging - April 5th



People's Choice Judging

Lunch Sponsored by
ABC Supply



Builder's Choice Judging

Lunch Sponsored by
CentraLand Title



A total of 32 homes were entered featuring 21 builders making this our largest Parade to-date. Homes from Temple, Belton, Troy, Moody, Salado, Holland, Nolanville, and Morgan's Point Resort allowed us to create 3 routes based on location and recruit more judges.

PARADE KICK-OFF PARTY

April 11th



Thank You Kick-Off Party Sponsors

3 Cords Building	All County Surveying	Aspen Real Estate
Bell Contractors, Inc	Bell County Flooring	Carothers Executive Homes
CentraLand Title	Covington Real Estate	DR Horton
DT Electric	ExtraCo Banks	Flintrock Builders
Foxworth Gailbraith	James Hardie	Johnny's Steaks & Barbeque
Lengefeld Lumber	Omega Builders	Sandor Homes
Stylecraft Builders	UFP Site Built	Watercolor Pools
	Welch Development	



PARADE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Model Home

Builder's & People's Choice

Omega Builders - 2044 Stillwell St

\$250K-\$400K

Builder's & People's Choice

Denali Construction - 927 Antelope Trl

\$400K-\$600K

Builder's & People's Choice

Kiella Homebuilders - 10834 Campsite Cove

\$600K-\$850K

Builder's & People's Choice

Creekside Custom Homes - 2135 Oak Draw Ct

\$850K-\$1.25M

People's Choice

Flintrock Builders - 6612 King Oaks Blvd

\$850K-\$1.25M

Builder's Choice

Carothers Executive Homes - 325 Airosa

\$1.25M+

People's Choice

Sacred Home & Design - 2512 Indian Mill Rd

\$1.25M+

Builder's Choice

Brandon Whatley Homes - 214 Glenview Cir



Omega Builders



Denali Construction



Kiella Homebuilders



Creekside Custom Homes



Flintrock Builders



Carothers Executive Homes



Sacred Home & Design



Brandon Whatley Homes

Best Kitchen - Sacred Home & Design - 2512 Indian Mill Rd

Best Master Suite - Flintrock Builders - 6612 King Oaks Blvd

Best Outdoor Living Space - Platinum Homes - 9319 Pritchard Rd

Best Curb Appeal - Brandon Whatley Homes - 214 Glenview Cir

Most Creative Use of Materials - Creekside Custom Homes - 2135 Oak Draw Ct

Best Floor Plan - Tierra Homes - 7804 Flat Rock St

Best Cabinetry - Southern Native Design + Build - 8456 Spring Creek Loop

PARADE TOURS

Student Tour & Realtor Tour



We were happy to bring back the CTE Student Tour and the popular Realtor Tour. Temple ISD Wildcat Workforce Construction Trade Students and their instructor, Stephen Bishop, toured the winning homes and enjoyed lunch sponsored by Bell Contractors, Inc.

TABA realtor/broker members and TBBOR representatives toured the winning homes via a 29-seat charter bus with lunch sponsored by Monteith Title and ending at Schoepf's BBQ for Monteith's Client Appreciation BBQ.

Student Tour

Sponsored by
Bell Contractors, Inc



Realtor Tour

Sponsored by
Monteith Title



EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE



Greetings TABA members,

I am excited to introduce myself as your new Executive Officer. I began serving in this role in February 2024 and am honored to be here. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at our past events, and I eagerly look forward to meeting and connecting with those I have yet to meet in person.

Let me share a little about my background. I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran who served at MCB Twentynine Palms and MCB Camp Pendleton, where I was a ground electronics technician. During my time enlisted, I worked my way up to becoming a Training & Development Manager and then an Operations Manager. While serving, I earned my Associate of Arts from Central Texas College and my Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Park University.

I continued my education after leaving the military and earned a Master of Business Administration in Project Management from Park University. My experiences in the military and my chosen degree path sparked a passion for the building industry.



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After completing my service, my family and I moved back home to Texas. Although I was born in College Station, I grew up in the Dallas area and decided to settle down in Temple over three years ago. Since then, I have been working in the industry as a Warranty Manager, where I focused on managing the homebuilder's warranty department. During that time, I was also involved in the field with the superintendents and subcontractors, which allowed me to learn more about the construction process and work with all of our homeowners. Additionally, I created an OSHA-compliant Safety and Health program for the company to ensure the safety of our employees and homeowners.

For the past two years, I have actively served on every committee for TABA and was awarded "2023 Committee Member of the Year". Outside of the industry, I am part of the Leadership Temple Class of 2024 and the recently accepted Leadership Central Texas Class of 2024. I was also appointed to the City of Temple's Building & Standards Commission as an Alternate for District 4.

I am passionate about our industry and community and believe that together we can achieve great things. I hope to see you all at our upcoming events this year.



I have spent the last two decades of my life engaged in the political process in some form, from a volunteer to a campaign manager, and from a Party Delegate to a City Councilmember, but these last few months with you all have been some of the most fulfilling. Below is a synopsis of a few issues we've been tackling, what we're doing to continue improving the building climate in Bell County, and how you can get engaged:

Bell County Subdivision Regulations

For the last few months, we led a coalition with the Central Texas Homebuilders Association, Temple-Belton Board of Realtors, and Fort Hood Area Association of Realtors to draft a response to several changes to the County's sub-division regulations. On Monday 4/29 we were successful in combatting these changes and championing several great reforms.

City of Temple Sewer Tap Fees

Early this year the City of Temple began implementing a new Sewer Tap fee on new construction without any communication or warning. Due to our relationship with their leadership, we were able to achieve a moratorium on the fees and are working to have this brought before the City Council for review and refunds for the ones that were erroneously assessed prior.

Theft of Property

Several of our members have noticed an increase in theft of property incidents across the region. We met with the Temple Police Chief and were offered a variety of solutions. We'll be scheduling a Lunch-and-Learn with Chief Reynolds in the near future so he can further explain what his department can do to assist us, and likewise how we can help them in potentially solving more of these cases.



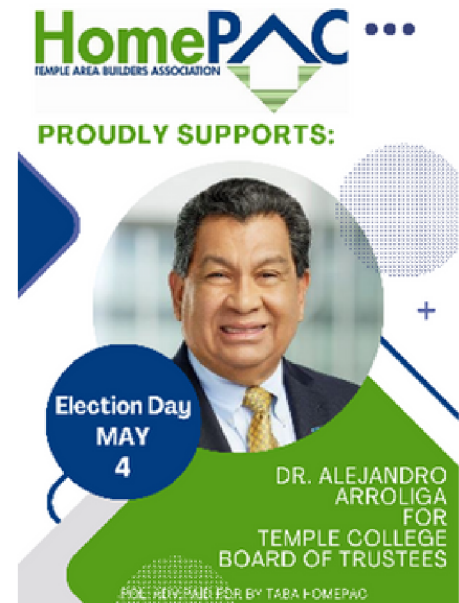
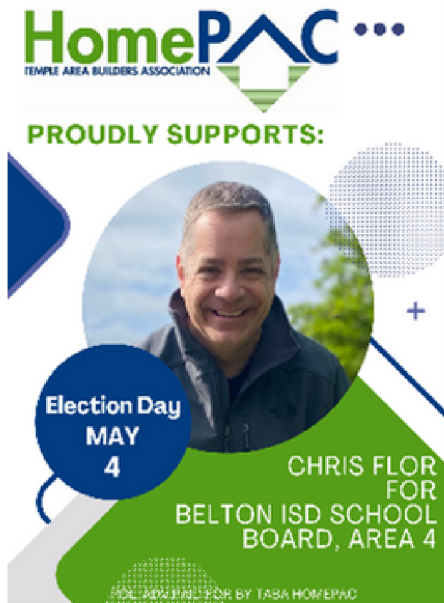
Michael Smith
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Supplemental to the work of the Government affairs Committee, The TABA HomePAC has been hard at work assisting candidates who support our industry and have Bell Counties best interest at Heart. For those unfamiliar with The HomePAC, this is a separate entity from TABA and exists to advocate and support for pro-housing policies and candidates. The work HomePAC does is vital to TABA's continued success, and I sincerely thank every one of our donors and supporters. These donations allow us to provide monetary and in-kind assistance to candidates, things that TABA cannot engage in due to our non-profit status.

In the March Primary we supported Mike Russell in his bid for the 146th District court judgeship, and he won overwhelmingly. He is unopposed in the November General Election and takes office next January.



This year the HomePAC Board voted to take a stand in several municipal races. These races are the closest to you as a taxpayer and historically decided by only a handful of votes. These candidates are both Pro-housing, Pro-workforce training, and Pro-Bell County. In the May 4th election, the TABA HomePAC has voted to support **Chris Flor for Belton ISD Area 4** and **Dr. Alejandro Arroliga for Temple College Board of Trustees**.



Several races from the Primary did not have a candidate win a majority and will be going into a run-off on May 28th. Of those races HomePAC has decided to support **Greg Reynolds for County Commissioner-Precinct Three** and **Tim Taylor for Justice of the Peace-Precinct Three Place One**. Both of these candidates are trusted leaders in their respective fields, have been vetted by the HomePAC Board, and have solid understandings of our industry. I encourage you to support them in the May 28th Runoff, with early voting going from May 20th through 25th.



Welcome
New Members!

NEW BUILDER MEMBERS

SACRED HOME & DESIGN

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

3 CORDS BUILDING

6B EXCAVATION & LAND SERVICES

DIVERGENT SECURITY SOLUTIONS

ASHBY REAL ESTATE GROUP

LOWE'S - TEMPLE

JOHNNY'S STEAKS & BARBEQUE

ASPEN REAL ESTATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

**TABA RIBBON CUTTING &
50TH BIRTHDAY HAPPY HOUR**

Thursday, May 9

TURLEY BBQ COOKOFF

Friday-Saturday, May 17-18

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 7

REVERSE RAFFLE

Thursday, August 29

TABA HOMEPAC SKEET SHOOT

Thursday, September 26

ELECTED OFFICIALS DINNER

Thursday, October 10