



Home Builders Association
of Metropolitan Portland

HBA Member Update

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Events

Builders Ball Gets Groovy

Nov. 22

Cocktails: 6 p.m., Program: 7 p.m.

Join us at The Governor Hotel for food, dancing and an exciting program to wrap up the year.

Tickets are \$60 if purchased before Nov. 14 and \$75 thereafter. Contact Jennifer W. at the HBA for more info.

Avoid Lien Law Landmines

Wednesday, Nov. 12 * 7:30-9:30 a.m.

\$25 members/\$35 non-members

Come find out about what's going on in the legal system and how to use liens successfully.

Register online at

www.homebuildersportland.org/calendar.html.

After Hours sponsored by NW Natural Smart Energy

HBA Lounge

Thursday, Nov. 13 * 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us for networking, refreshments, our famous 50/50 raffle and door prizes—not to mention the scoop on NW Natural's Smart Energy program. Please RSVP online.

Business Management for Building Professionals

Friday, Nov. 14 * 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$195 BGC members/\$245 HBA members/\$350 non-members

This one-day course provides a solid foundation in valuable business practices for smaller businesses. It is one of two courses required to obtain the NAHB Certified Green Professional designation. Space is limited. Register online.

Remodelers Council Networking Event

Wednesday, Nov. 19 * 12-1:30 p.m.

Servpro of Tigard/Tualatin/Beaverton

\$10 at the door

Come connect with peers, learn from fellow members, and build a professional network of contacts. Contact Hallie for more info.

NAHB Audio Seminars

Finding Alternative Sources of Funding

Nov. 13 * 11 a.m.-Noon

\$39 per site

Builder Financing: Working with Your Lenders

Nov. 18 * 11 a.m.-Noon

\$39 per site. The HBA will also host a site.

Members can participate for \$10 each.

Visit www.nahb.org for more info.

HBA News

Important Deadlines: Nov. 14

Only one week left to submit entries for the Excellence Awards and nominations for Builder, Remodeler, Trade Contractor and Associate of the Year awards. Contact Jennifer W. for more info.

Year End Fund Drive

The Home Builders Foundation is doing its year-end fund drive to benefit the Building Industry Scholarship Program. Visit

www.homebuildersportland.org/YEFD.htm or call Mel for more info.

HBF Christmas Choir and Kazoo Band

We are looking for volunteers to sing and play kazoo at local shelters Dec. 11. We also need a keyboard player with a portable piano or an accordion player. Contact Luke Morley at Lakeside Lumber (503-635-3693) for more details or to join the fun.

International Builder Show Deadline

Register by *tomorrow* to receive early bird discounts (\$295 conference registration/\$50 for exhibits). After that, registration is \$425 for the conference and \$100 for exhibits.

Visit www.buildersshow.com to sign up.

Member Benefits

Member Benefits Orientation

Nov. 13 * 3 p.m.

The HBA recently developed member benefit options that will not only pay for your HBA membership - but can save you thousands of dollars each year. Come find out more! RSVP online or call the HBA.

New Group Health Program

HBA recently partnered with Kaiser Permanente to offer a group health insurance trust for all HBA members, even groups as small as two employees. Call Ernie Garcia at 971-236-9090 for more info.

Supervised Fuel Discounts for Members

Save money at designated stations through Supervised Fuels' exclusive HBA discount program. Call Kathy Temple at 541-330-8356 or visit the HBA website for more info.

Verizon Discounts for HBA Members

Save 18-22 percent on cell minute plans for you and your company with Verizon by contacting Joe Remitz at 971-409-3788.

Government Affairs at Work

2009 Housing Forecast

Hear the latest on the housing market Dec. 3. This year, economist John Mitchell, regional economic development consultant Jerry Johnson, and mortgage industry specialist Ken Perry will present. The cost is \$50 per HBA member or \$450 for a table of 10. Sponsors included PARR Lumber, the Oregonian and NW Natural. Sponsorships still available. Space is limited. Register online or call the HBA.

Top 10 Actions NAHB's Taken to Benefit Members in the Past Month

NAHB is working hard to promote building industry interests and to attack the credit crisis and housing market crunch head on. See their latest endeavors at

www.homebuildersportland.org/NAHBactions.htm.

Oak Lodge Water District

The OLWD has started the process to revise its SDC. Preliminary information indicates an increase of \$183, effective Jan. 1.

Clackamas County

The county offices are moving to the new Development Services Building in Oregon City. The new address is 150 Beavercreek Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045. Phone numbers now have a 742 prefix (instead of 353).

Also, most Clackamas County offices are now operating on a four-day week. This means no permits issued and no inspections on Fridays. This is expected to be a one-year experiment.

Call for "Green" Vendors

Do you have a green product or service specifically aimed at builders? If so, take part in our Business to Business Green Show, which is scheduled for late January/early February. This show will kick-off the 2009 Green Week and will give members a chance to highlight their energy-efficient and green building expertise. It will be open to members, non-members and the public. Contact Michelle to reserve a booth or for more info.

HBA Members on TLC!

HBA members will be on your television this month! Gary's VacuFlo and American Classic Deck are among the HBA companies you can see featured on the TLC program, "Little People, Big World," starting Nov. 10 when American Classic Deck's work is the highlight of an episode titled, "What the Deck." Check out your cable listings for specific times and dates, or log onto www.tlc.discovery.com/