

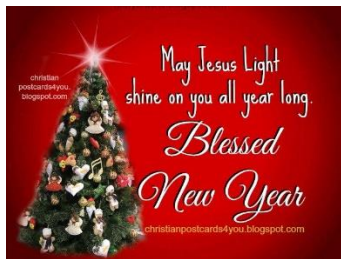


THE REPORTER

JANUARY, 2017

This Newsletter contains eight (8) pages; NOTE: Read Your Newsletter - Very Important Information on Upcoming Building Issues Affecting Our Industry

EVENTS



Sunday, January 1, 2017



Friday, January 6, 2017

The Epiphany, or the 12th day of Christmas falls on January 6 and marks the official end of the festive season for many Christians. The Twelve Night (Epiphany) also marks a visit to the Baby Jesus by the Magi (the three Kings or Wise Men)



January General Membership Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, January 11 – McAllen Country Club – 11:30 a.m.



*January 10-12, 2017
NAHB International Builders Show
Orlando, Florida*



*Energy Code Workshop
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
United Way of South Texas Meeting Room – 113 Pecan, McAllen*



Monday, January 16 – (board office closed)

The McAllen Country Club

Welcomes

*The Rio Grande Valley Builders Association, Inc.
January General Membership Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.*

***\$22.00/members** - \$25.00/non members*

To be paid at the door (unless prior arrangements have been made)

Guaranty your spot by no later than Monday, January 9 or sooner by responding to this email or calling the board office at 686-2932

***NOTE:** A Reservation Made is a Reservation PAID*

MENU

*Cheese Enchiladas/Fajitas
Spanish Rice/Charro Beans/Hot sauce
Guacamole Salad w/Tostada Chips*

*Tossed Green Salad with Dressing
Flour & Corn Tortillas
Assorted Desserts
Iced Tea/Water
Coffee upon Request*

PROGRAM

Garrett Dorsey, AEP Energy Star/ICF, Corpus Christi will be addressing the upcoming issues being considered this year by the State Legislature. Some of these issues will greatly affect our building industry and we urge, especially all our builder members, to attend and get informed. Garrett will also give us a briefing on the upcoming Rally Day which starts Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in Austin. As we all know, Rally Day is the start of the Legislative session and it is important that we get informed and if at all possible attend Rally Day as well. Garrett represents The Corpus Christi BA (and of course, through them he keeps us informed as well) as a voting member (director) at TAB.

Another issue that Garrett will discuss is how important it is for our builders to get informed of House Bill 1736, and how it could affect our builders. House Bill 1736 became law on September 1, 2016

Please join us on Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the McAllen Country Club for the first meeting of the year.

NOTE: *The RGVBA 2017 Annual Christmas Party has been set for Friday, December 1, 2017, please mark your calendars.*

Join Us



Friday, February 10, 2017

Nomad Shrine Club

Delicious Rio Grande Valley Barbecue (chicken/brisket and all the trimmings)

Complimentary Tea/Soft Drinks & Beer/BYOB

Dinner Served: 7 – 8 p.m. (no carry outs)

Dance: 8 p.m. – 12 midnight

Tickets: \$12/each

Plenty of Door Prizes to be given away

Sponsorships: \$250 received 3 comp tickets and Business Banner is displayed

Come on Out and enjoy the great camaraderie and delicious barbecue at our Annual Barbecue

NOTE: Sponsors, Door Prizes Needed – Need volunteers to come out and help set up on the day of barbecue. Please call the board office or reply to this email and we really hope to see all of you there!



The RGVBA would like to thank the following builders that have met the deadlines to the 2017 RGVBA Parade of Homes

*Camino Real Builders – Michael Pavon
CJE Construction – Edgar Carranza
Classic Homes – Frank Gonzalez
Chris Ryan Homes – Mary and Michael Ramirez
Dream Homes – Juan J. Gonzalez
Infinity Homes – Eddie Garza and Mario Pena
Innovative Construction – Peter & Jonathan Vargas
J. Muniz Construction – Juan Muniz
Los Lagos Development – Connie Trevino
Mendoza Homes Construction – Rodolfo & Elsa Mendoza
Rich Heritage Construction – Rosana and Ruben Ruiz
Trevino Construction – Mario & Marisol (Villanueva) Trevino (3)
Villanueva Homes – Martin Villanueva, Rosendo Benitez
Waldo Homes – Luis Waldo*

NOTE: *Reminder to all builders: deadline for “FINAL” Registration (\$3,400) is Tuesday, February 28, 2017 for those homes that are ready for show.*

If you have already decided where you will be building your entry, you may want to visit our website: rgvba.org and download the Entry Form, fill out and bring by the board office along with your check, or for those that have already paid your entry, fill out form and return by email, fax (668-9705) or mail ASAP. We must have the information on your entries in order that we can proceed with all the planning of the parade of homes. Please comply with this request as it will help us be better prepared.

The Parade of Homes Committee will hold a “Mandatory Meeting” of all builders in the parade to go over all the rules and guidelines and get feedback from our builders on other issues of concern to them. We will keep you updated on this meeting. Invitation is also open to all of our associate members and/or developers who wish to offer their discounts (discount form may be downloaded from our website, rgvba.org) to all builders with entries or wish to be a “Major”

sponsor of this event or wish to purchase an ad for the guidebook. Ad Agreements are forthcoming and can be found on our website as well. Members may want to spotlight your business in our parade of homes magazine. Deadline for Guidebook Advertising and payment due is April 11.

We are hoping that everyone will choose to join the RGVBA Parade of Homes 2017 once again this year in support of our parade builders.

2015-2017
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New Contracts Available **September 1, 2015**
Order Online at www.TexasBuilders.org

Available only to builder and remodeler members of the Texas Association of Builders, TAB's contracts package subscription is your blueprint for typical construction and remodeling transactions in the State of Texas. At a cost of only \$299.99 plus tax*, the package of contracts and related addenda is a fantastic value and can save you thousands of dollars in legal fees. As always, the subscription includes any needed updates that may occur during the two year cycle.

*The contract package will cost \$399.99 after December 31, 2015.

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TAB Rally Day

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM

What is Rally Day?

TAB's Rally Day is an advocacy event hosted at the Texas State Capitol. Rally Day is a valuable opportunity for association members to visit Austin, Texas and to talk with their local legislators and key policy staff face-to-face. TAB will provide briefing materials on legislative issues and pending legislation that is important to the Texas residential construction, remodeling and development industry.

The day's events include a Welcome Ceremony with a keynote speaker, scheduled meetings with your local legislators and a Legislative Reception at the historic Driskill Hotel. Rally Day is conducted every other year when the Texas Legislature is in session. This event won't take place again until 2019, so register today with your local HBA.

When?

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Rally Day Registration

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Rally Remarks

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

TAB Office Grounds

Visits with Legislators

11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Steps of State Capitol

Legislative Reception

4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

State Capitol

The Driskill Hotel

Why?

Your attendance is important. By attending Rally Day, you serve as the strongest representation of the Texas residential construction, remodeling and development industry.

- **Meet with your elected officials and their leading policy staff**
- **Be the face of the Texas home building industry**
- **Share your knowledge of the industry in order to protect it**
- **Learn about legislative policy proposals that may impact the industry**
- **Collaborate and network with other industry leaders**

Please contact me asap and let me know if you are interested in attending Rally Day so that we may start making travel/lodging arrangements. This would be the time for you to bring up any issues affecting our industry to our legislators.

Call Now, don't delay!

ATTN: ALL RGVBA BUILDERS

(Those builders that missed out on the last Code Workshop will have a chance to attend the final Code Workshop listed below)



House Bill 1736
HOW WILL THIS LEGISLATION AFFECT YOU?

FREE

CODE WORKSHOP IN JANUARY 2017

ATTENTION BUILDERS, CODE OFFICIALS, ARCHITECTS, & ENGINEERS



Join us for a FREE training workshop on the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code changes. This 3-hour training class will give you the information, tools, and strategies to comply with the new code laws.

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan 18, 2017

TIME: 8am to 9am – Coffee & Snacks | 9am to 12pm – Residential Code Presentation
1:30pm to 4:30pm – Commercial Code Presentation (pending attendance)

WHERE: United Way of South Texas Meeting Room
113 Pecan (FM 495) McAllen, Texas 78501 – Located East of Pecan & 2nd Street (Col. Rowe)

WHAT: FREE Code Workshop on 2015 IRC Changes to Code.
Attendees will learn about the changes to the code and get tools & strategies for compliance.

Registration is required to attend. Go to <https://eepartnership.org/events/events/#1calendar> to register.
Space is limited. **Call Jose R. Vielma (956) 778-3590 for more information.**

Presented by:




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The Code Workshop advertised above is an educational event. Its main purpose is to provide information about the code changes with the adoption of the 2015 IECC to industry professionals. The State Energy Conservation Office, South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER), and other promoters and sponsors of this event are not, in any way, endorsing (either verbally, written, or implied), promoting, or guaranteeing the use of any of the participating companies, or their products or services. Participation is on a voluntary basis and proceeds from this event, if any, will be used for the sole purpose of helping to promote the educational component of the event.

SAVE THE DATES

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*TAB RALLY DAY
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 - Austin*

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017
General Membership Luncheon Meeting
McAllen Country Club*

*Wednesday, April 5, 2017
General Membership Luncheon Meeting*

*Saturday/Sunday, May 20-21, 2017
Saturday/Sunday 27-28, 2017
Parade of Homes*

*Friday, June 2, 2017
2017 Parade of Homes Awards Dinner
McAllen Country Club
6:30 p.m.*

Fishing Tournament - TBA

Housing Coalition forms to develop collaborative approach to housing needs

The mission of the Housing Coalition advisory council which was established by Mayor Jim Darling in 2016 is to establish a forum for all affordable housing providers to share ideas, information, seek resources in collaboration to provide quality affordable housing for elderly, low income, disabled, veterans, homeless and work force families. With this initiative, duplication of efforts may be avoided and partnerships forged to be successful in meeting housing needs using numerous housing alternatives to create, supply and maintain appropriate housing by rehabilitation, maintenance and restoration in transitional, rental and homeownership settings. Members of the coalition represent their respective housing organizations along with at-large housing advocate members. For more information about the Coalition, you may call Ms. Piedad Martinez, Community Development Director for the City of McAllen at 681-3200.



Members of the Coalition shown L-R: Piedad Martinez (CD Director City of McAllen), Eriberto Orta (Habitat for Humanity), Robert Calvillo (Affordable Homes of South Texas), Elva M. Cerda (Frost), Mayor Jim Darling, Wayne Lowry (Habitat for Humanity), Arnold Padilla (McAllen Housing Authority) and Yvette Balderas (CD Assistant Director City of McAllen)