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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**Regulated Utilities
Committee**
Tuesday, December 13
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
HBA North Conference
Room
Contact: Kim Calomino,
kcalomino@hbadenver.com

**Castle Rock/HBA
Contractors Luncheon**
Thursday, December 15
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Town Police Dept. Court
Room
RSVP to
Tbeauman@crgov.com

Stormwater Committee
Thursday, January 12, 2012
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
HBA Boardroom
Contact: Cherie Talbert
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**Government Affairs
Committee**
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
HBA Board Room
Contact: Kim Calomino,
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Jobsite Safety Committee
Tuesday, January 17
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
HBA lower level conference
room
Contact: Cherie Talbert
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For a list of all HBA
meetings and events visit
www.HBADenver.com

The HBA and Many Friends, Colleagues Mourn the Passing of Ray Robbins

Ray Robbins, a well-liked, valued and respected member of our home building community, passed away unexpectedly on November 26. We extend our sincere condolences to Ray's family and many friends, including Wonderland Homes where Ray most recently brought his talents. Ray was an active contributing member of the HBA and had recently become active with the Home Builders Foundation. He will be greatly missed.

Metro Housing Coalition Welcomes New 2012 President, Treasurer and Two New Board Members

Earlier this month the Metro Housing Coalition (MHC) Board of Directors approved two new incoming board members to serve a three-year term. Matt Osborn of Village Homes and Carlee Steck of Land Title Guarantee Company will join the ranks of the political committee board.

Outgoing President, Blaine Garrett welcomed incoming President Jeff McGovern of Lennar. Diana Rael of Norris Design has joined the leadership ladder and will be the new Treasurer as Karl Knapp of CVL and Associates assumes his new role as President-elect. The Board thanked James Spehalski for his years on the leadership ladder as Past President and look forward to his new term serving the board.

With a successful track record of identifying, educating and building solid relationships with elected officials within numerous metro Denver municipalities and counties, the MHC provides one-on-one messaging related to home building industry issues.

For more information or interest in applying for the Board of Directors, contact Cherie Talbert at ctalbert@hbadenver.com.

Commerce City Codes to Progress without Fire Sprinklers

At their November 28 meeting City Council supported staff's recommendations to move forward with adoption of the 2009 codes, including removing the requirement for residential fire sprinklers in the IRC; allowing a 6-month "soft compliance" transition period for the IECC; and charging a low flat plan review fee of \$150 for exiting master plan updates and a 6-month window in which to update existing plans. The HBA provided significant information to council on the matter of fire sprinklers and spoke at the 11/28 meeting in support of staff's recommendations.

It is anticipated that the adopting ordinance will go before council in late January 2012, with second reading likely in late February. Staff will recommend an effective date of April 1, 2012. For more information or to comment contact Kim Calomino, kcalomino@hbadenver.com.

Castle Rock Moves to Remove Sprinkler Requirement from Adopted IRC

At Council direction and with the support of the HBA, Town staff has drafted an ordinance to remove the previously adopted requirement for residential fire sprinklers. It is anticipated that the changes will become effective January 2013. Council has previously requested that staff conduct a series of meetings in the spring to allow discussion among all stakeholders on whether there is a need to reconsider the requirement.

The Town is also moving to adopt the 2011 NEC with two minor amendments:

- No more than four outlet openings on a residential kitchen small appliance branch circuit are allowed
- The number of outlets per circuit in dwellings shall not exceed ten on a 15- amp circuit or thirteen on a 20-amp circuit

Additionally, based on the Colorado Front Range Gust Map prepared by wind engineering consultants, the

CITY GOV'T LINKS:

City of Aurora Council
Agenda Link:

www.auroragov.org/auroragov/government/city_council/meetings_agendas_and_minutes/index.htm

City /County of Denver
Council Agenda Link:

www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/citycouncil

Town is adjusting its climatic and geographic design criteria on wind speed. The wind speed (mph) criteria for 3-second just is adjusted downward to 90 from 100; the fastest mile is adjusted downward to 76 from 85.

For more information or to comment contact Kim Calomino, kcalomino@hbadenver.com.

Parker Updating its Master Plan

The Town is drafting changes to its master plan based on community input, which included citizen recommendations how to retain the town's "hometown feel", manage growth and maintain economic vitality. Draft revisions will be available in January 2012, and open houses to discuss the draft plan are scheduled for February 15th and 16th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

The HBA will schedule its next Parker Coordinating Committee meeting for after the first of the year. Watch future issues of Home Builder Advocate for that date; if you wish to be directly notified but have not participated in past meetings please contact Kim Calomino, kcalomino@hbadenver.com.

Opportunities for Technical Training on Codes

Colorado Code Consulting is offering a free training titled "2009 IECC – Real World Applications" on December 21, 12:30-4:30, at the Dept. of Local Affairs, Room 318, 1313 Sherman Ave., Denver. To register go to www.iccsafe.org/colorado. For questions contact Shauna Mazingo, Colorado Code Consulting, 303.598.3465 or smozingo@coloradocode.net.

During the week of March 5-9 the Colorado Chapter ICC Educational Institute will offer 65 full-day classes in 13 different course paths covering virtually every code, including the 2012s. For more information and to register, visit www.coloradochaptericc.org. Classes fill up early. Registration deadline is February 17, 2012.

CAHB Seeks Information from Members on Construction Defects

CAHB requests that members with examples of construction defects claims contact them. Further damaging legislation is expected to be introduced in the 2012 legislative session for which pre-emptive defensive efforts are underway. Gov. Hickenlooper has specifically asked for examples that will demonstrate that the current law goes too far, and that further damaging amendments must be rebuffed. Builders who provide information will not be identified, nor will the projects. Information CAHB needs includes:

- Date of project completion
- The value of the project on which the defects claim was asserted (sales prices and/or cost of construction)
- Amount of the award or settlement, including attorney's or other consultant fees (please segregate such fees)
- Any information you may have on what was repaired or how the award was otherwise spent.

If you or your attorneys could provide this kind of information please transmit to Amie Mayhew, amie@hbacolorado.com. If you have any questions in this regard either email Amie or call her at 303-691-2242.

The Next Issue of Home Builder Advocate will be in the New Year

The HBA would like to thank all our members for a great year, and let you know how much we look forward to working with you to make 2012 an even better year. Happy Holidays to you all!

Did You Know?

Great Meeting Space Available at the HBA. Members always receive a discount on facility rental. For a copy of the HBA Agreement or for more information, contact Toby Paioff at tpaioff@hbadenver.com.

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If you are not an HBA member but would like to become one, please contact Vicki Pelletier at vpelletier@hbadenver.com.

If you have questions about government affairs or any advocacy issue, please contact Kim Calomino, kcalomino@hbadenver.com.

If you have questions about *Home Builder Advocate*, Public Affairs or the Metro Housing Coalition please contact Cherie Talbert, ctalbert@hbadenver.com.