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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**CO Chapter ICC Meeting**  
Friday, June 17, 8:00-4:00  
pm, HBA Education Room,  
Open & free to HBA  
members who RSVP by  
June 10 to Andy Blake,  
[ablake@co.morgan.co.us](mailto:ablake@co.morgan.co.us)  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**Jobsite Safety Committee**  
Tuesday, June 21, 2:00-3:30  
pm, HBA Lower Level  
Conference Room  
Contact: Chérie Talbert  
[ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com)

**Broomfield Coordinating  
Committee**  
Friday, June 24, 11:00-  
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Building, One DesCombes  
Drive, Zang Spur Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**Government Affairs  
Committee**  
Tuesday, June 28, 3:00-4:30  
pm, HBA North Conference  
Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
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## OSHA Announces Three Month Phase-in for Residential Construction Fall Protection

Late last week OSHA announced a three month phase-in period to allow residential construction employers to come into compliance with the Agency's new directive to provide residential construction workers with fall protection. This phase-in period will run from June 16-September 15, 2011. During this time, if the employer is in full compliance with the old directive (STD 03-00-001), OSHA will not issue citations, but will instead issue a hazard alert letter. If the employer's practices do not meet the requirements set in the old directive, OSHA will issue appropriate citations.

The new directive, *Compliance Guidance for Residential Construction* (STD 03-11-002), a detailed description of the phase-in policy, a presentation and other guidance materials about requirements for protecting workers from falls are available at [http://www.osha.gov/doc/residential\\_fall\\_protection.html](http://www.osha.gov/doc/residential_fall_protection.html).

For additional information or questions, please contact Chérie Talbert at [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).

## Thornton Coordinating Committee Update

At the June 8 Thornton Coordinating Committee the following topics were discussed:

1. The City has an electronic submittal process in place for both the Building Inspection Division and the Planning Department.
  - a. The Land Use electronic submittal can be accessed at:  
<http://www.cityofthornton.net/Departments/CityDevelopment/Development/Pages/Development%20Applications.aspx>.
  - b. The Building Department electronic submittal information can be accessed at:  
<http://www.cityofthornton.net/Departments/CityDevelopment/Development/Pages/Building%20Inspection%20Division.aspx>.
2. City staff has completed their final draft of their Groundwater Underdrain System report and is seeking HBA comment by June 20. For a copy of the draft or to provide comment please contact Kim Calomino at [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).
3. At their June 14 meeting Council will take first reading on proposed changes to the sign code. The changes include enhanced weekend allowances for temporary signs in the public right of way. For a copy of the proposed changes or to comment please contact Kim Calomino at [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).
4. The City is developing an ordinance to address accessory dwelling units, as well as an historic landmarking ordinance. These will be provided to the HBA when the drafts are available.
5. The City is not likely to proceed with any major review of their Development Code in 2011 based on council priorities, but will consider specific and pressing changes the HBA brings forward from its members, if any exist.

## Aurora News

In 6 – 8 weeks the City is expecting to launch their system to allow online payment by credit card, beginning with accepting payment for all building department charges. Once any kinks are worked out, the program will expand to development/land use and water department charges. The charges will include a 2.25% fee per transaction, which is payable by the City to the third-party processor. The City has been testing online development review submittals with HBA member Norris Design and believes they'll be ready to roll out that program simultaneous with accepting online payments.

The City's All 4 Business Initiative is designed to "continue the City's innovative approach of responding in support of high-quality, sustainable, livable community through partnerships with (its) citizens, developers and business community." To that end, the City has conducted two business roundtables and will next conduct an online survey of the business community, which will be emailed directly to businesses soon. If

## CITY GOV'T LINKS:

City of Aurora Council  
Agenda Link:

[www.auroragov.org/auroragov/government/city\\_council/meetings\\_agendas\\_and\\_minutes/index.htm](http://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](http://www.denvergov.org/default.aspx?alias=www.denvergov.org/citycouncil)

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Toby Paioff at  
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you have pulled permits, submitted a development application or otherwise done business in the City of Aurora in the past two years, you are encouraged to respond to that survey promptly.

Next, the City will conduct smaller focus groups and complete their information gathering in June, and hopes to have its action plan developed by the end of summer.

For more information or to comment, please contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

### Broomfield Coordinating Committee to Discuss Construction Waste Management

If you currently build or plan to build in the City and County of Broomfield, now is the time to get involved in the Broomfield Coordinating Committee. At their June 24, 11:00 am meeting in the City's Zang Spur room a key topic for discussion will be the City's desire to implement requirements for construction waste management. It is critical that we provide builder input to ensure that any such program is cost effective, manageable and without onerous compliance verification processes. For more information please contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

### City of Louisville Completes Code Adoption

At their June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting Louisville City Council adopted the 2009 codes with an effective date of June 17, 2011. The IRC includes an amended effective date for fire sprinklers in town homes and one and two family homes of July 1, 2013.

### Jefferson County Moving Toward Online Applications and Requests

Like so many jurisdictions, Jefferson County is working to use the Web to streamline processes and save time and money. Currently their online permitting and inspection requests are only applicable to re-roof/reside, mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits. The County is working on allowing building permits to be submitted electronically. Online building inspection requests can be done 24/7 and the results of all inspections of all permit types are emailed as soon as the inspector uploads the results wirelessly from the field. This feature is currently being utilized by several contractors using their Smartphones. Information about the online services is located at <http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/building/index.htm>.

### NAIOP Announces Government Affairs Leadership Change

Bob Moody, long time Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Colorado Chapter of NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, has stepped down to broaden his engagement in the public policy arena and to expand his legislative, political and election related activities benefiting the business and real estate communities he cares so much about. Bob has served NAIOP as a strong, effective and committed partner with CAHB on the many policy and legislative issues on which the two organizations have collaborated over the years. We thank Bob for his excellent work on behalf of that partnership, and wish him well in his next challenges, certain that we'll productively intersect again in the legislative and political arenas.

Kathie Barstnar has been the Executive Director of NAIOP Colorado since 1999 and will be assuming the responsibility for directing and managing the organization's legislative and lobbying efforts effective June 1, 2011.

### CHFA Receives \$1.2 Million to Continue Foreclosure Prevention Outreach in 2011

According to a press release from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), they and 13 nonprofit housing counseling partners announced that Colorado has been awarded a \$1.2 million federal grant to continue foreclosure prevention efforts across the state in 2011. Efforts have helped over 10,000 Colorado households receive free housing counseling services since 2008. For more information contact Jerilynn Martinez at [jmartinez@chfainfo.com](mailto:jmartinez@chfainfo.com).

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If you are not a member but would like to become one, please contact Vicki Pelletier at [vpelletier@hbadenver.com](mailto:vpelletier@hbadenver.com).

If you have questions about government affairs or any advocacy issue, please contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto: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](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).