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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Builder Product Expo**  
Thursday, March 31, 2011  
from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at  
the Hyatt Regency DTC  
Contact: Vicki Pelletier,  
[vpelletier@hbadenver.com](mailto:vpelletier@hbadenver.com)

**HBA Member  
Orientation**  
All current and  
prospective members  
are invited.  
Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
at 8:30-10:00 am in the  
HBA Education Room  
Contact: Vicki Pelletier,  
[vpelletier@hbadenver.com](mailto:vpelletier@hbadenver.com)

**Stormwater Committee  
Meeting**  
Thursday, April 14, 2011 at  
2:00 pm in the HBA Board  
Room  
Contact: Chérie Talbert,  
[ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com)

**HBA Council Board  
Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at  
11:00 am in the HBA Board  
Room.  
Contact: Vicki Pelletier,  
[vpelletier@hbadenver.com](mailto:vpelletier@hbadenver.com)

**Jobsite Safety Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at  
2:00 pm in the HBA Lower  
Level Conference Room  
Contact: Chérie Talbert,  
[ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com)

**HBA Government  
Affairs Committee  
Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at  
3:00 pm in the HBA North  
Conference Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

## Metro Housing Coalition Interviews Denver and Castle Rock Candidates in Spring Elections

During the first three weeks of March the Metro Housing Coalition (MHC) Board of Directors conducted nearly twenty interviews with candidates running in both the Denver and Castle Rock elections. Each candidate was first required to complete a ten-question questionnaire.

On March 23 the MHC Board reached their final determination on which candidates will receive contributions and/or endorsements from the MHC. A *Special Election Edition* of the *Home Builder Advocate* due out next week will inform our members on which candidates are supportive of or willing to work with the industry.

For more information, please contact Chérie Talbert, VP of Public Affairs & Communications, at [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).

## Denver Building Code Update

Despite Denver city staff encouragement, the Denver Fire Department (DFD) has refused to alter their position that the effective date for the 2009 IRC requirement for fire sprinklers in townhomes should be set one year earlier than that for 1 and 2 family homes. The HBA had proposed an aligned effective date of January 1, 2013 for sprinklers in both townhomes and 1 and 2 family homes as an interim solution to our opposition to the requirement in its entirety. The DFD opposed that proposal, resulting in a negative vote by the Combined Board of Appeals.

The proposed codes are now slated for the Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Council Committee agenda on either April 18 or 25. The HBA will work to educate council members on our position and seek an aligned effective date of January 1, 2013, while restating our opposition to the requirement.

For more information or to comment please contact Kim Calomino, VP of Government Affairs, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), 303-551-6733.

## Denver Zoning Code Update

On March 29th, amendment 7 to the new zoning code will be posted on [www.denvergov.org](http://www.denvergov.org). Efforts are underway to set up a work session with Community Planning & Development staff around April 15<sup>th</sup>. CPD staff is seeking comments to amendment 7 in advance of that meeting. The HBA is working directly with AIA Denver, who will assemble and share comments with CPD staff in advance so they can be prepared to respond at the meeting.

If you have comments, please send them to Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), or Paul Brady at Godden|Sudik Architects, [paulb@goddensudik.com](mailto:paulb@goddensudik.com). Comments can be on any part of the code including amendment 7; however, CPD staff asks commenters to check the current code and existing amendments to see if the comment has already been addressed.

The current zoning code can be found at:

<http://denvergov.org/cpd/Zoning/DenverZoningCode/tabid/432507/Default.aspx>

The current amendments are located at:

[http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/646/documents/DZC/Legislative%20History/DZC\\_Legislative\\_History\\_122310.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/646/documents/DZC/Legislative%20History/DZC_Legislative_History_122310.pdf)

CPD staff has created a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the changes in amendment 7. To receive that presentation, please email Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), or Paul Brady at Godden|Sudik

For a list of all HBA meetings and events visit [www.HBADenver.com](http://www.HBADenver.com) Events and Education

**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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Architects, [paulb@goddensudik.com](mailto:paulb@goddensudik.com). Further information will be provided.

### Lakewood to Host Meeting on Proposed 2009 IRC Amendments in Preparation for Adoption

The City of Lakewood Building Department is hosting a meeting to present and discuss their proposed amendments to the 2009 IRC on Tuesday March 29, 2:00-3:30 pm at the City of Lakewood, 480 S. Allison Parkway, in the DAT Room on the main floor. Please RSVP to Bill Clayton at 303-987-7554 or [wilclay@lakewood.org](mailto:wilclay@lakewood.org). City staff is proposing that the fire sprinkler provisions be deleted and revisited at some point in the future.

For more information or to comment, contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), 303-551-6733.

### Douglas County Commissioners Seek Public Input for Countywide Economic Development Plan

With the stated goal of developing a collaborative, countywide Economic Development Plan, the Douglas County Commissioners are hosting a Douglas County Economic Development Forum on Tuesday, April 5, from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m., at The Wildlife Experience in Parker. For more information, including the Forum agenda, links to an online survey and information about doing business in Douglas County, please visit [www.douglas.co.us/economicdevelopmentforum](http://www.douglas.co.us/economicdevelopmentforum).

### Energy Star Releases Version 3 Guidebooks

The Energy Star Version 3 Checklist Guidebooks are now available for download. You can access each guidebook by clicking on the links below:

[Thermal Enclosure Rater Checklist Guidebook](#)

[HVAC Quality Installation Rater Checklist Guidebook](#)

[Water Management Builder Checklist Guidebook](#)

According to Energy Star, these field guides are designed to explain the rationale behind each item in the new Version 3 inspection checklists and provide illustrations of successful and unsuccessful details. To see a list of all Version 3 resources, visit [www.energystar.gov/newhomespartners](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomespartners).

### International Code Council's National Contractor/Trades Examination Program

The ICC examination program is an independent testing program designed to provide licensing agencies with information regarding qualified contractors and trade professionals. Participating in the National Examination Program does not guarantee that a licensing agency will award you a license. However, most metro Denver jurisdictions accept passing the exam as evidence of compliance with the contractor regulation component of their licensure requirement.

A copy of the current 2009 codes exam flyer with the location of Colorado testing sites, exam categories and related code references, as well as a copy of the exam outline containing general information on content areas, contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), 303-551-6733. Additional information is available at <http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/CO-National.pdf>.

### Have you heard? In Member's Words

We've launched a new element to the HBA website called *In Member's Words*. Check out the home page on [www.HBADenver.com](http://www.HBADenver.com) to see who's featured this week, and then visit the *In Member's Words* page to see who is next in the line up. Provide us your photo and a brief quote about why you're an HBA member, and you too can be featured on the HBA home page! For more information, contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), 303-51-6733 or Chérie Talbert, [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com), 303-551-6734.

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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*, please contact Cherie Talbert, [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).