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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**Aurora Joint Task Force**  
Thursday, January 12  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Aurora, Mt. Elbert Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**HBA Oil & Gas Task Force**  
Tuesday, January 17  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
HBA North Conference  
Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**Jobsite Safety Committee**  
Tuesday, January 17  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
HBA lower level conference  
room  
Contact: Cherie Talbert  
[ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com)

**Government Affairs  
Committee**  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
HBA Board Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**Denver Issues Committee**  
Thursday, January 26  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
HBA Board Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
[kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com)

**Castle Rock/HBA  
Contractors Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 9  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Town Police Department  
Court Room  
RSVP to  
[lbeauman@crqov.com](mailto:lbeauman@crqov.com)

## Broomfield Preparing to Revise Standards and Specifications

Just prior to the holidays Broomfield distributed a summary of draft revisions to the Broomfield Standards and Specifications and the HBA forwarded to members to solicit comments and feedback. The proposed revisions are tentatively scheduled to go before City Council for first reading on January 10, with second and final reading tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2012. The HBA is seeking member review and comment; while we have requested a 30 day delay, time is of the essence. For a copy of the draft revisions and to comment please contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

## Government Affairs Committee Readies for Advocacy in 2012

High interest in the advocacy work of the HBA has grown the ranks of Government Affairs Committee members considerably, and with that growth we expect the field of members working to identify and advance industry interests in the regulatory and policy arena to also broaden. 2012 chair and co-chair James Spehalski, Marathon Land, and Perry Cadman, NT Management, are looking forward to an active and productive year. All HBA members serve as eyes and ears for the HBA staff and committee members, helping identify emerging issues. As we embark on 2012 we ask that you continue to communicate with us on advocacy issues that you believe need the committee's attention. Please feel free to call or email Kim Calomino, 303-551-6733, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com), with your issues, concerns or positive feedback on any local regulatory, policy or administrative activity.

## Lafayette Repeals its Affordable Housing Requirement

After an extended moratorium on the requirement, Lafayette city council fully and permanently repealed the requirement to construct Permanently Affordable housing units. Any Permanently Affordable housing units identified on any development's Final Plat or Final Planned Unit Development, and within any development's Community Housing Plan that has not been constructed and/or sold by the developer as of January 13, 2012, is released from the Permanently Affordable requirements. The repeal also allows owners of such units to apply to the City for release of the permanently affordable deed restriction when the owner can demonstrate having made a bona fide effort to market the Permanently Affordable unit, and an eligible household has not been found or referred to the owner by the Program Administrator. For more information contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

## Castle Rock Utilities Department to Make Policy Revisions

In response to HBA and member feedback and concerns regarding the new water rates and fees established in the fall of 2011, the Town Utilities Department as agreed to make policy revisions concerning meter sizing and SDF calculations for residential units. Revisions will include: an adjustment in the fixture unit and gpm calculations used for toilets; changes to when the Town will require engineered calculations to demonstrate SFE on single family units; and providing a process that allows up to 35 gpm to qualify for a ¾" meter. Two revised forms have been created to implement these changes. Sean Davin at the Town is coordinating these changes with builders and the Town's Development Services Department. For more information or to comment, contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

## Thornton Increases Water and Sewer Connection Fees

The City of Thornton's connection fees went up effective January 1, 2012, in response to fee increases from the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. For a copy of the new fee schedule visit: <http://www.cityofthornton.net/Departments/Finance/UtilityBilling/Documents/2012%20Water%20and%20Sewer%20Development%20Fees.pdf>. Questions may be directed to Linda Weckesser in Utility Billing, 303-538-7370. For more information or to comment, contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

Regulated Utilities  
Committee

Tuesday, February 14  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
HBA North Conf Room  
Contact: Kim Calomino,  
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Parker Master Plan Open  
Houses

Wednesday, February 15,  
7:00 p.m. – Thursday,  
February 16, 7:00 p.m. (both  
meetings are the same)  
Parker Town Hall  
Contact: Bryce Matthews,  
[bmatthews@parkeronline.org](mailto:bmatthews@parkeronline.org)  
Or Mary Munekata,  
[mmunekata@parkeronline.org](mailto:mmunekata@parkeronline.org)

CO Chapter ICC

Educational Institute  
March 5 – 9  
Registration closes February  
17  
Visit:  
[www.coloradochaptericc.org](http://www.coloradochaptericc.org)

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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)

## Denver's New Director of Development Services to Meet with HBA Members

Kelly Leid, Denver's new Director of Development Services, will be the guest at our upcoming Denver Issues Committee meeting on January 26 at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the HBA Board Room. HBA staff and lobbyist have met with Mr. Leid to discuss his vision and strategy for improvements in development services; this meeting will provide our members to do the same. We welcome Mr. Leid and invite any builder, developer or associate member working in the City and County of Denver to attend the meeting. In order to ensure adequate room for all, if you are not already a member of the Denver Issues Committee but would like to attend this meeting, please contact Kim Calomino, [kcalomino@hbadenver.com](mailto:kcalomino@hbadenver.com).

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**HomeSafe® Colorado** is accepting applications for membership. Operated by the Job Site Safety Committee, the objective of HomeSafe is to reduce and/or eliminate job site hazards. For more information visit the Job Site Safety Committee page at [www.HBADenver.com](http://www.HBADenver.com) or contact Chérie Talbert, [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).

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 lineup. Provide us your photo and a brief quote about how being an HBA member has benefitted you and your company, and you too will have a turn on the HBA home page. For more information contact Chérie Talbert, [ctalbert@hbadenver.com](mailto:ctalbert@hbadenver.com).

**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](mailto: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](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).