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Thursday, July 8th • 11:30 am
Holiday Inn • Caraway Road
Jonesboro

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Make sure to attend our next membership meeting on Thursday, July 8th, 11:30 am, at the Holiday Inn on Caraway Road in Jonesboro. **Our guest speaker will be Jeff Boone with Joesboro Insurance Group. His topic will be The Effect of the Health Care Bill on the Building Industry.**

We invite all our members to come out and bring a guest.

These meetings are a great place to gain information, network, and meet your fellow members. Remember, the more contacts you make, the more your business can prosper.

NEAHBA Golf Tournament Sept 30th



**NEAHBA
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SEPTEMBER 30TH
SAGEMEADOWS
GOLF COURSE**

Steve Schmidt, Sr. is working hard on getting this year's annual Golf Tournament ready. If he hasn't visited you or your business yet, he is probably on his way.

This year's Tournament will be September 30th at Sage Meadows Golf Course. Lunch will begin at 11:30 (sponsor TBA). Tee time is 12:30. This is a great way to meet and network with other NEAHBA members in a casual environment.

Registration for 4 person teams is \$300.00. Hole Sponsorships are \$150. Hole Sponsorships include sign with your company logo and information.

You will find a registration form in this newsletter. You can either mail it with your check, or fax it to the number on the form and we will send an invoice, or call us at the numbers listed on the form and we will pick it up at your business. You can also download a form at neahba.org.

Many of you have participated in past years, either with a team or hole sponsorship, and we greatly appreciate your participation. Without your help, we would not be able to offer educational opportunities, sponsor our NEAHBA Scholarships, or work with local, state and national legislators to make laws and regulations more fair toward the building industry, which saves you real money on every construction project.

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EPA Lead Paint Certification Deadline Postponed

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to delay enforcement of the new Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting rule will provide much-needed time to get more remodelers and other contractors trained – and for EPA to get the word out to consumers about the importance of hiring a certified remodeler, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

“EPA listened to our concerns and did the right thing,” said NAHB Chairman Bob Jones, a builder and developer in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

While remodelers, electricians, heating and air conditioning technicians and other contractors must adhere to lead-safe work practices, including special equipment filters and a ban on open flames, EPA will not take enforcement action against firms that have been unable to obtain certification until Oct. 1 of this year.

Individual contractors must apply to enroll in a training class by Sept. 30 and complete the training by Dec. 31, 2010.

“This rule potentially affects about 79 million homeowners. That’s how many homes were built before 1978, when lead paint was banned,” Jones said. “We need significantly more contractors certified than the 300,000 who have taken the training course, and we also need to make sure that affected homeowners understand the importance of hiring a certified contractor.”

Any Questions: call Julie Mills at the AHBA office at 501-663-1428 or email: juliemills@tcworks.net.

See the full article at neahba.org.

2011 Home and Garden Show



The 2011 Home & Garden Show will be March 12 - 13 at the Northeast Arkansas District Fairgrounds in Jonesboro.

Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who participated in this year's show. We look forward to your participation next year.

Those who had a booth last year will soon receive an invoice for 1/2 of next year's booth rental, due August 31st. You will receive another invoice in November for the remainder, due December 31.

Booth rental will be \$275 for members and \$375 for non-members.

Please contact Stephen Goad (870-219-2059 • stephen@neahba.org) with any questions.

OSHA Inspectors in Northeast Arkansas

We want to make you aware that OSHA inspectors are in the area, and they they are writing up and fining for safety infractions.

You always do, but please make sure all safety precautions are taken AT ALL TIMES, not just when OSHA is in the area. Safety for yourself and your workers is always your primary concern.

We are trying to get a speaker form OSHA at our August meeting to go over regulations and bring us up-to-date literature.

What's "In" and what's "Out" in Today's New Homes

As the American economy starts to emerge from the recession and families start to buy homes again, there will be some notable changes in the new homes that are built. Americans are no longer looking to add on as many luxury features as they can in as large a home as they can afford to buy. Instead they are now carefully evaluating what their needs are, being conservative in their choices, and selecting homes and features that best fit their family's needs.

This new attitude is showing in the recent change in overall size of new homes being built. In 2006, the median floor area of new single-family homes—which for the most part had trended upward for the past 35 years—peaked at 2,259 square feet. But as home buyers scaled back in the recession, the median square footage decreased to 2,107 square feet in 2009.

In its latest member surveys, the National Association of Home Builders found that builders are responding to changes in home buyer preferences. More than 96 percent of the builders said they planned to produce smaller homes in 2010, and 95 percent said they would offer lower-priced models.

The two features builders reported they were most likely to include were a walk-in closet in the master bedroom and a laundry room. These reflect consumers' preference for practical features that make effective use of space and provide ample storage.

Of the top ten features most likely to be included in new homes, four provided opportunities for the home owner to save money by decreasing utility costs. They included an insulated front door, low-E windows, a programmable thermostat and energy-efficient appliances and lighting.

"Low-E" stands for low emissivity, which is glass that has special coatings to reflect infrared and damaging ultraviolet light. This keeps heat inside in winter and outside in summer, and protects interior furnishings from fading. Programmable thermostats can be set to automatically adjust the temperature at certain times of day, such as when the family is sleeping.

Among the features builders said they were least likely to include in new homes were smaller kitchens, two-story foyers, media rooms, butler's pantries and multiple shower heads in the master bathroom.

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Full contact information is on the "Contact Us" page on our website: neahba.org

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