



MARCH 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5, 2010
Board of Directors Meeting
Ken & Mary's 7AM

March 9, 2010
Home Builders Meeting
Cleveland Country Club 6:00 PM

April 24, 2010
Reverse Raffle
GoForth Hall

GUEST SPEAKER:
David Brown—Greater CC
Baptist Association

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GENTLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*No Act of Kindness
Is
Ever Wasted*



Home Depot Offers Scholarships for Building, Construction Trades

The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, announced \$1 million in funding for its 2010 Pro Trade Scholarship Program. This year's program will not only support individual students, but also the schools they attend. Specifically, \$1,000 scholarships will be available to 500 trade school students to help them offset the cost of tuition, books and tools for their chosen trade. The schools of the scholarship recipients will receive additional funds for classroom tools from The Home Depot Foundation through matching gifts of \$1,000 for each scholarship awarded to one or more of their students.

"Professional contractors are important customers of The Home Depot, and their future is vital to the American dream of home ownership and economic growth," said Chris Waits, vice president of The Home Depot Sales & Services. "Now, more than ever, we want to help our current and future pros build successful businesses."

Scholarship applications will be accepted through April 30, 2010 online at www.homedepot.com/tradescholarship, and are also available in a downloadable Spanish language format. The scholarship program is open to all students nationwide who are currently enrolled in a building and construction trade school program at a vocational/technical school, college, or university. Winners will be selected based on a combination of academic performance, leadership and work experience.

This is a terrific opportunity for our children and/or grandchildren so please give them this information.

Upcoming Classes and Events...

Several local HBA's are offering the 8-hour EPA approved course that will certify participants for the new Lead-Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting training requirements (Lead Renovators).

Winston-Salem--March 17 or April 21. Cost is \$250 for HBA members, \$325 for nonmembers. Registration required.

Greensboro--April 6 or April 16. Cost is \$250 for HBA members, \$325 for nonmembers. Registration required.

New Bern--March 12, March 13, March 22, April 9, April 16, July 23 or October 22. Cost is \$100 for the initial training. Registration required.

FHA Announces Tighter Lending Requirements

FHA announced tighter lending requirements during the week of the International Builders' Show, a move that spurred an immediate reaction from NAHB. As a means of strengthening its reserves in the face of rising foreclosures, the agency said it intends to raise Mortgage Insurance Premiums, increase down payment requirements for those with FICO scores below 580 and reduce allowable seller concessions from 6% to just 3%. The changes to Mortgage Insurance Premiums will become effective this spring; other changes will likely go into effect by early summer. Responding to the agency's actions, NAHB sent a letter to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan seeking a meeting to discuss ways to ensure that the policy changes do not impede the ability of the FHA to insure loans for viable mortgage borrowers in the near term and the longer run. NAHB also issued a statement in which 2009 Chairman Joe Robson said, "NAHB understands the need for the FHA to respond to developments in its portfolio that will enable the agency to continue to operate on a sound financial footing. At the same time, the FHA is an indispensable source of financing for America's home buyers and must fulfill this vital mission at this fragile juncture. NAHB looks forward to working with the agency to ensure that it maintains its central role in the nation's housing finance system and provides homeownership opportunities for millions of creditworthy borrowers."





CLEVELAND COUNTY CODE NEWS

Here is a copy of a letter, received by our office, dated January 11, 2010. It is my understanding that this is not enforceable through the State Building Codes; however, we will make this information available to any interested party.

January 11, 2010

Mary T Giguere, CIH
Program Manager
Health Hazards Control Unit

New North Carolina Rules for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting.

The North Carolina Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) is sending this correspondence to inform you that legislation (NC General Statutes 130A-453.12 thru 453.21) was adopted in August 2009 creating the North Carolina Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP). This Legislation, and the Rules adopted to implement it (10A NCAC 41C .0900), became effective January 1, 2010.

The new general statutes and rules require certification of renovators, dust sampling technicians, and firms conducting renovation, repair, and painting activities for compensation that disturb lead-based paint in housing or child-occupied facilities built before 1978. Application for firm certification and for certification of renovators and dust sampling technicians will be available on our website. Further, entities that provide training in North Carolina for renovators and dust sampling technician certification, as well as the training coursed themselves, must be accredited by the HHCU. Anyone interested in becoming accredited as a training provider in North Carolina should contact the HHCU.

To learn more about the requirements of the LHMP-RRP and to view the general statutes and rules, please visit our website at: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html>

Please feel free to share this information as needed. For further assistance or information, contact our office at 919-707-595

**Paul Ezell
CC Codes Administrator**

New Storm Water Rules Not Friendly for Homes or Environment

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced new storm water management requirements for builders that don't effectively address water quality and environmental issues – but do promise to place significant burdens on the home building industry and result in higher costs for home buyers, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Beginning in February, EPA will start placing stricter limits on the amount of pollutants in storm water legally allowed to leave a construction site after a rainfall and require that water be virtually free of soil or sediment. “That’s a standard that no builder, anywhere, can consistently expect to achieve – and EPA’s own studies show it’s not the answer to reducing pollutants in our nation’s waters,” said NAHB Chairman Joe Robson, a builder and developer in Tulsa, Okla.

A year ago, EPA proposed rules that for the first time incorporated so-called Effluent Limit Guidelines for the construction and development industry. The agency released the proposal under a court order after a lawsuit filed by an advocacy group argued that builders, whose “discharges” under the Clean Water Act are the result of rainfall and sediment running off construction sites, should be treated like commercial and industrial enterprises, which discharge water and chemicals via pipelines.

The guidelines set out requirements without regard to the type of soil on the jobsite and how likely it is to absorb excess rainwater. The “turbidity” limit – the amount of sediment in the water – does not take into account the natural turbidity of nearby streams or other water bodies. And the rules require stepped-up state enforcement, but no accompanying guidance on how to monitor compliance or money to pay for the additional administrative and inspection costs.

Further, the additional requirements are more difficult – and in some cases impossible – to meet on smaller lots and in urban redevelopment, severely hampering “smart growth” projects and transit-friendly building.

“EPA specifically asked for, and NAHB provided, significant comments and alternatives that would meet these important goals at a lower cost and with less red tape, so we’re quite disappointed – and frankly, bewildered – that EPA did not take our suggestions,” Robson said.

At the same time it finalized these onerous requirements, EPA also announced it was developing yet another rule to address storm water discharges from development.

“With all of the existing rules and voluntary steps our members are already taking to improve the quality of the nation’s waters, it is uncertain what might be gained from this additional and costly layer,” Robson said.

NAHB is continuing to study the final rule and any supporting documentation.

Building Permits December 2009

Location	Contractor	Type Constr.	Valuation
Kings Mountain			
2330 David Baptist Ch. Rd.	Homeowner	Accessory Structure	\$5,000
509 E. King St.	SD Construction	Addition/Remodel	\$7,500
824 E. King St.	Business Owner	Remodel	\$10,000
113 Chestnut Ridge Rd.	Homeowner	Accessory Structure	\$999
212 Scism Rd	Homeowner	New Construction	\$173,190
107 Scism Rd.	Stallings Homes	New Construction	\$175,751
216 Morris St.	World Custom Homes	Addition Remodel	\$1,300
12350 Phifer Rd.	Marr Construction	Addition Remodel	\$45,000

All Permits not listed.	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$418,740
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Shelby

300 W. Warren St.	Lowery's Jewelry	North Point Custom	New Bldg.	\$147,200
703 W. Marion St.	Dennis Bailey	Owner	Add Roof over Deck	\$4,000
202 S. Fork Dr.	Andrew Peeler	Owner	Enclose Carport	\$2,000
926 Church St.	James Lowery	Owner	Storage Bldg.	\$4,000
702 Walker Dr.	Max Butler	David Arrowood	Int. Renovations	\$19,000
610 Leander St.	Max Butler	David Arrowood	Int. Renovations	\$12,000
717 Live Oak St.	James Cruz	Service Master	Fire Damage	\$8,800
1349 E. Marion St.	Eleanor Morgan	Owner	New Dwelling	\$237,405
1 E. Marion St.	PSU	Southern Craftsman	Int. Renovations	\$16,500

All Permits not listed	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$450,905
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Cleveland County

561 Mt. Zion Ch. Rd.	Dean Cook	Owner	SFD	\$135,000
2708 Fallston/Waco Rd	Ryan Greene, Jr.	America's Home Pl.	SFD	\$135,000
107 Buck Landing Dr	Andrew Elliott	Owner	SFD	\$155,000
706 Double Shoals Rd.	Richard Phillips	Owner	Storage Bldg	\$5,000
356 London Rd	Barbara Elliott	Owner	Storage Bldg	\$25,000
389 Roseborough Rd.	Naomi Moss	Owner	Storage Bldg	\$1,000
625 Elam St	Brian Hunnell	Owner	Addition	\$53,000
123 Canterbury Dr.	Stephen Fisher	Kings Mt. Homes	Addition	\$51,400
1662 Fallston Rd.	Patricia Lail	Owner	Storage Bldg	\$2,000
211 W. Main St.	Tina Elmore	Rutherford Remodel	Int. Remodel	\$32,000

All Permits not listed	TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL PERMITS	\$594,400
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Total Valuation of Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County	\$1,464,045
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE or COMING DUE

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BNT Building & Const.
Sherwin Williams
J.F. Chitty & Associates

Kenneth Humphries
Beam, Edwards & Brooks
Concrete Specialty
Bob Canipe Painting
Marvin Hoyle Construction

BNT Building
Accent Stone & Masonry
Wylie Lee Builders
J&J Construction

REVERSE RAFFLE

Reverse Raffle Tickets are on sale again and we hope that every member of our organization will help sell them; the raffle will take place on April 24th, 2010. We will again have eight \$500 prizes, one \$1,000 prize and the grand prize is \$5,000. Your need not be present to win any of the prizes. This is our major fundraiser for the year and we need your support to make this a successful year. For ticket information, please call 704 300-9465 or contact any of our board members.

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