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May 2010



Annual Inspector Forum

Our annual Inspectors Forum will be held at this month's luncheon. The discussion will be done in a round table format where 8 to 10 members will visit with the individual city inspectors. Our members should be able to rotate around the room to visit with several of the inspectors during the meeting. Please submit any topics by email or fax to Barbara Lochridge-Hogue in advance. She will distribute those to the Inspectors the week prior to the meeting. Following are some of the topics and questions submitted to date:

PHCC Lunch Meeting

May 18, 2010

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Drive

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11:30-1:00 pm

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Interceptors: What is the process for approval for the approval of interceptor sizing and is there a check list of the the information needed ?

Rainwater harvesting: Are rainwater harvesting systems allowed and are permits and inspections required ? What department in your city would review plans for these if required?

Toilets: For new commercial construction and/or remodel, are 1.28 GPF toilets now required in lieu of 1.6 GPF toilets ? If not, there an anticipated date ?

Registration and Permit Fees: Are plumbing registration fees still required? Can permits be requested electronically when registration is current ?

Inspections: Is there availability for after hours and/or same day inspections ?

Water Heater Issues: Are there any frequent red tag items being encountered ?

Plumbing Codes: What code is adopted by your municipality ? Any change expected in the near future ?

Code Amnendments: Is there a central place for where we can find your municipality's code amnendments ?

General: General concerns or suggestions ?



Golf Tournament

The Eleventh Annual PHCC North Texas Golf Classic was held on April 20st. One hundred and nineteen players teed off on a beautiful sunny day. We want to thank everyone who was involved with this years tournament: the sponsors, those who donated raffle items, door prizes, the golf committee, and the helpers at the event. Thank You.

The Matco Norca Team members - Charlie Reynolds, Scott Bardreau, Josh Dies and Gary Brown were the first place winning team. Second place was won by TD Industries team - Adam Langford, Doyle Brandon, Kyle Hogue and Justin Hanods. Third place went to the AG Van Team - Wayne McElreath, Paul Pettetier, Don Oevog, and Dan Barrows. The two Longest Drives were won by Brandon Dowell and Seth Williams. The Closest to the Pin was won by Jason Pierce.

Thank you to our volunteers: Mary Jones (Atmos Energy), Trish Jennings (LL Roberts) , Tori Turner (Herndon McFarland), Sarah NcCready & Tatianna Hiri (Memco), Mike Allen (Dillard's), Joe Dan Parsons (ARS Rescue Rooter), and Doug Jones (Lochinvar).

Also a very special “thank you” to Mary’s House Richard & Michele Mills and the girls: Jaymily Privett, Valerie Gutierrez and Tiffany Dimas they made the event so much more enjoyable with their enthusiastic handing out of the goodie bags and assisting with the drawings.



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State Talk From Nancy

NEW EPA RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING RULE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (40 CFR 745.80 through 745.91) in the Federal Register on April 22, 2008. This new Rule is the 1st major initiative to come out of the Federal Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, also known as Title X.

When Does The Rule Take Effect?

The Rule, which was promulgated under the authority of Section 402 (c) (3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act, became fully effective on April 22, 2010. It applies to all renovations performed for compensation in pre-1978 target housing and in child-occupied facilities, and requires owners and occupants of these housing units and facilities to receive information on lead-based paint hazards before renovations can begin.

The intent of the Rule is to do no harm during renovation, repair and painting projects, not to abate pre-existing lead paint hazards.

These new workplace rules apply to renovation and construction projects that disturb more than six feet of painted surface area of a given room (including closets) of a home or building built before 1978.

Contracting companies must apply to EPA to become Certified Firms in order to perform the types of renovations in the buildings described above. A contractor may become certified by taking an EPA-approved 8 hour training course or apply directly to EPA. PHCC Texas is offering the 8 hour courses at \$225 to member companies. For information, call PHCC Texas at (800) 831-9313 (ext 204). The EPA application fee is \$300 and the certification is good for 5 years. (www.epa.gov/lead.) Each Certified Firm must have at least one individual who has completed an eight hour training course consisting of 6 hours online and 2 hours of hands on training in order to be a Certified Renovator.

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Certified renovators are responsible for ensuring compliance with the rule and training and overseeing other employees in the workplace activities and compliance.

Contractors will be required to educate building owners and occupants, set up project areas for lead safe work practices, avoid prohibited work place activities, adequately remove waste and debris and verify the clean up.

The rule allows a home owner or building owner to sign a waiver recomplying on do-it-yourself projects.

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Hole in One & Closest to the Pin Winner—Jason Pierce
Tony Reeder (Four Stars Plbg) and Dennis Mellan (ComPAC Trust of Texas)



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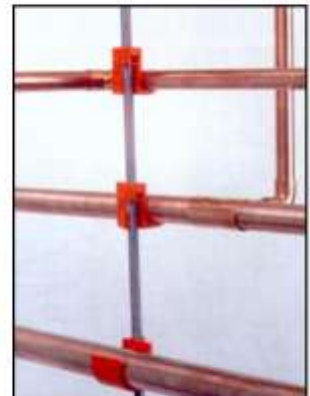
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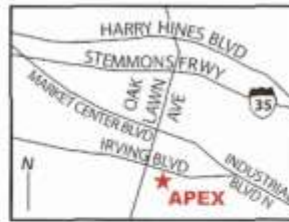
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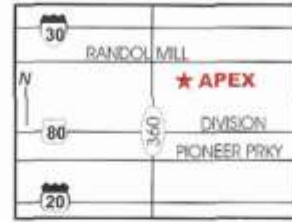
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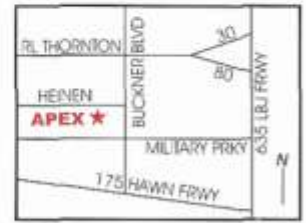
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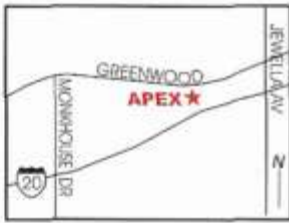
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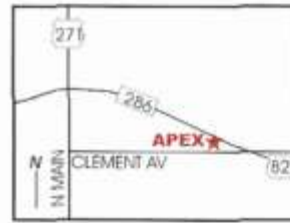
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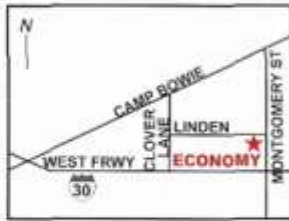
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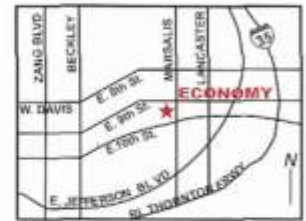
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