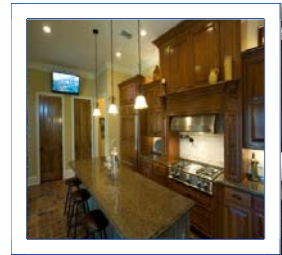
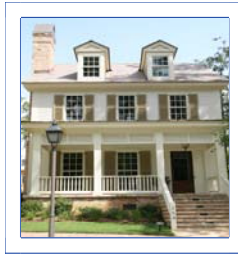


Membership Connection

November



Connecting the Mississippi Home Builder Industry

Best in Mississippi and Presidents Recognition to be held on Wednesday Evening, November 18th

Bonded Builders Warranty Group is the title sponsor for this evening, recognizing 2009 HBAM President Scott Shoemaker and President-elect Craig Flanagan, along with the annual Best in Mississippi awards. The banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, November 18, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Thursday evening has been the traditional night for the Installation and awards ceremony, but the change will reduce the need for additional overnight accommodations or late travel for members. The evening will highlight the HBAM year, showcase Builder and Associate Members of the Year, Best in Mississippi and Craig Flanagan will be recognized as the President-elect. **The Installation of Officers will take place at the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 19th.** The "Best in Mississippi" housing awards will be presented to our 2009 Winners. The annual awards program recognizes the winners in categories of home building, development, and remodeling. Reservations for the dinner are required by the Hilton. To make your reservation, call 601-969-3446. Tickets are \$50 per person to attend for non Board of Directors members.



Push Needed on Tax Credit Extension

With the expiration of the \$8,000 first-time home buyer tax credit just weeks away, a push for Congress to extend and expand the home buyer tax credit is needed.

Members are encouraged to log on to www.capitolconnect.com/builderlink to send a letter to their individual lawmakers or call 866-924-6242 (NAHB) and urge their senators and representative to extend and expand the home buyer tax credit to create jobs, reduce foreclosures and excess housing inventories, and to push housing and the economy on the path to recovery.

In the first year, NAHB estimates that an extended and expanded home buyer tax credit would:

- Create nearly 350,000 jobs
- Spur an additional 383,000 home sales
- Increase housing starts by 82,000
- Generate \$16.1 billion in wages and salaries and \$12.1 billion in business income
- Yield tax revenues of \$8.4 billion for the federal government and \$3.2 billion for state and local governments

*****10/29/09 UPDATE*****

**SENATE HAS PASSED EXTENSION.
HOUSE STILL NEEDS TO ACT! Watch for updates...**

Upcoming Events

November

- 6 RSVP Deadline for Best in Mississippi and Presidents Dinner
- 11 Stone County Golf Tournament
- 18 Executive Committee Presidents Dinner and Best in Mississippi
- 19 Committee meetings and HBAM Board of Directors
- 19 Installation of Officers
- 26 -27 Thanksgiving Holidays
HBAM Offices Closed

December

- 8 HBAM Executive Committee Leadership Summit

For Information on all HBAM Programs go to:

WWW.HBAM.COM

Building A Better Mississippi

New Logo to Represent National Association of Home Builders

The 200,000-member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) is taking on a fresh look as it rolls out a sophisticated new branding strategy that was adopted by its 2,000-member Board of Directors last January. The most readily visible element of this branding strategy is the association's sharp new logo, which will gradually replace NAHB's previous eagle logo.

Over the coming months, NAHB will be gradually implementing its new logo through cooperative efforts with its 800-plus affiliated Home Builder Associations across the country.

Member Rebate Program Averages \$633

The Member Rebate Program endorsed by the HBAM is averaging \$633 per member. Participation is easy. Any builder member of the Association can sign up free of charge. Use products in the program, which are already being used in many cases in your home, and complete a form. You don't have to change suppliers or any of your normal business practices. So simple that anybody can participate, as long as you area current member and like to get checks in the mail.

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President Shoemaker Speaks on Tax Credit and Licensing at Real Estate-Banking Summit

HBAM President, Scott Shoemaker, spoke to over 200 participants at the Mississippi Association of Realtors Real Estate-Banking Summit recently. President Shoemaker was on a panel discussing how new regulations affect the home building business. During this time, the president talked about implications of the \$8,000 tax credit on the residential housing industry. Also discussed was the efforts to improve the licensing law for residential builders and remodelers.



President Scott Shoemaker at Real Estate Banking Summit.

North Mississippi HomeRun 5k

The Home Builders Association of North Mississippi recently held its first annual **HomeRun 5k**. The project was held in conjunction with charities, House of Grace, and Hernando-DeSoto Habitat for Humanity. The race was a huge success with over 400 runners competing in the event held at Snowden Grove Park, in Southaven. For more pictures of the event go to

www.facebook.com/HomeRun5K.



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