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The Tool Box

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Dear Doug,

Last Call For Golf!

Next Tuesday is the annual GLHB&RA Golf outing at Hawk Hollow! Although I am not a golfer I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. By the way, you don't have to be an expert to golf in the outing. The only requirement is a desire to have fun. Most of our golfers are like me and only get out three times a year!



The format is a scramble which means you always hit from the best ball between the four people in your group. Of course there are always a few go-getters who try to win the prize for the day. That's okay. Because the rest of us are there to see each other. So no pressure! Just come out and have fun. Call Lacey to get you and three of your friends signed up.

Thank a Veteran This Week!

I don't care what anybody says, America is still the greatest country in the world. And if you can't fathom this talk to a few first generation immigrants. I have friends that came here from other countries and they remind me all the time of our opportunities. There is a reason why people from other nations give up all they have to come it here. It is the desire to be in a place with promise, where hard work and effort reward us with a better future!

A few years ago I stood in the center of Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C. All I could see in every direction were the graves of thousands of soldiers who gave their lives over the years so that we could have our freedom. I was immediately struck by how many lives were given!

Freedom is a wonderful blessing and should not be taken lightly. We should thank God for it every day as well as the



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Veterans who have served our nation. If you know or meet a Veteran this week, be sure to thank them for their service to our country and your freedom!

Your comments are always welcome! doug@glhba.org.

Doug

CEO, GLHB&RA

Dates & Events To Remember:

- Jul 6 Lansing Built Homes Radio Ad Campaign Begins
- Jul 9 Mich. Assoc. Home Builders Board Mtg
--Kellogg Center, East Lansing
- Jul 13 Finance Committee Meeting
- Jul 14 [GLHB&RA Golf Outing](#), Hawk Hollow
- Jul 20 GLHB&RA Office Is MOVING!
- Jul 21 GLHB&RA Board Meeting 9AM
- Sep 23 Annual Board Planning Meeting

GLHB&RA Sells Office Building--Moving To Smaller Location In Okemos

CEO Doug Carr announced this week that the Board of Directors recently voted in favor of selling the GLHB&RA office building at 6240 W. Mt. Hope Hwy. A sale was arranged with Auto Owners



Insurance, who is purchasing the entire southeast corner at Creyts and 496. Carr noted that as the new home industry has been contracting lately, the Association has been forced to downsize along with the industry. Once sold, the Association will pay off the mortgage and place the balance in reserves. The actual move is scheduled for July 20th to 2937 Atrium Drive in Okemos. The new location is the Michigan Infrastructure-Transportation Associations building. The GLHB&RA phone number will remain the same.

**Golf Outing Is NEXT WEEK!
Tuesday--July 14th!**

There's still time to sign up for the annual golf outing. This is the outing for all members of all levels of golf experience. Whether you play once a year or once a week, this is your opportunity to network, have fun and visit with your fellow home builder members.



It's set to happen on **Tuesday, July 14** at Hawk Hollow in Bath. Be sure to download [your reservation form](#) off the GLHB&RA website. Member rates are \$400 for a foursome or \$100/single. Non-members are \$480 for a foursome or \$120/single. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner.



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Partial sponsorships are also available for the entire event! For more information: [click here](#).

GLHB&RA Launching Radio Ad Campaign To Stimulate Home Sales!



GLHB&RA announced plans last week to launch a four month ad campaign promoting the reasons to purchase, remodel, or upgrade a home today. The campaign will combine a \$10,000 grant from the National Association of Home Builders with co-op ad dollars from members and a match from the Mid Michigan Radio Group. The final campaign expected to be around an \$80,000 value will emphasize the many incentives that home buyers have available to them in the marketplace right now. Any member may participate by calling Dave Hodges 517-282-8989.

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Fire Sprinkler Manufacturers Still Trying To Obtain A Mandate In Code



The manufacturers of fire sprinkler systems would like to see the building code require all new homes to be equipped with fire sprinkler systems. Lots of fire departments support the idea as well. But the requirement would be impractical. It puts a stress on municipal and rural water systems and doesn't save near as many lives as smoke alarms. On July 22nd the State's Building Code Committee will meet to discuss the issue. The meeting is at 9:30 AM at the [Michigan Library & Historical Center](#). Home Builders are needed to show up in full force to remind the State that sprinklers in new homes are not needed right now! If you can attend the meeting and are willing to help, contact Doug at GLHB&RA: 517-323-3254.

What Should The State's Legislative Priorities Be?

The Capital Area Construction Council Is encouraging GLHB&RA members to fill out a simple one-question survey to inform the state legislature what you think are the most pressing issues.



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Meridian Hosting Second Annual 5K Run/Walk For Hunger Marathon Jul 19

Get out your running shoes! GLHB&RA Member, Meridian Plumbing is hosting the second annual 5K Run/Walk marathon fund-raiser for hunger. It starts at 9 AM on July 19th at the Meridian Township Office on Marsh Rd in Okemos. All proceeds go to the Greater Lansing Rescue Mission. You can get more information or sign up online at Meridian's web site: theMeridanAdvantage.net. Or Call: 339-6300.



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