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The Tool Box

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Lugnuts Outing This Week!



Go NUTS with the Remodeler's Council this week on Tuesday

Dear Lacey,

Traffic Remains Steady Through The Second Parade Weekend!

Parade Builders are reporting that traffic through their homes remained steady on the second weekend of the Parade. This year the Parade occurs over three weekends, rather than two weekends with an entire week in the middle. The total number of days is the same while giving the public more flexibility to visit on the weekends.

So far the tally through both weekends has been positive. One builder reported selling their Parade Home and others have reported getting build-jobs as result of the Parade traffic. These are positive signs that activity in the market is occurring.

Delays On Site Condo Issue Continue to Drag On

It seems like every week the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) says that they will release a guidance letter to resolve the inability of Michigan's site-condo builders to sell new homes to people who want FHA financing. A delegation of Michigan builders met with HUD officials over a month ago where HUD promised that the issue would be resolved soon. Lately the response continues to be: "only another week or so." Frustrating is the only word that describes this situation accurately!

Doug

CEO, GLHB&RA

Dates & Events To Remember:

Jun 9 RC Summer Outing: Lansing Lugnuts \$8/person

Jun 11-14 Weekend #3 Parade--Remodel Projects Open

Jul 14 [GLHB&RA Golf Outing](#), Hawk Hollow

Jul 13 Finance Committee Meeting

night!

If you pre-ordered your tickets you should receive them in the mail.

If you did not pre-order your ticket, you can still join in the fun. Simply buy your ticket at the box office and request to be in "Section: M"

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Jul 21 GLHB&RA Board Meeting

Thank You to Independent Bank For Sponsoring the 2009 Parade of Homes!



Parade Guidebooks And Tickets Are Now Available At Various Locations

Tickets and Guidebooks are now available. Tickets are \$10 per person for the Parade and can be purchased at select Independent Bank Branches in the Lansing region or at the GLHB&RA office. The Guidebook can also be downloaded off the GLHB&RA website.



Independent Bank

HUD Announces Monetization of \$8K Tax Credit For First Time Buyers!

Last Friday Secretary Donovan of the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced plans to monetize the \$8,000 tax credit for first time home buyers. That means that the money can be used as a downpayment. The buyers must still qualify as first time home buyers. The criteria are: not owned a home in last three years, adjusted gross income limits, and the home must be purchased before December 1, 2009. [HUD's issuing letter](#) can be reviewed on the web. And, the [IRS guidelines](#) can be found here. Contact a lender for more details.



New Lead Abatement Requirements Coming Soon To Michigan

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will eventually be implementing new rules for lead abatement in Michigan. The MDCH has already held one meeting with





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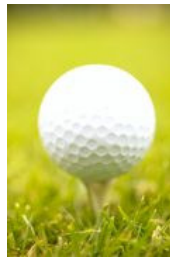


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remodelers and other organizations to determine whether to make the Michigan implementation of EPA rules more or less strict than the EPA. A 34 page document with the proposed law is available for review and further input. If you would like to see it [email Doug at the GLHBA office](#) or call 323-3254. In addition, the Michigan Association of Home Builders will be holding a task force meeting to discuss the proposed changes on Tuesday June 10th at 10 AM.

Sign Up Today For Golf Outing!

Our economic situation may be a little slow, but that's not going to stop GLHB&RA members from having fun for one day at the annual golf outing! It's set to happen on Tuesday, July 14 at Hawk Hollow in Bath. Now is the time to [send in your reservation](#). 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.



Thank you to the following Associate Members who have already signed up to sponsor a hole: Commercial Blueprint, Eaton Federal Savings Bank, Greenstone Farm Credit Service, Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling, Rural Gas & Appliance, Bank Of America Home Loans, Loomis Ewert Parsley Davis, McClelland & Anderson and Wimsatt Building Materials. If you would like to sponsor a hole, [download the attached form](#). Fill it out and fax back to the GLHB&RA Office or call Lacey at 323-3254.

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

**GLHC Seeking Volunteer Carpenters to
Assist Low Income Elderly**

The Greater Lansing Housing Coalition (GLHC) has created a Tuesday Toolmen program to assist low income senior citizens with low cost home repairs. Repairs can be as simple as installing grab bars and stair treads. They are looking for experienced carpenters willing to volunteer from time to time to do minor projects. Interested parties should contact [Jana by email](#) or call 372-5980.



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recently formed to begin preparing a slate of candidates. The election is in October. However if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board, now is the time to contact us. Phil Branstetter is the Immediate Past President of the Board and Chairs the Nominating Committee. You can reach him at 487-3713.

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