

# HARNETT COUNTY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Monthly Meetings

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Planning for Golf  
Tournament

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Finalizing Golf  
Tournament

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday - Golf  
Tournament at Chicora Golf Course

### Each month

Social 7pm

Dinner 7:15pm

Meeting to follow at Brass Lantern  
Restaurant, Dunn

## MEMBERSHIP

Check out your Newsletter label. It has your membership expiration date on it (top right corner). Everyone's membership is good for 12 months from the time you pay it. Pay your membership dues by your expiration date. You will receive an invoice as a reminder.

Reminder.....Membership dues are \$355.00 for builder and associate members. Contact Lucrecia Jackson at 910-897-2661 if questions. Mail checks to:

Harnett County HBA

PO Box 701

Erwin, NC 28339

## Harnett County Home Builders Golf Tournament

The Harnett County 23<sup>rd</sup> Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please send in your sponsorship to support this event. This is our annual fund raiser each year to be able to give out the three scholarships in the Spring to deserving Seniors.

## 2013 Membership Madness

NAHB is announcing a new membership competition for 2013 – Membership Madness. The competition will be taking place in MAY & OCTOBER. The sponsor member will receive **triple** Spike credits for these months. Go to our website and download a membership application and ask someone to join.

We had five (5) new members in May. Sponsors received triple Spike credits for these members. Great job! Keep recruiting and make October even better.

## NCHBA Events

September 17 – 19 – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Building Expo & Conference  
NCHBA Third Quarter Executive Committee and Board Meeting  
& Stars Awards Gala in Charlotte

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – NCHBA Fourth Quarter Board Meeting and  
Installation in Asheville

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# Harnett County

## Home Builders Association

910-897-2661

Bryan Parker, President

910-897-2333

HBA Members

Date	ITEM	Amount
	Harnett County HBA Golf Tournament	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship	100.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Team	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Mulligan	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Player	
	TOTAL DUE	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your support.

Please mail payment to:

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**Location: Chicora Golf Course**

**Players**

**REGISTRATION**

**Shotgun start at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Lunch and Registration at 12noon.**

Entry Fee - \$50 per person

ENTRY FEE Includes -

- Green fee
- Cart
- Soft drinks & water on course
- Lunch
- Prizes
- One Mulligan

- Chance to Win a GMC Truck for hole-in-one on Hole #7.

Provided by  
Dorman Cadillac-GMC

If questions, contact Golf Tournament Chairpersons:

**Charlie Carpenter**  
910-890-2416  
**Trent Carpenter**  
910-891-2120

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_  
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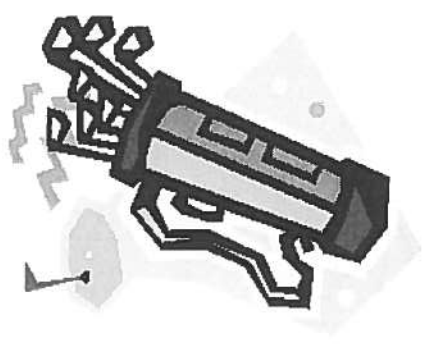
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**Team Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

- GOLD Sponsor \$500
  - Hole Sponsor & Team \$320
  - Hole Sponsor (Only) \$100
  - One Player \$ 50
  - Team Only -- 4 players \$200
  - Hole Sponsor & 1 player \$150
- TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

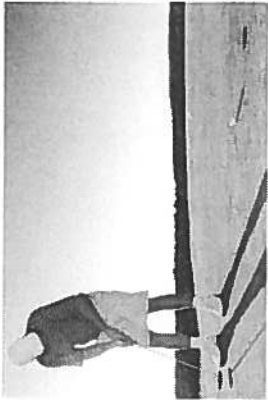
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO -  
Hamett County HBA Golf  
Tournament

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ASSOCIATION**



**GOLD SPONSOR \$500**

**HOLE SPONSOR \$100**

GOLD SPONSOR includes – 4 players, 2 muligans each player, hole sponsor, special recognition on sign, website and in Newsletter.

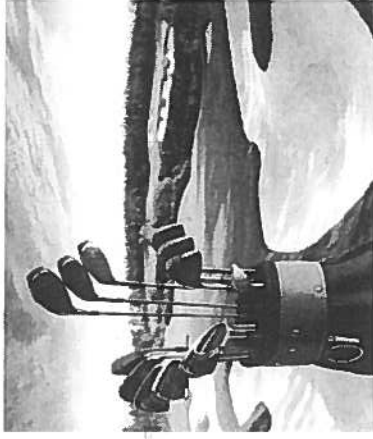
ALL HOLE sponsors will have a sign to recognize their contribution to the Golf Tournament.

Bring your own team or come single and we will put you on a team. Teams will be flighted if 18 or more teams register.

Bring your own team based on the handicaps shown below, only 1A player per team.

A	=	0-8
B	=	9-16
C	=	17-23
D	=	24 & >

**23<sup>rd</sup> GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**



**Wednesday  
September 18, 2013**

**In Memory of  
Charter Member  
Mayo Smith**

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National Association of Home Builders

August 12, 2013

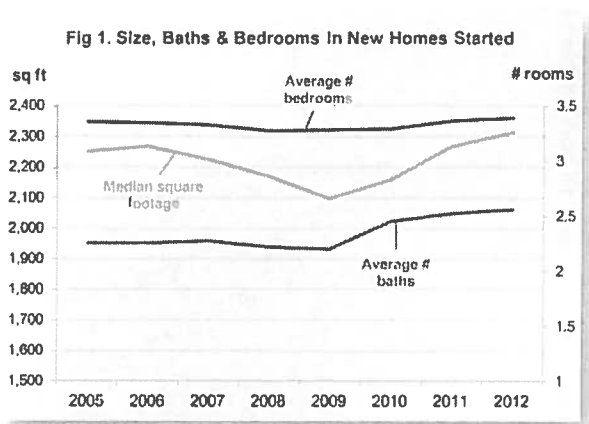
# Monday Morning Briefing

## New-Home Size Hits Record High

Newly released data from the U.S. Census Bureau's **Survey of Construction** shows that the trend toward smaller home sizes, which started during the market downturn, has since reversed itself. In fact, since 2009, the median size of newly started homes has increased steadily to a record high of over 2,300 square feet last year. NAHB's economists have analyzed the latest numbers to produce a helpful summary of

**Characteristics of New Homes Started in 2012**, which is now available free of charge from HousingEconomics.com. They explain that, because the data applies to newly started homes as opposed to newly completed ones, it sheds light on emerging trends that much faster. Spotlighting some of the more interesting findings, they show that the average number of bathrooms in new single-family homes rose to a new high of 2.56 in 2012 following a period in which it edged down to as low as 2.20 in 2009. Meanwhile, the average number of bedrooms in newly started homes - which had also declined during the downturn - has since very gradually but steadily increased.

Looking at garages, the share of newly started, single-family homes with garages for three or more cars rose to over 19% in 2012 after having fallen to 16% in 2009. The latest findings are all the more interesting because, to many experts, the decline in home sizes seen during the latest recession was due to factors that were more likely to persist after a downturn ended -- including, for example, an increased desire to reduce energy costs. However, when the size of new homes began to rise again in 2010, that happened against a backdrop of historically low housing starts and tight credit conditions, so it was likely driven primarily by the smaller share of first-time and other marginal buyers in the market. (In other words, those who were able to purchase a new home tended to have more resources and greater space requirements.) Our economists' latest report also looks at recent financing trends for new homes, as well as the prevalence of certain exterior amenities such as patios, porches and decks. **Read more here** or contact study author Paul Emrath (800-368-5242 x8449) for more information.



## President Pushes Housing Finance Reform Agenda

In a **special speech** broadcast nationwide from Phoenix this week, **President Barack Obama** called for a series of reforms to the housing finance system that are intended to help boost the housing market while protecting it from another major downturn. NAHB has for some time been encouraging the Administration to more publicly voice its goals with regard to future housing policy, and the President's proposals this week included several elements that our association strongly supports --such as the continuation of a federal backstop for the secondary mortgage market, strengthening of the FHA and expansion of affordable rental opportunities. Chairman Rick Judson focused on these areas of agreement in an **official NAHB statement** released after the President's speech.



Among the major points of his speech, the President urged Congress to make it easier for current home owners to refinance their existing mortgages at today's lower rates; touted the need to ease access to mortgage credit for qualified buyers; proposed measures to assist communities that were hardest hit in the downturn; and asserted the importance of ensuring decent and affordable rental opportunities. For the first time he also laid out specific principles for the future of the housing finance system. He advocated an orderly wind-down of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; allowing private capital to play a larger role in the mortgage market; preserving access to the 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage; and supporting affordable homeownership and rental opportunities for first-time buyers and others who are trying to break into the middle class. Going

forward, NAHB will continue working in a bipartisan manner with both the White House and Congress to implement needed reform measures that will ensure a more stable and effective housing delivery system for generations to come. Contact: Scott Meyer (800-368-5242 x8144).

### 247 Metros Qualify as Improving Housing Markets in August

When the **NAHB/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI)** for August was released this week, 247 metropolitan areas across 49 states and the District of Columbia qualified for inclusion. While that's eight metros shy of the number that qualified in July, it's nearly three times the number that qualified for the list as of one year ago. The IMI identifies metropolitan areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months. Three new markets were added to the list and 11 dropped from it in August. Newly added metros this month include Kankakee, Ill., along with Atlantic City and Ocean City, N.J. Pointing to the 244 metros that held onto their places on the IMI in both July and August, NAHB Chairman Rick Judson called this "an encouraging sign of the continuing housing recovery." Meanwhile, NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe explained that, "While the number of improving housing markets this August remains well ahead of the same month last year, the index is affected by seasonal softening in home prices just as we saw happen in 2012. The metros that fell off the list this month originally qualified with very small home price improvements that have since slipped back. As house prices return to more normal levels in fully recovered markets, further IMI advancements will be more modest." Check out the complete list of all 247 metros currently on the IMI, and get separate breakouts of metros newly added to or dropped from the list this time around, at [www.nahb.org/imi](http://www.nahb.org/imi). Contact: Robert Denk (800-368-5242 x8698).

NAHB/First American Improving Market Index (IMI)



### OSHA Scraps Controversial Rule on Inspectors' Site Access

In a victory for NAHB members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) this week abandoned its plan to reshape the rules under which compliance officers can enter work sites that take advantage of the federally funded **Onsite Consultation Program**. NAHB and other industry groups urged OSHA to scrap the rule when it was first proposed three years ago, saying the changes that OSHA wanted to make would effectively remove incentives to participate in the voluntary safety program that offers free and confidential safety advice to small and medium-sized businesses in all states across the country. Since then, several state consultation programs have lodged their own complaints about the proposed rule, fearing it would hurt small businesses who were interested in participating in the consultation program and decrease the number of employers developing comprehensive safety and health management programs. However, union groups had strongly supported the measure as a means of addressing any hazards that might emerge on these sites, and OSHA appeared close to issuing a final rule as early as September of 2011. Thankfully, the agency has **reversed course with its latest decision**, announcing that it is dropping the proposal altogether and citing comments received from various stakeholders. The bottom line for NAHB members is that your national association has helped preserve the use of OSHA's free on-site consultation program without the threat of additional OSHA enforcement. For more information, contact Rob Matuga (800-368-5242 x8507).

### New ASHRAE Green Building Standard Not Necessary, Say Builders

An attempt by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to develop a new residential green building standard is being challenged by NAHB and other industry leaders as confusing and duplicative – especially with the **ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS)** already approved for use and in the field. ASHRAE contends that its BSR/ASHRAE Standard 189.2P, *Standard for the Design of High-Performance, Sustainable Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, is needed because it can be more easily integrated into existing building codes. In fact, however, the NGBS already serves that purpose because in addition to being a stand-alone green rating instrument, it is designed to fit into the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) for those jurisdictions that choose to use it that way. NAHB urges builders, product manufacturers and others who are concerned about the potential addition of another standard to the marketplace to submit their comments opposing the new standard's development to ASHRAE by Aug. 18. Interested members can submit comments to Susan LeBlanc, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning

# NCHBA Events

The NCHBA organizes and sponsors events each year that serve a dual purpose. Each one fulfills a specific service to benefit our members, and many of them serve to raise money to help cover operating costs of the association so that dues can be kept low.

The largest event each year is the **21st Century Building Expo & Conference** (21CBEC). The 21CBEC is the Southeast's premier trade show dedicated to the building industry. It is held each September in Charlotte, NC, and provides the largest expo floor in the region and by far the largest selection of trade-related courses and seminars in the Southeast to be found over a couple of days in one location. For anyone involved in the building industry in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, or Virginia, this is a must-do event. You need to either be exhibiting or attending. If you do, you will be ahead for it!

In conjunction with the 21CBEC another major NCHBA event is held annually, the prestigious **STARS Awards**. The STARS Awards program honors the achievements of builders, associates, realtors, media and advertising professionals, and many others who make major contributions to the residential home building industry. Design, building, and marketing projects are submitted earlier in the year and then judged by experts in the industry. The culmination of the competition is a gala event where the winners of these awards are announced at a themed dinner.

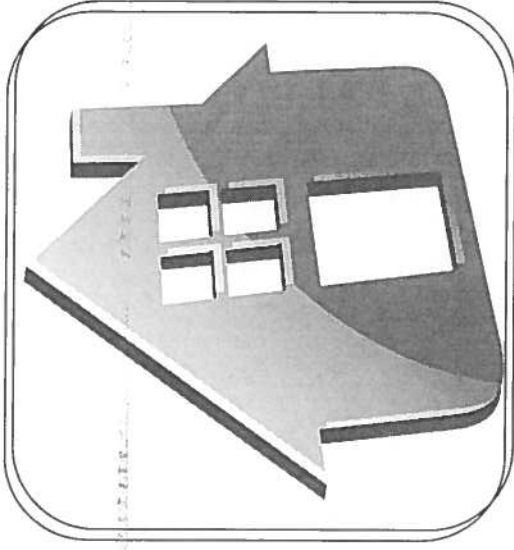
Each spring the **Builder Classic Golf Tournament** is held to raise funds for the **NCHBA Educational and Charitable Foundation**. These funds are used to provide scholarships to college students majoring in a construction-related field. In addition to golf on some of the best courses in North Carolina this event features a barbecue competition that provides great fun and fellowship. If you would like to help cook barbecue, sponsor this tournament, or play in it, please contact Deborah Alford in the NCHBA office ([dalford@nchba.org](mailto:dalford@nchba.org)).

In February, May, September, and December the association holds its **Quarterly Board Meetings**. Prior to the September meeting attendees are encouraged to attend the 21CBEC. Prior to the other three meetings there is a day devoted to committee meetings of the association. See the list of committees for the kinds of meetings available. Of special note is the 2nd Quarter Meeting in May, where a **Legislative Reception** is held on one evening and the following day attendees visit the offices of their Representatives and Senators in Raleigh. This event is key to re-enforcing the efforts of the NCHBA Governmental Affairs staff in the General Assembly all year.



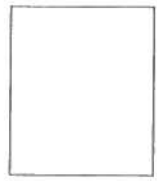
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