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Donnie Evans is 2017 Prather Award Recipient

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It's not too early to make plans to attend Casino Christmas Dec. 14 at Dallas BA offices. The Thompson Group at Classic Chevrolet is the title partner of this year's event, which will feature Vegasstyle gaming, a Texas Hold 'em Tournament, DJ, silent auction, a great holiday buffet and adult beverages. DPIS Engineering is the Drink Partner. Members are encouraged to make Casino Christmas their office holiday party. Partnerships for this sell-out event are available; contact Director of Member Services Misty Varsalone at misty.varsalone@ dallasbuilders.com.

The 2018 Marketing Guide is now online! The Guide provides a snapshot of all the various advertising and promotional opportunities available to members. It gives information on partnership levels, event details and benefits to expect with your marketing investment. You'll find the Guide under the Membership tab of DallasBuilders.com.

The Metro North Bowling Tournament gets underway at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at Strikz! in Frisco. Teams are already sold out but several partnerships remain. Proceeds benefit Operation FINALLY HOME. Contact Director of Member Services Misty Varsalone at

The Dallas Builders Association has awarded the 2017 Hugh Prather Trophy to Donnie Evans of Altura Homes. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Dallas BA and has been presented annually for the past 67 years to a builder, remodeler or developer member who has done the most for the betterment of the North Texas region.

The 2017 presentation was made during the Association's Sept. 29 Installation of Leadership held at The Empire Room in Dallas and presented by StrucSure Home Warranty.

The award was named for the Association's first president, Hugh Prather, in hopes that his principles would serve as a guide for future generations of builders. It is not meant to be simply a "Builder of the Year," but something

more that reflects credit to the building industry.

Past recipients include homebuilding icons such as Dave Fox, W.W. Caruth Jr., Bob Folsom, Fred Roach, Kent Conine, Tommy Ford, George Lewis, Jerry Carter and Harold Pollman, among others.

2016 Prather recipient Michael Sugrue of Stoneleaf Homes of Distinction presented the award.

Donnie Evans is a U.S. Army veteran who completed tours in both Germany and Vietnam He is a strong supporter of such charities as the Boy Scouts, Helping Hands and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Each Christmas he participates in the Angel Tree program, always choosing children

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Alan Hoffmann Installed as 75th President

2018 Dallas Builders Association President Alan Hoffmann of Hoffmann Homes accepts his official symbol of office, the president's gavel, from 2017 President Michael Turner of Classic Urban Homes during installation ceremonies held Sept. 29 in partnership with StrucSure Home Warranty.

Dallas Builders Show is Oct. 12 in Plano

presented by Milgard Windows and to learn directly from one of the attor-Doors, will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. neys who wrote them, James Rudnicki Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Plano Event of Bush Rudnicki Shelton. Register for Center. This annual trade show event connects the present and future of the home building industry and is free to all builder members.

The 2017 Dallas Builders Show, ness. This class provides the opportunity

Donnie Evans of Altura Homes, right, is the 2017 recipient of the Hugh Prather Trophy, the highest award presented by the Dallas Builders Association. Michael Sugrue of StoneLeaf Homes of Distinction, last year's recipient, presented the award Sept. 29 during Installation ceremonies held in partnership with StrucSure Home Warranty at The Empire Room in Dallas. With them is 2017 President Michael

2017-19 contracts package now available

The Texas Association of Builders has released the 2017- 2019 Texas Residential Construction Contacts Package. The package, made up of multiple contracts including residential construction and remodeling, is the builder's blueprint for typical construction and remodeling transactions in the State of Texas.

It is important for builders to update to the new contracts package. In addition to addressing new legislatively mandated notices for waterfront homes, many improvements have been made to the previous version of the package, which include:

a new lot sale contract addendum, a new consultant-design agreement, an even shorter remodel contract, added advertising and media permissions, revisions to the independent contractor agreements, and a needed revision to the termination damages language;

and numerous other changes that reflect best practices and up to date construction transactions; and

revised warranty and performance standards to reflect current engineering and construction practices.

A cost effective value that will save thousands of dollars in legal fees, the Texas Association of Builders Texas **Residential Construction Contracts** package is available to TAB builder and remodeler members only. The cost of the package is only \$399.99 (plus tax).

Builder and remodeler members can purchase the 2017 - 2019 contracts package subscription by visiting TexasBuilders.org.

The Dallas BA will offer a 3-hour class on the new contracts Oct. 12 at the Dallas Builders Show. James Rudnicki of Bush Rudnicki Shelton will explain the packages, addressing all changed portions and new laws. Register at DallasBuilders.com. The 2015-2017 contracts is no longer accessible.

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High school students from local vocational programs will be on hand to meet Dallas BA members and create connections that will give them insight into their future.

"These students are looking for mentors such as our builders and remodelers and the dozens of exhibiting associates who will be on hand," stressed Executive Officer Phil Crone. "With the labor shortage top of mind, it is essential that we encourage young people to find a career in residential construction."

Immediately prior to the Show, at the same location, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., we will offer in-depth training on the recently-released Texas Association of Builders Contracts package. An active legislative session and new case law have resulted in new required disclosures and other improvements.

These contracts are the best investment you can make to protect your busithe class at DallasBuilders.com.

With the insight and expertise of Paige Shipp from Metrostudy, other seminars at the show will take a closer look at the growing affordability crisis in our region. Rising costs from land, lumber, labor and local regulation have many experts concerned even before the arrival of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Find out what the future holds and how these factors will continue to impact your business.

Finally, the day will conclude with presentations from our featured charities, Operation FINALLY HOME and Patriot Paws. Operation FINALLY HOME (OFH) builds mortgage-free homes for combat wounded veterans and their families. Patriot Paws is a Rockwall-based nonprofit that trains service animals to meet the needs of disabled veterans. The next OFH project is set to begin in Little Elm in January. Dallas BA members are also working to build a home for Patriot Paws where veterans can stay while training with their new canine companions.

performance standard updates



Metro East Raises \$65,500+ for Lone Star CASA The Metro East Division Board of Directors present a check in the amount of \$65,564,70 to Lone Star CASA from proceeds collected at their annual Cars for CASA vintage car show held in Rockwall earlier this year. This is the 12th event that Metro East has sponsored for CASA, contributing approximately \$415,500 to date.

Blair Calvo joins staff as director of membership

Blair Calvo has joined the Dallas Builders Association team as director of membership. She is the former advocacy and outreach manager for the Oklahoma Association of REALTORS[®] (OAR), where she played a critical role in member relations and development of member programs relevant to the industry.



"Blair brings a wealth of association and industry experience from her work with the REALTORS[®] association in Oklahoma," stated Executive Officer Phil Crone. "She is eager to learn more about home building and to do so by getting to know all of our members and through

encouraging new ones to join the Dallas BA." She is responsible for the continued growth of the Association by serving as the primary contact for new and prospective members while maintaining positive relationships with existing members in order to facilitate their

involvement and continued participation. Blair has several years of experience in the real estate industry. She also served as both member services specialist and association liaison at OAR and was the executive officer of the Midwest City-Del City-Moore Association of REALTORS[®] for three years.



Tuesday, November 1 - 11:30 a.m. Dallas Builders Association Offices

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Single Family Homes	788	\$239,871,645	788	22 Shaddock Homes	173	\$71,322,36
Demolition	22	\$4,350		23 David Weekly Homes	203	\$70,713,76
Footing & Foundation	59	\$420,948		24 LOI Homes	376	\$66,034,36
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Alternative Residential Energy	23	\$452,842		31 Altura Homes Lp	162	\$42.612.99
Garages & Carports	6	\$281,108		32 Horizon Homes	158	\$41,600,86
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Update From the Home Front & Beyond

On The Local Watch With the Texas Legislature having "completed" its work in August, area municipalities are now back to their "normal" regulatory pace. Dallas BA monitors area cities year round. Here is an update on some proposed ordinance changes in our area.

In Frisco, the city continues to look at proposals for ordinance changes addressing neighborhood designs. The council is now in review of Frisco's Neighborhood Design Strategy Study. The study is a product of the Neighborhood Design Strategy Advisory Group, a committee made up of local officials and residents, and it will serve as a template of likely amendments to development standards.

Dallas BA has reviewed the study. gathered input from members and relayed our concerns to both city council members and staff. Key among those are the need for some provisions to be viewed as a development option, as opposed to a requirement. There is concern about one-size-fits-all ratios and percentages for open space and lots adjacent to both trails and creeks, as well as an over reliance on curvilinear streets concepts. There are concepts in the study that could result in maintenance costs, land plan challenges and an overall loss of developable lots. All of this leads to home price increases in a market already struggling to find affordability. City council members share some of these concerns, as evidenced by their near month-long tabling of the study's approval at the Sept. 19 council meeting in order to get more information.

The City of McKinney is currently in review of its tree ordinance. City staff was originally focusing on proposals to offer flexibility and cost savings in the ordinance's tree survey requirement, that would hopefully reduce delays in the process. Ideas include raising the caliper of trees that must be listed and allowing aerial surveys upfront. Currently, the ordinance requires that all trees 6 inches in caliper or greater be included on surveys, even though in many cases, mitigation is only required for trees at a larger measurement. This results in needlessly costly surveys and project delays.

During the Sept. 18 council meeting, however, city council members voiced displeasure with the entire ordinance and directed city staff to look at rewriting it, looking to make it less expensive and easier to reach compliance. Dallas BA will be monitoring this closely, as a possible draft could be available in the next two months.

The HomeFront

-Gov't Affairs News and Info

In both Frisco and McKinney, city officials have indicated they will work with and seek input from the Dallas BA. Builders and developers seeking more information should contact the Association's director of government affairs.

OSHA's New Silica Rule and Good Faith Enforcement Period

With the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) new respirable crystalline silica construction standard having gone into effect on Sept. 23, there are provisions all construction employers should be aware of. The final rule, originally set to take effect on June 23 but delayed until Sept. 23 due to the need for additional research and guidance, requires engineering controls to restrict workers' breathing in of crystalline silica dust. Exposure can occur in construction when workers drill, cut, crust or grind silica-containing materials including concrete and stone. The standard does not apply where exposures remain low under foreseeable conditions.

The rule reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for respirable silica to 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air, averaged over an 8-hour shift. The existing PEL for construction is calculated as an 8-hour time weighted average of 250 micrograms per cubic meter of air.

Key provisions of the rule require employers to take steps including the following:

Use engineering/practice controls to limit worker exposure to the PEL.

Establish and implement a written exposure control plan.

Restrict housekeeping practices that expose workers to silica where feasible alternatives are available.

Provide medical exams for



workers who are required by the standard to wear a respirator for 30 or more days per year.

Train workers on operations that result in exposure and practices to reduce exposure.

■ Keep records of employee exposures and medical exams.

The rule applies to all occupational exposures of silica, except where employee exposure will remain below 25 micrograms per cubic meter of air for an 8-hour time average under any foreseeable conditions.

Members should take the time to peruse the Silica in Construction Toolkit available at www.nahb.org.

Employers can either use control methods listed in Table 1: OSHA's Specified Exposure Control Methods, or they can measure workers' exposure to silica and independently decide if and which dust controls are needed for the jobsite.

U.S. Department of Labor Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Thomas Galassi has instructed regional administrators at OSHA to exercise a 30-day good faith evaluation period before fully enforcing the new respirable crystalline silica construction standard.

During this first 30 days of enforcement, the agency will evaluate if employers are making attempts to meet the new silica standard. OSHA will focus on assisting employers in understanding the compliance measures required.

Employers that, upon inspection, are not making efforts to comply can face action by OSHA, including air monitoring performed in accordance with the agency's procedures and consideration for citation.

Dallas BA will provide more information on this issue as it becomes available.



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StrucSure Home Warranty presents 75th Installation of Leadership Sept. 29; Emerald City Band performs



Senior Officers Installed

Jerry Carter, past president of both the Dallas BA and the Texas Association of Builders, recites the oath of office to incoming Association leaders: Justin Webb of Altura Homes, vice president/secretary; Matt Robinson of Walton Development and Management, first vice president: Stephen Puckett of LegacyTexas Bank, treasurer; and Greg Paschall of Intex Electrical Contractors, associate vice president.

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who have asked for a bike.

Evans was a key driving factor in Altura Homes' Operation FINALLY HOME project that built a mortgagefree home to a wounded veteran last year. He is currently assisting with the Dallas BA's Patriot Paws project to build a new facility for an organiza-



Hoffmann Installed Tim Jackson, Immediate Past President of the Texas Association of Builders, swears in Alan Hoffmann, Hoffmann Homes, as the 2018 president of the Dallas BA.



accepts the 2017 APEX Award, which recognizes a builder or remodeler who demonstrates professionalism in dealing with associate members. Presenting the award are 2017 Dallas BA President Michael Turner and Associate Vice President Cole Baker.





Government Relations Committee Receives AP Roffino Award

The scope of the AP Roffino Award has been expanded to recognize the Association's most significant accomplishment during the past leadership year. The 2017 recipient was the Government Relations Committee, chaired by incoming President Alan Hoffmann, for leading the charge with the Texas Association of Builders to successfully pass legislation that allows property owners to limit the fees charged by municipalities for tree mitigation. Presenting the award, President Michael Turner stated, "One of the Association's most important functions is to protect the industry from unnecessary fees and regulation. From that perspective, this year was one of our most successful."

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tion that pairs wounded veterans with service dogs.

Evans is a significant contributor to the Texas Builders Foundation, which provides scholarships for students going into the residential construction industry. He served on the committee to elect John Ratcliff to the position of US Congressman.

Evans has served the industry on all levels. He has been co-chair of the Sunbelt Builders Show and not only served as the Dallas BA's Membership Chair, but was the top membership recruiter for from 2015 through 2017.

To top it off, at the age of 66, Donnie Evans and his wife Toni became the foster parents to three young children.



Clyde Anderson Named Associate of the Year 2017 Dallas BA President Michael Turner presents the Associate of the Year Award to Stephen and Mike Anderson, the sons of recipient Clyde Anderson, who was unable to attend ceremonies Sept.

29. The award has been renamed the Clyde Anderson Associate of the Year Award, given annually to the associate member who has done the most to support the Association and the homebuilding industry. President Turner described Clyde as "an exemplary salesman who applies those skills in service to the Dallas BA, serving it in just about every capacity you could imagine," adding that "he is known for his willingness to go the extra mile to build a relationship and demonstrates genuine care for whoever he is working with." Clyde was also awarded a golden spike in recognition of surpass-



Clyde Anderson

ing the 1,000 Grand Spike level and a plaque from the National Association of Home Builders in recognition of 50 years of membership.





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Tag Gilkeson named Designee of the Month

As a Certified Green Professional (CGP) Tag Gilkeson knows how to combine cost-effective building science with an ever-expanding selection of products and materials to build a home with sustainability in mind. He is trained to incorporate energy, water and resource efficiency, improving indoor environmental quality while using sustainable and locally sourced products into his projects.

Tag originally got started in the real estate and construction industry in 1999 after he obtained his Texas REALTOR[®] license. His primary business focus was in investment real estate. From there, it was an easy transition into buying real estate and flipping houses on his own. He has owned several fix and flips and rental properties along the way.

In 2009, Tag turned his attention to gaining more knowledge in his field. He obtained an associate's degree in architecture and a bachelor's degree in construction management. He was ranked in the top three of his class at graduation while also obtaining a personal recommendation from the program chair.

Having gained knowledge and experience in his field, he decided that it was best to give back to the industry by serving as a board member for two years for the North Dallas/Collin County Division.

Since then he has utilized the Dallas BA to obtain knowledge and designations within the industry. At this time, he has five designations recognized by the National Association of Home Builders and one designation that is local to the Dallas BA. These include Certified Graduate Builder (CGB), Certified Graduate

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Tag Gilkeson with Mike Holmes of HGTV's "Holmes on Homes."

Associate (CGA), Certified Green Professional (CGP), Green Sales Professional (GSP), Certified Aging in Place (CAPS) and he is currently working on his Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation. He will complete the CGR designation at the 2018 IBS show in Orlando.

Tag utilizes these designations on his website, business cards, and on LinkedIn to set himself apart from the competition.

"Wouldn't you want the guy that's drawing your plans to know how to build a house?" he stresses. "These designations show that I have invested the time in learning the industry and what it takes to be seen as a professional."

Tag currently owns a design / build firm called Tag & Associates, LLC, where he works with home owners, remodelers and builders drawing full construction plans in 3D.

"The 3D drawings allow the builders and the owners to visualize what their new home will look like," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Visit DallasBuilders.com for the complete interview with Tag.

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Upcoming Education Classes

Upcoming classes are made possible by StrucSure Home Warranty, the 2017 Education Title Partner.

Designation Course: Project Management – Oct. 19 - \$210

Keep projects on schedule and within budget. Solid project management ensures client satisfaction with the project and the process. From pre-construction project management functions and responsibilities, to effectively managing trade contractors, to post-project duties, this course will grow your professional value—and put smiles on your customers' faces.

Register today to secure your seat at www.dallasbuilders.com or contact Sheena Beaver at sheena.beaver@ dallasbuilders.com or by phone at 972-931-4840.

This course is made possible through the partnerships of Struc-Sure Home Warranty, DuPont/Tyvek Weatherization Partners and APA the Engineered Wood Association.

The Great Energy Debate -Nov. 2

This class features three builder and energy rater teams who will each discuss a home of their choosing and how they met the energy code and compare the different options available. Each team will identify comparative costs of various paths and solutions under those paths. During this class we will compare common grounds and differing opinions among energy raters. Concluding the class will be panel discussion of questions from the audience.

This class is being offered on Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch included, the cost of this class is \$35 with advanced registration.

This course is made possible by the partnerships of StrucSure Home Warranty and Dow Building Solutions.



Building a Better House Series: Price Your Product Precisely - Nov. 8

Learn how to promote "Total Cost of Ownership." Get the highest appraisals possible. Show greater "value" to your customers. This class will address cost factors, property values, appraisals, resale considerations, and Total Cost of Ownership.

Students will learn how to properly price a home based on value and market conditions. We will discuss Energy Star and various green building programs and their value in the marketplace. Instructors will include a builder, an appraiser, a REALTOR[®] and a marketing expert. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch included; the cost is \$35 with advance registration.

The Building a Better House Series is presented in partnership with Struc-Sure Home Warranty. Lunch partners include Dow Building Solutions, Texas Builders Resource Group, Paragon Structural Engineers and ProSource Wholesale Flooring.

Designation Course: Basics of Building – Nov. 15

The basics of building is a must attend class for anyone new to the construction industry and those who want to expand their knowledge to better communicate with builders about the build process.

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of the project management process and the basics of that process. Focusing on six sections, this class will thoroughly cover common terminology, the sequence of events throughout the construction process, materials and methods typically used in residential construction and the roles stakeholders take during a new construction build or a remodel.

This is a REQUIRED COURSE for anyone working toward obtaining a Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Green Professional or Certified Sales Professional designation.

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Property rights battle hits home for Texas couple

Alan Hoffmann is no stranger to property rights battles. Last year, the Dallas BA and TAB member's project in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Lakewood Village prompted a major win for property rights advocates, homeowners and builders in Bizios v. Lakewood Village. In that case, the Texas Supreme Court affirmed the Court of Appeals for the Second District of Texas' finding that the Texas Local Government Code does not grant general-law municipalities the power to enforce building code ordinances within their respective ETJs.

Hoffmann's next venture into the ETJ involves building a home and a barn for Harlan and Sue Stauffer on land they have owned for decades. The couple obtained all of the requisite permits from Collin County and began building late last year. The Stauffers were just about to pour their foundation when the City of McKinney, a fast-growing home rule city north of Dallas, brought the construction of their dream home to a screeching halt.

Although Bizios did not explicitly address whether home rule cities could apply building codes in the ETJ, the same reasoning and arguments are directly applicable. However, that has not deterred McKinney from involving itself in protracted lawsuits on the issue at considerable taxpayer expense. Those cases, Arch Resorts v. City of McKinney and City of McKinney v. Custer Storage concern an RV park and a storage center,

respectively. Both are located within McKinney's ETJ.

Those cases literally hit home for the Stauffers when McKinney threatened a lawsuit against them if they continued construction without obtaining a city permit. In order to issue a permit, McKinney demanded that the couple dedicate three acres of their land to the city. The land, valued at more than \$200,000, is situated at the proposed location of future farm-to-market roads and would likely be purchased from the Stauffers by the Texas Department of Transportation at fair market value.

"This is a dream of a lifetime put asunder by politicians we cannot even vote for," said Harlan Stauffer. His wife Sue added, "We are in our 70s so we don't have a lot of time left; we just want to build our home and enjoy it as long as we can.'

Harlan and Sue do not have the time or the money to engage McKinney in another ETJ lawsuit, so the Dallas Builders Association decided to try another forum, the court of public opinion. With a municipal election looming, it was time to give the Stauffers the voice they did not have at the ballot box (since they live outside city limits).

We decided to call the local ABC and NBC affiliates in hopes of finding an investigative reporter who would be interested in this story," said Alan Hoffmann. "A storage facility and RV park probably don't move the needle for most voters, but, in our case, it hit

Phil Crone, JD, CGP, GSP Executive Officer

home in a way that people can identify with and get engaged on. There are no better spokespeople on the issue than the Stauffers themselves.'

The media campaign was stunningly effective. Interviews included drone footage of horses running around a large pond, illustrating how far removed the property was from suburban sprawl.

The Dallas BA targeted and boosted the story specifically to likely McKinney voters. With #CondemnationWithoutRepresentation trending, more than 30,000 impressions and 5,000 engagements on the story, upstart candidates seized the opportunity to change the mindset of the incumbent council. When the dust settled, three of six council seats changed hands and a home builder defeated an incumbent council member in the mayoral race.

Once seated, the new council, over the objections of city staff and taxpayerfunded outside legal counsel, voted to change McKinney's regulations to allow the Stauffers to build. However, their right to do so comes not because the city grants it, but because the law allows it.

The moral of this story is that grassroots efforts involving TAB and local associations working in concert with members in the field make a difference for families such as the Stauffers. We are agents of positive change and champions for property rights in the legislative, regulatory and legal processes. We can be in the media and with public opinion as well.





(Left) Membership Chairman Jeff Dworkin presents Eric Neel of The Jarrell Company with a plaque recognizing the company's 70th anniversay of membership in the Dallas BA. (Right) Mark Dann of Highland Classic Homes is recognized for 10 years of membership.

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