



HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SPARTANBURG

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Saving The American Dream

Becoming an active and vocal member of the HBA has never been more important than it is today. Our industry is a major part of a strong economy. We provide millions of jobs, not only in the construction industry, but every industry that provides goods and services. Owning a home is still a top priority for many Americans. Builders and associates need to unite and let first time candidates as well as those up for re-election know that we will only support pro-housing candidates. That support needs to start on the local level and go all the way to the national level. How can we stand-by and elect anyone that wants to take away the advantages of the mortgage interest tax deduction or someone that wants to add more unnecessary building code changes or raise impact fees on the local level? We need to elect leaders that will support affordable housing and the benefits of owning a home. Taxing the working middle class or penalizing someone for owning a home is not the solution. The government needs to listen to the will of the taxpayers. The banks need to ease credit and lower downpayments for qualified home buyers and investors. Lenders have gone from one extreme to the other. Appraisers should not be asked to use repos as comparables for new home values. Let's get people back to work. The government should not be in charge of creating new jobs; they should be in charge of easing regulations and letting the private sector create the jobs. A strong housing market will help do this and studies have shown there is pent-up demand for homes. We can be the driving force for an economic recovery, as we have been in past recessions. Politicians all say they want to create jobs and pro-housing is the start. For now, all we can do is vote. Please express your opinion to anyone that will listen, donate to PAC if you can and help Save the American Dream.

Keep our association strong by doing business with associate members.

Sincerely,
Buddy Womick

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 12th

Board of Directors Meeting

HBA Office

Noon

Monday, September 12th

September General Membership Meeting

Summit Pointe Conference Center

(Located near WestGate Mall & City Range)

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and program begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18th

Fall Builders Classic Golf Tournament

Village Green Golf Course

*Currently accepting registrations for sponsors and teams

Tuesday, October 25th

Upstate HBA Sporting Clays Tournament

*In partnership with other Upstate HBAs

Harris Springs Sportsman Preserve



*Committed to Providing Quality
Water and Wastewater Services*

Spartanburg Water System

Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District

200 Commerce St., P.O. Box 251, Spartanburg, SC 29304

Customer Services - 864-582-6375

New Connections - 864-583-7361

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

www.spartanburgwater.org

Fall Builders Classic Golf Tournament Tuesday, October 18th Village Green Golf Course

Teams are available for as low as \$300. We have sponsorships available for every budget. Get your company's signage viewed by 110+ players for as low as \$150! Or, if you have a door prize that you'd like to donate, please contact the HBA office!



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Upstate HBA's Sporting Clays Tournament Tuesday, October 25, 2011 Harris Springs Sportsman Preserve 2:00 p.m. - Until

We are partnering with our fellow Upstate HBAs for a fun day of sporting clays. Individual shooter registration is \$150. Team registration is \$550. Both include a fifty bird event, a 10 minute warm-up, dinner and awards. Shotgun rental is available if you don't have your own. For more information, contact the HBA of Greater Spartanburg office.

Are We In Touch?

Do we have your most current email address? The HBA of Greater Spartanburg - in addition to our state and national associations - use email as our primary communication tools. If we don't have your email address, we won't be able to keep in touch about events, opportunities, news and other important information. Call the HBA office today and give us your address. **Better yet, send us an email!**

Also, are you following us on Facebook? The "HBA of Greater Spartanburg" page is a good resource for news links, event reminders and photos from our events. Be sure to check us out!

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