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Networking begins @ 6:30
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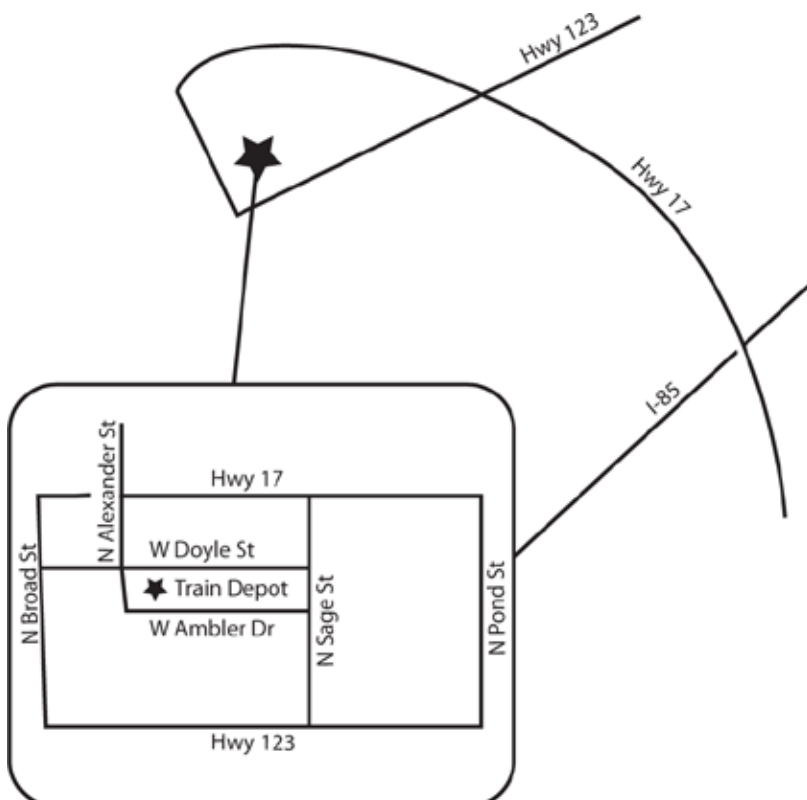
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Please RSVP by Wednesday

October 6 to

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Time for A Change

This will be my last article for the newsletter. Things change, and it's time for new ideas and energy in this position. I'm not disappearing from the scene, but I'm definitely moving to the backseat.

I have enjoyed working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. These guys are dedicated to making this a successful association and put more hours into running this organization than you are probably aware. They have many excellent ideas and try to help the association whenever possible with the limited time they have available.

That brings me back to my topic. I'm not leaving because of dissatisfaction, disagreements, or any of the other "dis" words. I simply don't have enough time to give this job what it needs. Therefore, I'm attempting to bow out gracefully before I let something important slip and it has a detrimental impact on the association. The Board has found an excellent replacement for me, Sally Tate. She has been helping me over the last month, and I plan on assisting her once she takes over in August. The success of this association is important to me, and I plan on continuing to help as necessary.

Thanks to all of you that have given me words of encouragement and appreciation. I will still be around; I just won't be "out front" anymore.

Cathy Eison, EO

Cathy,

We want to thank you for your time and efforts in what is often a thankless job. Without having been a part of the process it would be difficult to comprehend the sacrifices that are necessary to handle the EO position. The membership has been well served during your tenure. I know that I speak for the Board in telling you how much we appreciate what you have done, and will continue to do for this organization.



8/10
BOD Meeting
Hartwell Paint

8/28
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Hart Mega Ramp

9/14-16
HBAG Fall Board
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10/12
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Avoid Summer Lawn Stress

Care, patience and a little bit of knowledge can make the difference between a lush healthy lawn and an arid brown eyesore. But proper lawn care is more complicated than setting out a sprinkler every once in a while. You can water or fertilize a lawn too little or too much, and even the time of day matters.

Overwatering is the most common lawn care mistake home owners make, according to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. It can damage or even kill a lawn. Too much water leads to a shallow root system; it makes a lawn more vulnerable to weeds, insects, and diseases; and it reduces tolerance to drought and other environmental stresses.

Before you pull out the hose, though, you need to find out how much water your lawn is getting by measuring the irrigation and precipitation rates. You don't need sophisticated tools to figure this out; all you need is a coffee can.

Here are some tips from The Cornell Cooperative Extension Service:

- Determine the irrigation rate by placing a can on an area that is being watered and taking note of how much water is in the can after 15 minutes.
- Calculate precipitation amount by leaving a can in the yard for a week and seeing how much rainwater collects in it.
- Actively growing turfgrass requires about one inch of water a week; water your lawn for as many minutes a week that are needed so that precipitation plus watering totals one inch.
- Water your lawn in the early morning to reduce evaporation and so plants dry by mid-morning. Letting the leaves stay wet for too long can lead to disease.
- Don't mow your lawn too short. Keep it about three inches tall to reduce stress and pest problems.
- Wait until fall to fertilize, about two weeks after the last time you mow. If you fertilize in the spring, you will get fast-growing leaves, but weak roots, which will make the plants more susceptible to diseases and insects.

Heeding these few guidelines will go a long way to helping you maintain and enjoy your lawn, even through the hot, dry summer.

General Membership Meeting

The Northeast Georgia General Quarterly Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at the Elberton Civic Center in Elberton, GA. Thirty-seven were in attendance at the meeting sponsored by Pinnacle Bank.

Deron Hicks, Senior VP of Government Affairs and General Counsel for HBA of Georgia, spoke on the importance of knowing what actions were being undertaken by our state legislators. Staying informed on governmental regulations was a key benefit of belonging to our association. Suzanne Williams, Senior Vice President of Legislative & Political Affairs, also spoke. She stressed the importance of having a voice in government by voting.

The following officers were elected for the 2010-2011: Charlie Eison – President, Howard Eaton - Builder Vice President, Mike Duncan - Associate Vice President, David Kesler - Secretary/Treasurer, and Ricky Carter – Past President. The following Board members were elected for 2010-2011: Joshua Lloyd, Jimmy O'Dell, Jerry Turner, Eddie Wester, Jamie Cleveland, Mike Little and Ken Medlin.

Don Fortson for Pinnacle Bank spoke of the services that his bank offered for our members and Cathy Eison announced the upcoming Fishing Tournament. She also informed the membership of the Public Relations committee. Richard Brady won the Ace of Spades which had grown to \$186.

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NAHB Applauds EPA'S Decision to Delay Lead Paint Certification Enforcement

June 21, 2010

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision to delay enforcement of the new Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting rule will provide much-needed time to get more remodelers and other contractors trained – and for EPA to get the word out to consumers about the importance of hiring a certified remodeler, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

“EPA listened to our concerns and did the right thing,” said NAHB Chairman Bob Jones, a builder and developer in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

In revised guidance released on Friday, EPA acknowledged that remodelers in many parts of the country have been unable to obtain the required training to comply with the rule – a problem that NAHB has urged the agency to solve since the rule was announced two years ago.

The issue came to a head in May after floods devastated parts of Tennessee and there weren't enough certified remodelers to complete much-needed home repairs. NAHB and its state home builders association proposed a delay in enforcing the rule -- a decision EPA consented to in its letter on Friday.

While remodelers, electricians, heating and air conditioning technicians and other contractors must adhere to lead-safe work practices, including special equipment filters and a ban on open flames, EPA will not take enforcement action against firms that have been unable to obtain certification until Oct. 1 of this year.

Individual contractors must apply to enroll in a training class by Sept. 30 and complete the training by December 31, 2010.

“This rule potentially affects about 79 million homeowners. That's how many homes were built before 1978, when lead paint was banned,” Jones said. “We need significantly more contractors certified than the 300,000 who have taken the training course, and we also need to make sure that

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Attention remodelers, painters, drywallers, window installers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and anyone else who works on pre-1978 homes!

Under new EPA rules that went into effect in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to minimize occupants' exposure to lead hazards.

All individuals performing activities that disturb painted surfaces must be certified renovators or have been trained by a certified renovator. A certified renovator must also be assigned to each renovation and perform all of the EPA mandated responsibilities of a certified renovator.

Fines for non-compliance are anticipated to be \$5,000

Home Builders Association of Northeast Georgia

Renovation, Repair and Painting Registration Form - Aug 17 - The Learning Center, Hart County Library

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Playhouse Raffle

Thanks to donations from Howard Eaton, Mike Duncan and Lifesprings we are going to be raffling off a playhouse at our Annual Christmas Party. We are currently in the process of painting the playhouse now, and will be bringing it to future Home Builders' functions. We also owe a thanks to Carry-On Trailers for providing us with a means to take the playhouse to all these functions. Pick up your tickets from any Board member, or come by Hartwell Paint and Decorating.



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