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The AZBO ABM
is just around
the corner

July 17 ~ 19, 2012 at the Best Western Payson Inn.

Tuesday 7-17-12

10 a.m. Golf Tournament @ Payson Golf Course.

4 p.m. Chapter Meetings.

6 p.m. Brown & Associates Hospitality Suite @ Spur Bar, Star Valley.

Wednesday 7-18-12

8 a.m. General Business Meeting.

6 p.m. Annual Dinner and Awards.

Thursday 7-19-12

8:30 a.m. Educational Training.

Brochure and Registration information at

<http://www.azbo.us/> Click the 'AZBO ABM' tab on the left sidebar.



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May Was Building Safety Month

City of Avondale

Avondale highlighted Building Safety Month by having our Mayor sign a proclamation and running two drawings related to Energy conservation and Fire safety. Our first drawing was sponsored by SRP who provided a basket full of energy conserving items for the home. Joseph Mosca won our second drawing. We provided smoke and Co2 detectors and kitchen extinguisher.

Submitted by SRP - "Congratulations to the winner of the 2012 Building Safety Month- Energy Basket! Randal Westacott, Chief Building Official City of Avondale, awards the basket to the drawing winner Galo Salva.

Westacott celebrated Building Safety Month - Week 1 - Energy and Green Building with a drawing for a basket full of energy saving items including a programmable thermostat, CFL bulbs and water saving devices. SRP supports the efforts of Building Officials in the pursuit of energy efficient Building Codes and programs that protect the health, safety and welfare of their residents."



City of El Mirage

The City held a Food Drive and collected 2,703 pounds of food for the local food bank.

A Trivia Contest for employees was held each week with prizes donated by local business for the winners.



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Town of Oro Valley

In May 2012, the United States will celebrate Building Safety Month. First observed in 1980 as Building Safety Week, this annual event raises public awareness of important safety issues that affect everyone. The Town of Oro Valley will recognize Building Safety Month by launching a summer-long program offering free safety inspections of pool/spa barriers and enclosures.

“Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in children under age five in Arizona,” said Chuck King, Building Official for the Town of Oro Valley. “As such, the Town’s inspection staff is particularly diligent when it comes to pool and spa safety. We hope our residents will take advantage of this program.”

Beginning May 1, 2012 through Labor Day, any Town resident may call the Inspection & Compliance Division at 229-4815 to schedule a free inspection. Inspectors will verify that critical features designed to separate children from pools and spas are in place in accordance with the Town’s currently adopted Pool & Spa Code. If they are deficient they will point out where those deficiencies are and offer suggestions with regard to how they can be remedied. This will not obligate the owner to make corrections but will provide direction to those equally interested in safety.

For more information on the Town of Oro Valley’s Development and Infrastructure Services Department, please visit us online at: www.orovalleyDIS.com



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Education Committee needs you!



The Education Committee is the AZBO sub-committee responsible for bringing you the Education Institutes in the spring and fall! The committee was compromised of about a dozen individuals who have done a phenomenal job of providing the education and training sessions over the past several years.

This year, we have seen several of our members step down due to retirement (Steve Brown, Pat Clingman, Ken Sowers,) and others that have put in years with the committee but now need to step back (Jack Judd, Ray LaHaye, Patti Schechter) and turn the reins over to others.

This leaves a very small core group that will need additional volunteers as we move forward. This could mean assisting with setting up (and taking down) the classrooms, locating excellent instructors, or interesting class topics. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please sign up at the ABM in Payson or notify Co-Chairs:

Pat Headington at Pat.Headington@yumacountyaz.gov or

Mary Dickson @ mdickson@cityofelmirage.org.

The committee meets quarterly but conducts the majority of its business via emails and phone calls.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make the institutes even better, please drop us a line!

Code Review and Development Committee

The CR&D Committee is considering proposals for amendments to the 2012 I-codes, for referral to the AZBO Board of Directors at the July ABM. Please forward any questions or local proposals to Chairman Forrest Fielder at fielder_4@msn.com.

Permit Tech Committee

In May the Arizona Permit Techs received a Thank You Letter from Special Olympics Arizona for contributions to the 2012 Special Olympics USA Scarf Project.

In June an announcement was made that due to an overwhelming response they will not be conducting the project in 2013.

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Results to Planning Survey

by Mary Dickson, City of El Mirage:

26 jurisdictions responded (including two Counties)

Question	Yes	No	No Reply	Comments
Do you hold pre-application meetings?	26	0	0	None
Does the meeting include all applicable departments	19	5	2	Contracted services, not always asked to attend due to cost to the City/Town
Does Planning represent all Departments (represent or make comments on behalf of other departments)	7	16	3	None
If yes, has this resulted in miscommunication to applicant?	6	2	18	Minutes of the Meeting provided to applicant avoids miscommunication. Discussion, not in writing, anything overlooked is not binding.
P&Z review of all applicable cases?	10	7	9	None
Single commissioner allowed to approve?	1	9	16	Advisory only, against Stat law, Zoning Officer only, quorum needed, Zoning Officer only can approve, Under 1500 sf projects only.

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