



# TNMP

## High-Performance Homes Program Newsletter

Fall 2016

### Letter from your Program Manager

TNMP Homebuilders and HERS Raters,

Thanks to all of you for your participation in and contributions to the 2016 TNMP High-Performance and ENERGY STAR® New Homes Program. We're having another successful year and to express our appreciation we are inviting you to attend the:

**TNMP Awards Luncheon & 2017 Program Kickoff**  
(combined with Entergy Texas)

Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM CST  
Churrasco's Steakhouse - Memorial City  
947 Gessner Rd, 2nd Floor  
Houston, TX 77024

To register, click [here](#).

In addition to having great food and good conversation, we will be providing you with more information about how the 2017 TNMP Program can further assist you in meeting the 2015 IECC codes.

Two final end-of-the year Program reminders:

- Please submit all Program data for invoicing by the 30th of the November
- Continue inputting starts, as the database will carry the homes forward to next year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Awards Luncheon in Houston on Dec 14.

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## Economic forecasts best years ahead for Houston housing market

Despite the oil slump, Houston's housing market faces its best years yet.

Mark Dotzour, former chief economist for Texas A&M University's Real Estate Center, shared this message to hundreds of

developers, homebuilders and contractors gathered for the Greater Houston Builders Association's midyear economic forecast.

Houston's economy - particularly its housing market - has remained surprisingly resilient, even as energy companies declare bankruptcies, cut thousands of jobs and shut down rigs, Dotzour said.

"It's stunning, astonishing, astounding," Dotzour said. "It's amazing how resilient the housing market is in Houston when you're in the middle of a root canal."

Unlike previous economic downturns, Houston's single-family housing market is not overbuilt. Houston posted a 3.6-month home inventory in April, still well below the 6-month mark, which indicates a healthy, balanced market, Dotzour said.

"There aren't enough homes for sale in this town. Our inventory is real low," Dotzour said. "That's the beauty of this cycle. Usually, we are way overbuilt, but we're not way overbuilt at all. There's no massive overbuilding."

Dotzour predicts a bull market for housing both locally and nationally over the next five to 10 years. That's because single-family home construction nationwide hasn't fully recovered from the Great Recession. And once Millennials jump into the housing market in droves, demand for single-family homes will skyrocket, Dotzour said.

[Continuing Reading at BizJournals.com here.](#)

## Housing News

[Talks Continue on Energy Code Legislation](#)

[Houston Still the 2nd Strongest Housing Market in the Country](#)

## FREE HVAC Trainings

Have you seen these three important recorded technical [HVAC training videos](#)?

[How to Measure Whole-House Ventilation Airflow](#) (< 5 minutes each, watch on YouTube)

Watch these four short videos to see how to measure whole-house ventilation airflow- one critical commissioning task for ENERGY STAR certified homes.

[HVAC and ENERGY STAR Certified Homes](#) (16 min, download a PowerPoint)

This short recorded presentation was created for HVAC contractors and explains how to become credentialed to work with ENERGY STAR. The presentation also explains how HVAC design, installation and performance are incorporated into the ENERGY STAR program.

[How to Measure HVAC Fan Airflow](#) (< 5 minutes each, watch on YouTube)

Watch these five short videos to see how to measure HVAC fan airflow - one critical commissioning task for ENERGY STAR certified homes.



## Upcoming Events & Trainings

### [2017 Annual Economic Forecast Luncheon](#)

Jan 18, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1777 Walker St, Houston, TX 77010

Sponsored by: Greater Houston Builders Association

### [BABA February Luncheon](#)

Sept 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

La Brisa Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr, League City, TX 77573

Sponsored by: Bay Area Builders Association

### [BABA March Luncheon](#)

Mar 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

La Brisa Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr, League City, TX 77573

Sponsored by: Bay Area Builders Association

### [Houston - HVAC - Getting it Right, 8 hours of TDLR approved education](#)

Dec 10, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Century Supply, 10510 West Sam Houston Parkway South, Houston, TX 77099

Sponsored by: Texas Air Conditioning Contractors of America (TACCA)

### [DFW - HVAC - Getting it Right, 8 hours of TDLR approved education](#)

Dec 10, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hampton Inn, 1600 Hurst Town Center Drive, Hurst, TX 76054

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