



2020 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program - Summer Newsletter





Welcome from the Texas-New Mexico Power Program Manager, Stefani Case

2020 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program Participants,

Happy Summer!

Please continue to work with your HERS Rater to ensure your homes are being submitted within 45 days of their permit date so we can process your homes and pay your incentives. Also, don't forget to take advantage of all our bonus measures available!

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Thank you for reading- and thank you for participating in the TNMP High-Performance Homes Program!

Stefani Case

Texas-New Mexico Power

High-Performance Homes Program Updates

Upcoming Milestones!

Milestone 3 is coming up at the end of September. At this point, we would like to see at least 85% of total homes submitted to the program. If there are any updates to your forecast, please communicate with our team to ensure maximum benefits.

Table 4 – Milestone Dates

Date	Performance Milestone Date Requirements
April 30, 2020	At least 20% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system; Homebuilder must have selected at least one preferred HERS Rater or Contractor to the online system.
June 30, 2020	At least 60% of total committed homes/systems must be entered on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
September 30, 2020	At least 85% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.
November 30, 2020	100% of total committed homes/systems must be invoiced on the Program's online system and the required documentation for the invoiced homes must be uploaded to the online system.

Bonus Measures

Some builders are still not taking advantage of these bonus incentives. Talk to your Rater and HVAC Contractor to maximize incentives!





\$50

**Smart
Thermostats**

Technical Bulletin - How to qualify for ENERGY STAR Certified Smart Thermostat BONUS

TECHNICAL BULLETIN:
ENERGY STAR® CERTIFIED SMART THERMOSTATS
 JUNE 2020

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Texas-New Mexico Power High Performance Homes Program will provide a \$50 rebate in 2020 for ENERGY STAR certified smart thermostats. The growing list of certified smart thermostats are available for reference anytime at the link below.

Please refer to the ENERGY STAR website for the most updated list of certified products:
<https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-connected-thermostats/>

There are three places where you can locate the serial number of a thermostat:

1. On the box
2. On the back of the display
3. In the settings of the thermostat

Ecobee 4



Honeywell Lyric T6 Pro Wi-Fi II



Nest Learning Thermostat



On the back of the Display:



Serial numbers can also be located through thermostat menus, to avoid taking the thermostat off the wall:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press the menu icon • Press "about" to display the serial number | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press the menu icon • Use > and < to go to DEVICE INFO • Press the v • Use > and < to display MAC ID | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press ring to show Quick View • Turn ring to SETTINGS and press ring • Turn ring to TECHNICAL INFO, press • Serial Number (MAC address) will be found under DISPLAY |
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On the box:

- Check the bottom or back of the box. You will find the serial numbers by the bar code following the letters "ESN" or "S/N"

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Home Office Trends to Adapt Work from Home in New Construction

As more people work from home due to COVID-19, residential energy use in the US is predicted to rise by up to 8%. Not only will home builders need to adapt extra rooms into office spaces that are well equipped for privacy but they'll also need to address the rising cost of home ownership by focusing on energy efficient features. Here is a list of top 3 features requested by homeowners and a few pictures to inspire your next project.

1. *Install ENERGY STAR Wifi enabled thermostats*

2. *Take advantage of natural light*

3. *Install LED lights*







Other News

CHB Homes Disrupts Traditional Home-Buying with New Virtual Capabilities¹

Sensor-Controlled Healthy Home²

6 Ways COVID-19 could Impact Housing Design³

¹https://www.builderonline.com/builder-100/marketing-sales/cbh-homes-disrupts-traditional-home-buying-with-new-virtual-capabilities_o?utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Article&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BP_050820&

²<https://www.eeba.org/sensor-controlled-healthy-home>

³https://www.builderonline.com/design/consumer-trends/six-ways-covid-19-could-impact-housing-design_o?utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Article&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BP_062520&

Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center



Challenge your team with FREE Online Learning!

Courses Available

The Art of Small Talk

Cataloged · Version 2 · Purchased Unlimited · Used 73

The Art Of Small Talk

The Art of Small Talk is no small matter! By perfecting the way you interact with your customers you'll have a BIG impact on your bottom line.

Objectives:

- perfect the way you interact with your customers
- impact your bottom line through engagement
- learn how small talk can benefit your sales relationships

Ventilation for ENERGY STAR New Homes

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Ventilation for ENERGY STAR New Homes

This 15 minute video broken into 5 parts will show you step by step how to measure and verify both whole house and spot ventilation within the house.

Objectives:

- Teach Raters how to evaluate Ventilation air flow of exhaust only systems
- Teach Raters how to evaluate Ventilation airflow in a supply side system
- Teach Raters what products are available on the market for completing this work

Click on the link to go to the EELC⁴ to register and take an online course today!

⁴https://texaseelc.learnupon.com/users/sign_in

If you do not have access to the EELC or want access for additional staff, please email christine.couch@icf.com⁵.

Don't miss out on Tier Incentives with ENERGY STAR! It is easy to participate, ask your Rater about ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR helps builders comply with Tiers using ENERGY STAR v 3.1

87% of consumers recognize the ENERGY STAR logo and associate it with energy-efficiency. Are you leveraging the marketing and building science benefits of being an ENERGY STAR builder? Become an ENERGY STAR Builder Partner today and join the thousands of builders across the US! Watch the video and click here⁶ to learn more.



<https://youtu.be/x5U1H2Jk10k>

Upcoming Bay Area Builders Association Events

BABA Forecast Luncheon Webinar

Register here⁷.

⁵<https://christine.couch@icf.com>

⁶https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_v4_benefits_builders

⁷<https://members.ghba.org/eventcalendar/Details/baba-forecast-webinar-138159?sourceTypeld=Website>

Bay Area Forecast Webinar

Join us to hear David Jarvis discuss the Bay Area forecast for the next couple of years as we work our way through and past COVID-19.



Tuesday, August 4
*ZOOM WEBINAR
12:00pm

featuring:



David Jarvis
SENIOR VP, JOHN BURNS REAL ESTATE CONSULTING

David has more than 25 years of real estate and home building experience in a variety of concentration including land acquisition and development, land planning, home building, commercial real estate and residential sales.

Prior to joining John Burns Real Estate Consulting, David Jarvis worked as Executive Vice President of McAlister Investment Real Estate, a real estate investment firm focused principally on undeveloped land parcels in the metropolitan markets of Texas and the Sun Belt states. David managed McAlister Investment Real Estate acquisitions, coordinates deal structure, and conducted market research. David served as Houston Director for an information technology company where he directed their Houston Advisory service and Consulting Services for the state of Texas. Additionally, he is a Licensed Broker in the State of Texas. David holds both the CCIM and MIRM education designations. David received his Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from the DePaul University.

REGISTER NOW

MEMBERS:

\$20

NONMEMBERS:

\$30

TICKETS:

[https://members.ghba.org/
eventcalendar](https://members.ghba.org/eventcalendar)

INFO/SPONSORSHIPS:

Contact Peggy Means

pmeans@ghba.org

281-664-1431

Refunds for cost of participation are only available if cancellation notice is provided at least 7 days prior to the event.

Payment is required at time of registration.

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BABA Fishing Tournament

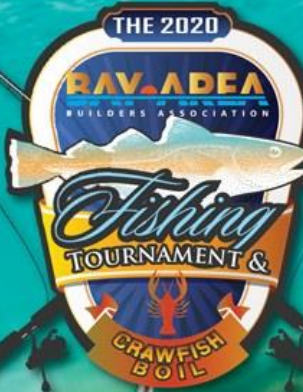
Register here⁸.

⁸<https://members.ghba.org/eventcalendar/Details/baba-fishing-tournament-138960?sourceTypeld=Website>

Fri., Sept. 25th
Waterman's
Marina

14302 Stewart Rd B, Galveston, TX 7755

Hook up
your team
today!



Tournament Entry Fee Options:
The entry fee for each team: \$600.00
\$1,250 for a Guided Team
(Fishing license is required.)

TEAM ENTRIES NO LATER THAN SEPT. 1, 2020!

Tournament starts at 7 am • Weigh-in from 1 pm to 3 pm • Crawfish served from 1 pm to 5 pm

Team Members: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

TEAM FEE \$600 **Non-Guided Team** (To be added to your total charge.) Includes tickets for the Crawfish Boil.
OPTIONS: \$1,250 **Guided Team** (To be added to your total charge.) Includes tickets for the Crawfish Boil.

Additional Crawfish Boil Tickets Needed: _____ @ \$55/ each = \$ _____

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Builders Association

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FAX REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO (281) 970-8971 CONTACT PEGGY MEANS AT (281) 664-1431 or pmeans@ghba.org

Webinars and Resources



SPEER⁹

MetroStudy¹⁰

RESNET¹¹

NAHB¹²

RESTalk Podcast! Check it out!

NEW

EPISODES:

- **EP 51: Emergency Virtual Inspection and Alternative Testing Protocols**
- **EP 48: The Impact of Recent Energy Code Changes on HERS Raters and Builders**
- **EP 39: RESNET QA Team update with Laurel Elam, Scott Doyle & Billy Giblin**

⁹<https://eepartnership.org/events/events/#!calendar>

¹⁰<https://www.metrostudy.com/>

¹¹<https://www.resnet.us/resources/>

¹²https://nahbnow.com/2020/04/some-cities-keep-construction-going-via-virtual-inspections/?_ga=2.169796897.1284271972.1587649744-932427462.1585659136



iTunes¹³

Stitcher¹⁴

Google Play¹⁵

¹³<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/restalk/id1393675161?mt=2>

¹⁴<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/bryan-orr-3/restalk>

¹⁵<https://play.google.com/music/listen#/ps/Im7ncpavfvcxnasyab3insnff52y>



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