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HBAWC E-NEWS – October 16, 2007

Dated to remember

Thursday, October 18, Board of Directors 4pm-HBAWC Office

Tuesday, October 23, Home Show Committee - 11:30am-The Grille at Park Circle

Thursday, October 25, General Membership Meeting- Richardson's -Social 5:30pm

HOME SHOW 2008 - March will be here before we know it, and with it our annual Home Show. Due to an early registration mailed to 2007 exhibitors, the Show is already half sold out. Registration forms have been mailed and reservations are coming in. If you missed the early registration and want to participate, keep in mind that Home Show 2007 was sold out well prior to the show dates. If you don't want to wait for the mailing you can access Show information on the HBAWC website by clicking here

<http://www.hbaofwashingtoncounty.org/homeshow2008.htm>. We are still actively looking for sponsors for Home Show 2008—long time sponsor Shawley's LP Gas has already agreed to return as a sponsor. Please keep in mind that our sponsors are product/.service exclusive - in that only one sponsor will be accepted from each company type. If you are interested please contact the HBAWC office. **The 2008 Home Show Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 23 at The Grille at Park Circle starting at 11:30am—lunch will be provided. Any HBAWC member wishing to participate on the Committee is welcome to attend.**

Excise Tax- as you are aware a committee was formed as dictated by the Legislation allowing the BOCC to remove the cap from the current tax. That Committee presented its report to the BOCC last Tuesday. To view the report as well as the handouts included (which show the tax collected as well as the number of permits issued over the past several years) and the suggested revisions to the current Ordinance please [follow this link](#) or visit the HBAWC website at www.hbaofwashingtoncounty.org and click on the Advocacy Tab and then Local Issues. The BOCC requested time be scheduled for additional discussion on the issue. The primary discussion will center on whether the BOCC will reduce the tax to the recommended \$2.00 per square foot of living space (including basements). It is however, likely that they will approve a tax on additions beyond the current requirement of adding 50% of living space. The BOCC must complete their discussion and make a final report to the Delegation by the end of the month.

Safe Place Benefit & Auction - we will once again be holding our Benefit Concert & Auction for Safe Place - the 4th Annual. This year's show will once again feature Nashville Legends EXILE - *this event can only be a success if we have sponsors* - if you are interested in any level of sponsorship please contact the office. The last three shows have been a huge success thanks to the support of our members and the community. In addition to our annual event we have been afforded the opportunity to obtain autographed items at *Downtown Live* from a National rock band, CLUTCH, who has a huge National fan base (they have been known to sell out large venues in a matter of hours). Members of the band do not often give out full band autographs, however they have agreed to sign any of the items we bring to the event, and they are donating 20 autographed tour posters. These items will be offered on a separate private on-line auction placed on the HBAWC website. Promotion for these items will be done by several CLUTCH fans who have agreed to get the word out. We have already received offers to buy items outright, sight unseen, so it is anticipated that these items will do extremely well for Safe Place.

HBAWC Holiday Celebration & Wacky Gift Exchange - the date for our annual celebration has been changed—the new date is **Friday, December 7-** the evening features our annual wacky gift exchange. Flyers will be going out next month—remember spouses and significant others are more than welcome to attend this non-business event!