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April HBA Newsletter

This is a renewal year for Flagler County authorized contractors. There will be notices sent out in the middle of July in order to give you plenty of opportunity to renew before the September 30, 2009 deadline. One renewal notice will be sent by mail. If there has been an address change for your business since the issuance of your license, please let us know so that we have all of your current information. This will not only allow for the renewal notice to be sent but with your current e-mail on file you will receive notification of changes in policies, procedures, forms and other issues pertinent to staying updated thus saving time and money.

Prior to your renewal, please verify that your licensing file is up to date with the applicable documents dictated by your type of license. The following documents must be current and on file in order to process your renewal: State registration, Qualifying Business License (QB), liability and workers compensation insurance (Comp. exemption if applicable). Some may be required to renew your state registrations, be sure to start early to avoid delays in processing your local renewal.

There are additional fees associated with late renewals after September 30, 2009. You must renew your license in order to continue contracting in Flagler County. If you have questions related to renewals please feel free to contact Ramona at (386) 313-4085 or 313-4003. The intent of this portion of the newsletter is to provide as much notice as possible to avoid delays in permitting and the ability to obtain required inspections.

The new pool requirements have brought to light a couple issues related to master files and proposed dynamic head calculations for some pool installations. Master filing is for the structural portions of the pools only. An approved methodology is required to be demonstrated for the dynamic head calculations for pipe sizes, pipe lengths and proposed equipment for the individual sites. Master files are not for those types of site specific issues. Please understand when clarification of discrepancies is requested when the information is different on the master files and the other documents provided. You can take steps ahead of time to avoid delays such as removing items from the plans that can no longer be master filed. A simplified TDH worksheet is available on the Flagler County website and at Central Permitting for your convenience and use. Remember that specific language was added to the 2007 codes that a final electric and pool barrier inspection is required to be approved prior to filling the pool with water. Gauges must be in place on both the vacuum and pressure sides for inspection. Pump and filter make, model and location cannot be changed without submitting revised plans and documents including but not limited to the revised TDH work sheet for review and approval. All reviewed revisions must be on site for inspections.

July 1, 2009 still looks to be the implementation date of the 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code. Please take the required actions to reference the correct code on permit submittal packages submitted after that date. That is important for record keeping and enforcement of the proper codes through installations on site, plan review and inspections.

All product approvals need to reference the 2007 building code and/or be located on the 2007 code version of the product approval web site for projects submitted after March 1, 2009. Outdated references will result in denial and delay the process.

This year Building Safety week has been designated as May 3-9. By the time you read this, it may already be passed; however it is important to remember building safety is not just for one week. Building Safety is for the life span of the building or structure. Oftentimes we emphasize the role of inspectors and plan reviewers for the enforcement of the building and life safety codes and that should not be overlooked. My emphasis at this time is on you-the builder, developer, contractor, designer and sub contractor who spend their lives contributing to the safety of those who occupy places we all live, work and play in on a daily basis. I have stated this before and will do so again that the combined efforts of designers, contractors, plan reviewers and inspectors are the essential elements for the general health, safety and welfare of the public. When issues go astray during construction processes, the combined efforts of all stakeholders with safety at the forefront is what leads to success. Never underestimate the contribution and responsibility that you have in your role of public safety not just during one week but every day and do not be offended if we identify issues on your site. We are in this together. Thank you on behalf of the Flagler County Building Department for taking your role seriously.

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