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Special Notes to AOBA Members

Website Work Continues: Please bear with us as we continue work on our new website. Within the next eight weeks, members will notice many enhancements... including more user-friendly registration for all AOBA events! We appreciate your patience during this interim phase. For now, please feel free to email jclarke@aoba-metro.org to register for an upcoming program.



Going Green Vendor List in Development

Owner/Managers: AOBA is currently developing a list of eco-friendly vendors for the Going Green section of our website, and we need your help! We are compiling a list of eco-friendly vendors including consulting firms, construction firms, engineers and energy companies. We'd like to know which companies you use for renovations, construction, LEED assistance or other green projects. Please email aobacommunications@aoba-metro.org with contact information and a brief synopsis of services for inclusion in our vendor database.

Questions? Contact Marie Tibor at mtibor@aoba-metro.org.

Associate Members: If your company identifies itself as being "green," please let us know ASAP! Send your contact information and a brief synopsis of your green services/products for inclusion on our List of Green Vendors. Questions? Contact Marie Tibor at mtibor@aoba-metro.org.

Maryland General Assembly

The General Assembly passed the halfway mark last Thursday, February 21, 2008. To date, 2,510 bills have been introduced: 951 from the Senate and 1,559 from the House. The bill introduction deadlines for both houses have passed. Any legislation sought to be introduced must now first be sent to the Rules Committee of each chamber, and then referred to a standing committee for consideration.

Early AOBA Victories

With the 2008 Session a little more than a month old, hearings are in full swing and bills are being voted on by the dozens. With voting comes success and failure; luckily for AOBA's membership, we have seen more of the former. So far, AOBA has effectively defeated two high-priority bills originating in Metropolitan Washington. One such bill introduced in the House of

