



*Front Row:* Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, Senate President Mike Miller, Governor Martin O'Malley, Speaker of the House Mike Busch.  
*Back Row:* Bill sponsors Delegate Pam Beidle, Delegate Cathy Vitale, Michael Harrison, Mike Baldwin, Katie Maloney.

## HOUSE BILL 630 PASSES!

MRGBC members celebrated passage of HB 630, which adds the ICC 700 Silver, Gold and Emerald certifications as equivalent to LEED for Homes Silver, Gold and Platinum. Now that the State of Maryland recognizes this certification standard, Council members and HBAM Chapters will lobby local jurisdictions to include the ICC 700 in existing and proposed tax credit programs. This is a significant recognition of the National Green Building Standard. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this happen!

## Upcoming Events

### Business Management for Building Professionals

May 17, 2011, 8 am - 5 pm

NAHB Members, \$300

Non-Members, \$375

For more info, contact:

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### Green Building Breakfast Panel Discussions and Networking Opportunities

Join MRGBC members and others interested in green building for breakfast and a panel discussion by industry professionals who have developed, built, and renovated homes to green certification standards. Hear how they did it and what they learned, and come with your questions on how you too can incorporate green into your projects.

## Bob Ward Companies opens new NGBS Certified Community in Carroll County

by Joe Gregory, Purchasing Manager,  
Bob Ward Companies

**BOB WARD** Companies is proud to announce our new community, Greenvale Mews in Westminster, Md. Greenvale Mews is an active adult community with a great location for all the conveniences that everyone would want especially the active adult. The community is close to downtown Westminster where you can enjoy walking around the town and visiting the local shops and restaurants. If you prefer the large shopping mall then Cranberry Mall is for you. Greenvale Mews is also

close to colleges, museums, and medical facilities.

**ALL HOMES** in Greenvale Mews will be "Green" certified to the ICC 700 National Green Building Standard by the NAHB Research Center. This will be one of the first, if not THE first, green certified community in Carroll County. What this means to the buyer is lower operating and maintenance costs, a healthier home with better indoor air quality and since all homes are verified by an independent third party, the home will operate as designed. A green certified home is designed and built as a system.

The home is built tighter with additional insulation and as a result requires additional ventilation to provide a healthy home. Water saving plumbing fixtures and energy efficient electric fixtures are used throughout the home to save on our dwindling resources and materials were chosen not just by cost but how will they enhance and add to the home's overall looks and performance. Green building is careful building.



### Welcome New MRGBC Members:

Steven Tripp  
Brandon Tenland  
Bill McBride

Chaney Enterprises  
Sherwin-Williams and Duron Paints & Wallcoverings  
Williamsburg Group LLC

### Certified Green Developments

June 23, 2011

Breakfast Panel Discussion  
and Networking 8:30 – 9:30

Speakers: Craftsmen  
Developers, Mandrin Homes

Free to MRGBC Members, \$10  
for all other HBAM members

### Certified Green Homes – New Construction

September 22, 2011

Breakfast Panel Discussion  
and Networking 8:30 – 9:30

Speakers: TBD

Free to MRGBC Members, \$10  
for all other HBAM members

### Certified Green Renovations

December 8, 2011

Breakfast Panel Discussion  
and Networking 8:30 – 9:30

Speakers: Tim Ellis and others

Free to MRGBC Members, \$10  
for all other HBAM members