

Note to CT REALTORS® May 17, 2021

CTR recognizes the CDC has relaxed mask guidance for vaccinated persons and the state is opening up more for businesses along with family gatherings inside of homes. However, extensive parts of the population are not yet vaccinated including children and those with medical conditions that don't yet allow for vaccination. While our guidance is only voluntary, CTR continues to advise the best practices are: (1) to avoid hosting broker and public open houses due to the volume of strangers who may or may not be vaccinated entering homes of those who may or may not be vaccinated; and (b) to continue to limit the number who enter homes at the same time for the safety of your clients, other agents, the individuals/families who live in the homes and our own families.

MAY

19 - ZOOM Lunch & Learn - [Agents In The Matrix | The Awesomeness of Virtual and Augmented Reality - Pre recorded presentation](#) by: [Matthew Rathbun](#) - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**20 - Ethics Hearing by Zoom MFCAR office
10:00 AM**

**21 - MFCAR Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 AM**

**26 - [MFCAR ZOOM General Meeting](#)
[Guest Speaker Kathy Elson](#)
[Chief Executive Officer - SmartMLS](#)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**27 - Wilton High School Scholarship Award
Virtual Presentation**

31 - Board Office Closed Memorial Day

JUNE

**2 - ZOOM Lunch & Learn - [Video Strategy to Secure Real Estate Leads Quickly pre recorded presentation](#) by: [Marki Lemons Ryhal](#)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**3 - Norwalk High School Scholarship Award
Virtual Presentation**

**3 - Brien McMahon High School Scholarship
Award Virtual Presentation**

8 - [CT REAL ESTATE LAW FOR BROKERS AND](#)

President's Update

Dear MFCAR Members,

In our recent survey, members asked us to explain how the annual dues are broken down. The yearly dues invoice itemizes the local, state and national portions.



The **MFCAR, Local** portion is \$210.00 and has been this amount since 2013. Previously, from 2000-2012 it was \$200.00. Your dues pay for: Building and Maintenance, Staffing, Programming & Education, Scholarships, Community Involvement, Professional Standards and New Member Orientations.

The **CTR, State** portion is \$265.00, which was raised from \$165.00 on 2020 invoice.

From January to September 2019, members were able to participate in a **Call for Action** to waive the \$100.00 increase from their 2020 CTR dues invoice.

MFCAR had 289 members eligible to pay the \$165.00 fee last year while approximately, 767 paid \$265.00. CTR told us last year that the fee will stay at \$265 in 2021.

The **CTR, State** dues pay for: CTR-TV, Forms, PSCS Overview Class, Professional Standards Seminar, 2021 Local Board Spokesperson Training, Book Club, Legal Alerts and Hotline, Calls for Action, Raymond Gates Scholarship Program, Inman News Subscription, Governing Documents/Policies, State & Local REALTOR® of the Year Awards, Leadership Meetings.

The **NAR, National** portion is \$185.00. The \$150.00 is Member Dues which pays for: \$4.61 Transaction/Forms Platform, \$67.00 for Advocacy, \$11.69 is for REALTORS® Property Resource (RPR), \$18.23 Member and Consumer Communications, Marketing and Events and Media Communications, \$48.47 Administrative, the

[SALESPERSONS CE Class via ZOOM](#)

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Instructed by : Terry Hastings

16 - MFCAR Zoom General Meeting

[Clear Cooperation - presented by:](#)

[Rodney Gansho, NAR, Director of Engagement](#)

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

22 - [CT REAL ESTATE LAW FOR BROKERS](#)

[AND SALESPERSONS CE Class via ZOOM](#)

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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- [APRIL NEW MEMBERS](#)
- [2022 CE REQUIREMENTS](#)
- [JUNE CE CLASSES](#)
- [ETHICS CORNER](#)

FAST Stats

- [MFCAR Board Stats Report April 2021](#)
- [Fairfield April 2021](#)
- [Norwalk April 2021](#)
- [Weston April 2021](#)
- [Westport April 2021](#)
- [Wilton April 2021](#)

Carol's News

Complaint Process

If you have a complaint about another agent please email or call me to discuss. MFCAR has a complaint process which we have outlined on our website.

<https://mfcар.com/complaint-processes/>



Remember to Sign Up for Text Alerts

Lawmakers are still considering a proposed new buyers conveyance tax. [Listen](#) to how and why this issue matters. CTR will alert you when additional action is needed. If you haven't already, register for the CTR Text Alert System at ctrealtors.com/text.



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remaining \$35.00 is for Consumer Ad Campaign Special Assessment.

The [Raymond Gates Scholarship](#) and [Political Advocacy Fund](#) are voluntary options that we hope you will add to your dues - they are extremely worthy causes.

We aim to be completely transparent with our membership, so we hope this helps you understand your annual dues.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW DUES INVOICE](#)



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Date	1/1/2021
Invoice#	2021-2091
NRDS #	

PAY ONLINE at www.mfcар.com click on PAY DUES.
Login = NRDS# (digits only, see box above)
Password = Last Name (only first letter capitalized i.e., Smith)

PAYMENT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2021

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PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	Amount
Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS® Mandatory	210.00
Connecticut REALTORS® Mandatory	265.00
National Association of REALTORS® Mandatory	185.00
Raymond Gates Scholarship - Voluntary	10.00
Political Advocacy - Voluntary	25.00

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MFCAR

TOTAL: \$695.00

The portions of 2020 dues used for lobbying expenses and not deductible for federal income tax: NAR-\$57, CTR-\$103.
The Voluntary Political Advocacy contribution of \$25 is not tax deductible. Voluntary contributions are split 70% to the CTR Issues Advocacy Fund and 30% to the NAR Political Fund (PAF); and used for state issues and other political purposes.
Gates Scholarship Contribution is deductible for income tax purposes.
The Raymond F. Gates, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1976 in memory of Raymond F. Gates, Jr. following his tragic death in an automobile accident. Mr. Gates was the Executive Vice President of the Connecticut REALTORS®. Originally the fund was intended to assist Mr. Gates' children through college. Once this objective was met, the fund was expanded to benefit the children of REALTORS®, REALTOR-ASSOCIATES®, local Board/Association staff and CTR staff. Over the past 45 years, children of REALTORS® have been awarded scholarships totaling more than \$800,000!

I authorize MFCAR to text me re: Class/Event cancellation.

Cell Phone #: _____
Cell Phone Carrier: _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ CVV _____
NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____ (VISA) (MC) (DISC) (AMEX)
COMPLETE BILLING ADDRESS _____

Remember to use [#mfcарmovingtogether](#) for all of your social media postings and show your commitment to being a local REALTOR® in our area – whether it is a contribution to the community or helping clients.

Stay safe and healthy,
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Nadine Tanen
2021 MFCAR President



**REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR
TODAY'S**

**Agents In The Matrix
The Awesomeness of Virtual and
Augmented Reality**

ZOOM LUNCH & LEARN

**Wednesday, May 19th
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us for this previously recorded meeting
presented by:
[Matthew Rathbun](#)



Join us as we explore the various technologies and products that can help you stay productive. You may have heard the phrase Virtual Reality or Augmented Reality, but never really considered what it is other than some cool 3D tours on a website. This session explores what vendors offer Virtual Reality experiences and how to get those tours in front of your clients.

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SMART M L S



**MFCAR Zoom General
Membership Meeting**

Guest Speaker: Kathy Elson

**Chief Executive
Officer SmartMLS**

**Wednesday, May 26th
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

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**Video Strategy to Secure Real
Estate Leads Quickly**

ZOOM LUNCH & LEARN

**Wednesday, June 2nd
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us for this previously recorded meeting
presented by:
[Marki Lemons Ryhal](#)



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Be a Video Superstar! Stop being afraid of video. You can build a bigger audience than you ever thought possible. Take a detailed look at what it takes to create video content that generates leads in today's online market. From Instagram to Instagram Stories and Facebook to Facebook Live, you will learn what



RODNEY GANSHO, Director of Engagement | National Association of REALTORS®

Rodney Gansho joined the National Association of REALTORS® in 1990 as a Policy Review Coordinator. Since that time, he has worked exclusively in the Member Policy Department, most recently as Director of Association and MLS Governance. Rodney is the staff executive for Multiple Listing Issues and Policies Committee and the MLS Technology and Emerging Issues Advisory Board.

MFCAR ZOOM General Meeting Topic: Clear Cooperation

Guest Speaker by: **Rodney Gansho, NAR, Director of Engagement**

**Wednesday, June 16th
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

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MFCAR COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

Join one of our committees and help us plan a fantastic 2021! Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

- *Affiliate*
- *Communications*
- *Education*
- *Giving Back*
- *Grassroots/Legislative/Political Affairs*
- *Grievance*
- *Membership*
- *Professional Standards*
- *Program/Hospitality*
- *RPAC (Political Fundraising)*
- *Social Media*
- *YPN (Young Professionals Network)*

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please [click here for our 2021 Committee Application](#). Please email Carol if you have questions, return completed forms to carolheins@mfcars.com or fax to 203-226-7390.

2021 C2EX CHALLENGE
Rev up your skill set and rock your association's chance to become a C2EX Challenge champion – **earn your Endorsement today!**
Competition runs April 1 - October 1.

Amp up your career and get ready to get deals done! Get started at [C2EX.realtor](#).

Not sure what C2EX is?
[Click here to find out!](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

[MFCAR Affiliate Members](#)
[Department of Consumer Protection](#)
[Connecticut License Verification](#)
[CTR Attorneys](#)
[Code of Ethics Cycles](#)
[Check Your Code of Ethics Status](#)
[NAR REALTOR® Membership Card](#)
[CTR REALTOR® Member Benefits](#)
[NAR REALTOR® Benefits Program](#)

[CTR Text Alerts](#)
[NAR Text Alerts](#)
[REALTOR® Party Mobile Alerts](#)
[RPAC](#)
[RPAC Invest](#)
[Documents/Forms/Links](#)
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[Emeritus Status Application Process](#)
[2022 CE Requirements](#)



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