



MFCAR APRIL UPDATE

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APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH



Discrimination in the real estate industry is real and ongoing. As community leaders, real estate professionals have an opportunity to be a part of equitable and inclusive change.

Fair Housing Month signifies a recommitment to advancing equitable opportunities and expanding homeownership.

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Visit nar.realtor/FHM for recommendations on books, videos, and other additional ways to embrace Fair Housing Month.

Dear MFCAR Members:

We have some great events planned; we hope you will attend.

Mark Your Calendars for the following dates:

- National Association of REALTORS® "Riding with the Brand" Nationwide Tour comes to Connecticut. The Connecticut event in Hartford will be on **Monday, May 15, 2023**. Transportation options will be presented soon.



(Flyer in email below)

- MFCAR will be holding a Shredding Event on **May 20, 2023, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**, more details will come shortly.
- Mark your calendars for a Spring Social Event on **Wednesday, May 24th**, time and location details to follow.
- Save The Date!! Our summer event will be our **Clambake at Compo Beach** on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023 4pm-7pm** with a rain date of **Thursday, July 27, 2023**.

Connecticut Legislative meetings are in full force. It is important that we communicate with our legislators, issues important to our real estate business and clients. The best way to accomplish this is to be sure you are signed up for text messaging notifications from CT REALTORS®.

Just go to www.ctrealtors.com/text to sign up.

Remember, you can sell or buy used SUPRA Keyboxes through our board office, contact them for details.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mid-Fairfield Board of REALTORS®

Best,
Ken

Ken D'Arinzo
2022-2023 President, Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS®



REMINDER

TOMORROW, **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH @ 10:00 AM** is our ZOOM General Membership Meeting with Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Lawrence Yun

National Association of REALTORS® Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of Research.

This meeting is capped at 100 ZOOM participants, to make this meeting available to more members we ask that you gather with friends and colleagues to watch together, if possible, under one registration link leaving room for more participants. Once 100 participants have joined the meeting you will be unable to attend so plan on clicking the join meeting link by 9:50 AM. You will be placed in the waiting room until we are ready to start the meeting. We will record the meeting and email it to the membership for those unable to attend.

"Economic and Real Estate Market Outlook"

Dr. Yun will discuss the following, with a special emphasis on your local market.

- Recent developments in the national and local housing market
- The direction of home prices in the next 12 to 24 months
- Comparisons with past housing cycles

- **Economic backdrop**
- **Forecast of economy and housing market**

CLICK TO REGISTER

Get CTR's Legislative Updates by Text

Sign up for CTR's text messaging program and help protect our industry!

In order to take action regarding bills that may need our attention before June, please sign up for text messaging! Texting is the most effective method for fast action to protect our industry and fight for property owner's rights.



[SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES](#)

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity is hosting a regionwide webinar **Paws for Thought** on April 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

The focus will be on how to navigate reasonable accommodation with animals, aligning with fair housing.

Registration: Please register by clicking one of the links in the email below. Once a participant is registered, they will receive an email with the event link to join the webinar.

Please note, this event is sponsored by HUD, MFCAR is unable to answer question about this webinar.



SAVE THE DATE APRIL 26TH



US Department of Housing and Urban Development
New England FHEO Presents
Animals and Fair Housing -Paws for Thought
Navigating Reasonable Accommodations

Paws for **THOUGHT**

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 26 | ONLINE 10AM TO 11AM



Please [Register today](#) and join us for a HUD presentation by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity on April 26th from 10 – 11 am. The presentation will focus on how to navigate reasonable accommodation with animals, aligning with fair housing.

[Register](#) by April 24, 2023

MFCAR Office Note - Core Standards Question J



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MAY 15, 2023

11 AM - 4 PM | CT Convention Center, Hartford

Join CTR for this FREE event - open to CT REALTORS® members, association executives and individual affiliate members of CTR or a local board/association.

INCLUDED: Parking, Keynote Speaker/Sessions, Boxed Lunch, Networking Reception with a Live Band, High End Prizes, NAR's Riding with the Brand Bus, Motorcycle and more!

Prizes!

All CT REALTORS® members who attend will automatically be entered to win amazing "riding" prizes including an Electric Bike, a Peloton, a Mountain Bike and a variety of gift cards!

Recognition for Cancer Survivors

A special wellness portion of this event will be dedicated to encouraging early detection/screening and celebrating our members who are also cancer survivors.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Registrations will be accepted until May 1, 2023 unless the event sells out earlier. No on-site registrations.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER @ CTR](#)



Marki Lemons-Ryhal will present:
**Efficiency Boost: 13 Ways to Use
AI and ChatGPT in Real Estate©**



Robert Siciliano will present:
**Hackers, Attackers and Thieves:
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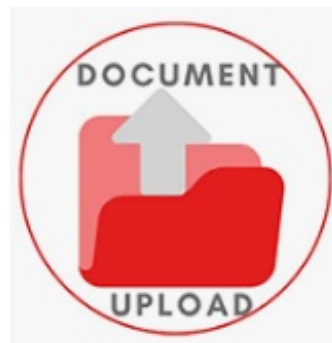
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Listing Agreement Requirement

As of **Monday, April 17, 2023**, you must upload a copy of either your Listing Agreement or the Listing Agreement Compliance Certification before you will be able to activate a new listing. The required paperwork must be uploaded while the listing is in the Incomplete status.

Feel free to reach out to us at SMARTMLS at 203-750-6000 with any questions.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR 2024 CE REQUIREMENTS & DUE DATE

As you know your Continuing Education (CE) is due on even-numbered renewal years and as of this renewal all CE Classes MUST BE COMPLETED

90 DAYS PRIOR TO RENEWING YOUR LICENSE.

- **THE CONNECTICUT DCP HAS ONE MANDATORY CE CLASS FOR THIS RENEWAL** which is **CT REAL ESTATE AGENCY LAW**. In addition you will need to take **Nine hours** of real estate elective courses.
- **AS ALWAYS NAR MANDATES ALL REALTORS® MUST TAKE CODE OF ETHICS EVERY 3 YEARS.** If you take **Code of Ethics** it would count as one of your 3 hour elective classes. We are currently in Cycle 7 which runs from 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024. **Login to NAR** to check your Code of Ethics Status or give us a call at 203-227-4418 to inquire if you should take Code of Ethics for this CE Cycle.
- Alternatively, licensees may opt to pass the 40-question Connecticut CE Examination during the CE cycle. Contact PSI Examination Services (the testing company) directly: 1-800-733-9267. **NOTE: When calling PSI to schedule, be sure to specify that you want the "40 Question" exam in order to renew your CT license.**

Salespersons: 12 hours of CE credits must be completed by **MARCH 1st, 2024**, which is 90 days prior to license expiration date. Salespersons licenses expire annually on May 31st.

Brokers: 12 hours of CE credits must be completed by **September 1st, 2024** which is 90 days prior to your new license expiration date of November 30th.

Am I required to complete CE?

All license holders must complete CE prior to every even-year renewal. You are only exempt if you PASSED A FULL LICENSING EXAM during the CE period. The 2024 CE renewal period for Salespersons is 6/1/22-5/31/24 and for Brokers is TBD.

What if I am a reciprocal license holder?

Connecticut DOES NOT EXEMPT ANYONE from completion of Connecticut specific continuing education. You must complete approved courses via a CT approved school and retain your certificates of completion for a minimum of 4 years. If you have taken CE in your primary state, you can submit the information to DCP for consideration 90-days prior to deadline. Scan and email to dcp.realestate@ct.gov or fax to 860-706-1317. To be approved, EACH course must be a minimum of 3 hours and be taken during the current CT CE cycle. There is NO equivalency credit toward the mandatory course(s).

What if I am a referral only agent?

All license holders must complete CE. Choosing to only utilize your license for referrals does NOT exempt you from Connecticut CE requirements.

Used Keyboxes for Sale

We have 28 used Keyboxes for sale at the MFCAR Board Office. The keyboxes are priced at \$70.00 each. Payment is made directly to the seller by Cash, Check or in some cases payment can be made by Venmo or Zelle. If you need keyboxes and want to save \$38.00 a keybox instead of paying the SmartMLS \$108.00 give us a call at 203-227-4418.



Additionally, if you have extra Keyboxes you'd like us to sell for you bring them to

us with a list of serial numbers, your name, cell, email, amount you want to charge and payment preference. If you accept Venmo or Zelle payments you'll need to provide us your scan code or payment information.

Please note the seller pays MFCAR a \$10.00 fee payable by cash or check for each keybox we sell.

CT REALTORS® Handling Statewide Professional Standards Administration

MFCAR has signed on with the new CT REALTORS® (CTR) Statewide Professional Standards program. You can learn more about timely options for resolving disputes, or how to file an ethics or arbitration complaint by going to <http://ctrealtors.com/complaints>.

There is also a Statewide Citation Policy where Respondents have the option to pay a fine and go to education in lieu of a hearing for certain ethics violations. If you have any questions, email prostandards@ctrealtors.com.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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| <u>Connecticut License Verification</u> | <u>Real Estate Continuing Education</u> | <u>Code of Ethics Cycles</u> |
| <u>Check Your Code of Ethics Status</u> | <u>Department of Consumer Protection</u> | <u>MFCAR WEBSITE Documents Forms & Links</u> |

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