



MFCAR JUNE UPDATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bridgewater Chocolate MFCAR Member Event June 29th 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

MFCAR Clambake July 26th Raindate July 27th - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CE SHOP ONE DAY SALE TODAY ONLY



Valid 6/21 until 11:59 PM CT. Prices, promotions, and products are subject to change without notice.
This promotion is only valid on real estate and mortgage products.

Dear MFCAR Members:

Hello Fellow MFCAR REALTORS®:

Summer is here!! We hope you will attend the MFCAR Summer Clambake. It is a perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends, new friends and it will be a great networking opportunity. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 26th, from 4pm - 7pm. I hope to see you there.

Despite the wet conditions, we held a successful shredding event on May 20th.



We appreciate and thank our affiliates that sponsored the event, Derrick Martinez of JunkLuggers, Lisa Gioffre Baird of Gioffre & Gioffre, Gary Stone of Homeguard Environmental and Maja Sholler of The Patch Boys. Thanks to MFCAR volunteer Mary Hamill, Board of Directors Annette, Tom, Jon, Kim-Marie, Donna, and myself, along with our MFCAR Office Staff Carol, Danielle and Anissa.

National Association of REALTORS® “Riding with the Brand” Nationwide Tour came to Connecticut. The Connecticut event was held in Hartford on May 15th. We had the pleasure of hearing from our governor, our state REALTOR® president, and presentations on Artificial Intelligence and cyber security.

TWO VERY IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

The Connecticut Board of REALTORS® has passed two initiatives that are important to our industry and our clients:

First, 1.5 Million dollars will be spent on a state-wide multimedia ad program promoting that we are the “Voice of Real Estate” in Connecticut
Secondly, to provide an increase in inventory, 1 million dollars is being earmarked for a sellers’ incentive program that will provide a credit at closing to sellers, up to \$5000, for sales listed in our MLS, and sold to an owner occupied buyer. Details are being finalized and additional partners, such as the State of Connecticut are being sought.

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 discounted SUPRA keyboxes through our board office, contact them for details.

Thank you for supporting the Mid Fairfield County Association of REALTOR®s.

Best,
Ken

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



You're Invited!

Realtor's Night **Hosted By Bridgewater Chocolate**

June 29th · 4:30 PM · Westport, CT

Mark your calendars for **June 29th at 4:30 PM**. Join us for champagne, appetizers, and a chance to win our lavish 3-Tier Tower, exclusively available to attending MFCAR REALTOR® and Affiliate Members. Plus, you can enjoy a delightful **10% discount** on any future orders, including client gifts, closing gifts, and more, when you mention MFCAR (Mid-Fairfield County Association of Realtors) with any orders placed at our Westport location.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to indulge in delicious chocolate while elevating your real estate skills!



Parker Harding Plaza, 165 Main Street, Westport, CT 06880



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**JOIN US FOR OUR MOST FUN
EVENT OF THE YEAR!
MFCAR CLAMBAKE**

**Invite your friends, family &
work colleagues!**

JULY 26 RAINDATE JULY 27

4:00 - 7:00

**Compo Beach - 60 Compo Beach
Road - West End of South Beach**

Meal includes your choice of: 1 1/4
Pound Lobster, Swordfish, Chicken or
Steak.

Also included: Shrimp Cocktail, Maine
Steamers & Mussels, Corn on the Cob,
Rhode Island Clam Chowder, Cole
Slaw, Potato Salad, Garden Salad &
Watermelon & 2 Drink Tickets for
Beer, Wine, Water or Soda.

\$66.00 per person



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Congratulations to our MFCAR Gates Scholarship Winners!



Virginia Hastings
Wilton HS - Bucknell University
Daughter of Peter Hastings of
Hastings Real Estate - Wilton
Also pictured MFCAR President Elect
Annette Fiorenza & President Ken D'Arinzo



Cole Lieberman
Staples HS - University of Alabama
Son of Brett Lieberman of
Riverside Realty Group - Westport
Also pictured MFCAR President Elect
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Brooke Pallarino
St. Joseph HS - Endicott College
Daughter of Susan Pallarino of
East Coast Associates - Rowayton



Joshua Tanksley
Staples HS - Harvey Mudd College
Son of Timothy Tanksley of William Pitt
Sotheby's International - Westport
Also pictured MFCAR President Elect
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New NAR Requirement: Fair Housing Training 2 Hours Every 3 Years

NAR new-member applicants & existing members must now complete two hours of fair housing training every three years as a condition of REALTOR® membership, including one FREE training option. The three-year cycle coincides with NAR's existing Code of Ethics training requirement and begins in 2025.

Courses satisfying the new NAR requirement are:

- **At Home With Diversity**, a course to help real estate professionals work successfully in an increasingly diverse marketplace
- **Bias Override: Overcoming Barriers to Fair Housing**, a course to help real estate professionals identify and interrupt stereotypical thinking to avoid fair housing pitfalls
- Qualified equivalent courses provided by state and local associations, institutes, societies and councils, and their partnered providers
- A to-be-created non-residential practitioner course focused on bias and anti-discrimination training

Fairhaven, NAR's online fair housing simulation, will also be updated to meet the stated learning objectives and two-hour minimum time frame so that it can be included in the list of qualifying courses and serve as the no-cost option.

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.

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.



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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

MFCAR AFFILIATE ROSTER	FAST STATS	MILL RATES
Connecticut License Verification	Real Estate Continuing Education	Code of Ethics Cycles
Check Your Code of Ethics Status	Department of Consumer Protection	MFCAR WEBSITE Documents Forms & Links

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