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Greetings, fellow Mid-Fairfield County Board REALTORS®,

My hope is for you to have happy thoughts of Thanksgiving, and the upcoming holiday season.

Please join us for our November General Membership meeting on November 28, 2023. It is being held at The Westport Library, Komansky Room at 9:30 AM. There will be a presentation and Q&A from Kathy Elson, CEO, SmartMLS.



Please check your emails regularly from MFCAR. We have upcoming Continuing Education classes, opportunities to give back to our communities, and social events.

Mid-Fairfield Association of REALTORS® is supporting the CT REALTORS® 2023 Be Homeful for The Holidays campaign to help families avoid homelessness. For every \$25 donation, a child living in a shelter will receive a stuffed Paddington Bear. It always warms my heart when we deliver the bears to our local shelters. Please consider being a donor.

Our 2023 MFCAR Trade Show was a great success, which was held at Westy's Self Storage Wilton location, on November 2, 2023. Please continue to support our affiliates & local businesses.

We are looking for your help to support MFCAR, attend continuing education classes, attend our General Membership meetings and social events, and please consider being a member of a committee in 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS®.

CLICK LINK TO DONATE TO MFCAR'S [2023 Be Homeful for The Holidays campaign](#)

Best, Ken

Ken D'Arinzo

2022-2023 President, Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS®

**Join us for a special General Meeting with
Guest Speaker Kathy Elson, CEO**

November 28th from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Westport Library, Komansky Room - 20 Jesup Road

Meeting Topic: Are you asking yourself why is the SmartMLS making changes, if so this session is for you.



Announcement of MFCAR 2023 REALTOR® of the Year

There is no charge to attend this meeting.

CLICK TO REGISTER



***There's one thing in particular we all have to be thankful for...
a place to call home.***

As REALTORS®, we've dedicated ourselves to helping our clients achieve the dream of homeownership. The CT REALTORS® Foundation is asking every member to step up and help realize another dream – ending family homelessness in Connecticut. Every child deserves the safety and security of a place to call home...and together, we have the opportunity to provide that.

MFCAR is again supporting the CT Coalition to End Homelessness for our 8th annual **Be Homeful for the Holidays** campaign. The funds raised through this campaign are used to help prevent CT families from becoming homeless by providing emergency assistance to keep them in their homes. For every \$25 tax-deductible donation, the CT REALTORS® Foundation will gift a plush Paddington bear (or backpack) to a child living in a shelter for the holidays.

Click to make your donation through TEAM MFCAR

This assistance is needed now more than ever as the housing shortage has extended average shelter stays from 30 days to 230 days...so it is critical to keep our children and families from entering shelters to begin with. No child should spend ANY day in a shelter, let alone 230...heartbreaking and just unacceptable.

**A Very Special Thank You to all the wonderful staff at
Westy Self Storage in Wilton for hosting our Trade Show.
We couldn't have done it without you!**

Thank you to the following exhibitors who participated

<u>WESTY SELF STORAGE</u>	<u>TD BANK</u>	<u>CHASE ENVIRONMENTAL</u>	<u>REALTY PLANS</u>
<u>TIGER HOME & BUILDING INSPECTIONS</u>	<u>UNION SAVINGS BANK</u>	<u>GAULT ENERGY & HOME SOLUTIONS</u>	<u>THE EDGE FITNESS CLUBS</u>
<u>PILLAR TO POST HOME INSPECTORS FAIRFIELD COUNTY</u>	<u>QUINCY'S MARKET MUSCLE MOVING</u>	<u>HOMEGUARD ENVIRONMENTAL</u>	<u>CROSS INSURANCE/ DAIGLE & TRAVERS INSURANCE</u>
<u>CITIBANK</u>	<u>WELL-NOTED STATIONERY</u>	<u>THE JUNKLUGGERS</u>	<u>SMART MLS</u>
<u>NEARWATER PROPERTY GROUP HOME INSPECTIONS</u>	<u>AMANDA ENGLAND DESIGNS</u>	<u>CUTCO CLOSING GIFTS</u>	<u>STAGING SELLS</u>
	<u>COASTAL TOWN MOVES</u>	<u>THE PATCH BOYS</u>	





We have several used Keyboxes for sale at the MFCAR Board Office. **Payment is made directly to the seller by Cash or Check. Please call us in advance to reserve yours 203-227-4418.**

If you have used keyboxes you'd like to sell bring them to us. Seller pays MFCAR a \$10.00 fee payable by cash or check for each keybox we sell.

CE SHOP - ONLINE CE CLASSES
[Click here to go to the MFCAR CE Shop](#)



The CE Shop

Valid 11/24 - 11/26 until 11:59 PM CT.



The CE Shop

Valid 11/27 - 11/30 until 11:59 PM CT.



MFCAR January & February In Person CE Class

Newly Licensed Members Please Do Not Register for CE Classes If You
PASSED YOUR FULL LICENSING EXAM between 6/1/22-5/31/24

Classes held at MFCAR will require you to be able to walk up a flight of stairs.

Water & coffee are not provided, please bring what you need to hold you over for the duration of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Location	Time	
1/9/2024	Code of Ethics	Terry Hastings	MFCAR 2 nd Floor	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	
1/25/2024	Advertising and Social Media Marketing Compliance: <i>Tips and Techniques to Legally Growing Your Real Estate Business</i>	Jessica Hastings	MFCAR 2 nd Floor	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	
2/1/2024	CT Real Estate Agency Law (Mandatory)	Terry Hastings	MFCAR 2 nd Floor	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	
2/13/2024	Principles Of Surveying	Daniel Laferriere	MFCAR 2 nd Floor	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	

You must sign in and be present for the entire course to earn CE credit.

Fee: \$25.00 Member - \$35.00 Non-Member

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.

No registrations will be accepted without payment. No Refunds or class credit for NO SHOWS, if you have a conflict, you must notify us by calling 203-227-4418 or by email mfcар@mfcар.com by 8:30 AM the day of class.

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.MFCAR.COM – CLICK ON EVENTS & CLASSES

Call 203-227-4418 to register by phone with your credit card. Return this registration form with credit card payment to mfcар@mfcар.com. Checks payable to MFCAR Drop off/mail to 19 Imperial Ave, Westport, CT 06880

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check: _____ Credit: _____ CODE: _____ Exp Date: _____

Card #: _____

Billing Address: _____

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.**

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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.

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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.

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

CTR Membership Benefits	Sign up for CTR Text Alerts	Forewarn
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NAR REALTOR® Benefits Program	NAR REALTOR® Membership Card	Sign up for NAR Text Alerts
REALTOR® Party Mobile Alerts	RPAC	Open House Tour Schedule
Pay MFCAR Dues	Coastal Property Owner Brochure	Emeritus Status Application Process

Donate to Person To Person	Donate to Malta House	Donate to Food Recovery Network
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