



MFCAR APRIL UPDATE

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President's Update

Hey MFCAR Family;

Just to update you on activities of your Board of Directors. Recently a group of directors participated in organizing and building food boxes for seniors through a Commodity Supplemental Food Program at the Connecticut Food Pantry in Bridgeport—they are Julie Walsh, Theresa Roth, Paul Thury, Amy Vaupel, Jon Polayes, Carol Heins, MFCAR AE and myself. The event was organized by Karen Hagen.



The managers at the food pantry were very nice and very appreciative and complimentary. Our team packed 350 boxes/10,000+ pounds of food. Bridgeport is one of three distribution centers which provides nutritional food throughout Connecticut for seniors. What a wonderful and worthy cause—I was so pleased that we were able to be a part of it. The manager spoke to Carol about future opportunities that I would like to be involved in with our directors participation, and to also open to our membership. I feel that especially now, we need to show our involvement as caring members of our communities since we live there as well as provide real estate services. I was very proud of our team—well done and thanks again.

If there are any worthy community activities that you feel our membership should be involved in, please call Carol at the Board Office 203.227.4418. You can always call me also at 203.221.4520.

Please watch out for special emails and look over the newsletter for upcoming event announcements.

Events planned to date:

- Saturday, April 27 - [Clean-Up Day at Winslow Dog Park](#) in Westport from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 1 - [Code of Ethics CE Class @ MFCAR](#) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- May 1 - June 1 - [Food Drive for Person to Person](#) - food drop off @ MFCAR, 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM, Monday – Friday
- Tuesday, May 14 - [CPR-AED-HEIMLICH, FIRST AID CERTIFICATION incorporating STOP THE BLEED CE Class](#) 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Saturday, June 1, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - [Paper Shredding Event](#) in conjunction with our Food Drive at the Colonial Green Parking Lot, Westport (behind the Board Office) Shredding services will be free with a Donated Bag of Food or Monetary Donation to Person to Person.

- Wednesday, July 31 - Clambake at Compo Beach - More information to come
- Monday, September 16, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - New Member Orientation for ALL new members who have not taken it yet. It is informative and fun and we look forward to seeing you there.
- Wednesday, September 18, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM - Blood Drive from at the Westport VFW.

Don't forget to read up on new licensing laws and be on the lookout for emails on updates in regards to NAR.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions and don't forget, we would love to have you on a committee!

Much success to all in the coming year.
As always, it is my pleasure to serve you.
Warmest regards,
Annette ☐
Annette Fiorenza
2024 President, Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS®



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Great news MFCAR Members!

On **Saturday, April 27th**, the Town of Westport Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Cleanup Westport Day. This year the Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS® has been officially invited to participate. We secured one of the most visible sites in the entire town, Winslow Park (aka "The Dog Park") at the intersection of the Post Road and Compo Road North.

We need a minimum of 30 members who need to wear long pants and long sleeves for tick protection, some sort of boots as the ground can be muddy, and gardening gloves. Our group will be identified as MFCAR, though each agent can wear their own brokerage name gear and/or name badge. The park will be open to the large number of dog walkers while we're there.

Clean up starts at **8:30 AM** and goes until approximately **12:00 PM**, or however long it takes to accumulate the trash. MFCAR will provide the trash bags. At the conclusion of the event, we will place our trash bags by the water fountain.

With the help and cooperation of civic organizations, community groups and residents we can make a cleaner Westport! We hope that we can count on our MFCAR members, family and friends' participation in this important community event. A small amount of your time can make a large impact on your assigned location. We'll be looking for similar opportunities in Norwalk, Weston and Wilton.

Please return [this registration form](#) to mfcар@mfcар.com or give us a call to register 203-227-4418 to be a part of Team MFCAR. Cleanup Westport Day is on 4/27/2024 from 8:30 AM to noon at Winslow Park (aka "The Dog Park") at the intersection of the Post Road and Compo Road North.

MFCAR May In-Person CODE OF ETHICS CE Class

If you've been notified via email from us that you are currently missing a Code of Ethics class taken between 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024 for Cycle 7 in your NAR record this class is a great option for you. [Click to check your Code of Ethics status](#). **NAR MANDATES ALL REALTORS® MUST TAKE A CODE OF ETHICS CLASS EVERY 3 YEARS.**

Code of Ethics - Instructor: Terry Hastings
Wednesday, May 1st from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
@ MFCAR 19 Imperial Avenue, Westport - Second Floor.

[CLICK FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) - If you don't want to register online you can fill out [this registration form](#) or call 203-227-4418 to register by phone.

We need a minimum of 15 students to run this class.

Refreshments are not provided, bring what you need to hold you over for the duration of the class.



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MFCAR is pleased to announce a new Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) approved Elective CE class offering for all REALTORS®, Affiliates, their families and the community.

CPR-AED-HEIMLICH, FIRST AID CERTIFICATION incorporating STOP THE BLEED training that represents 3 hours of CE credits for Salespersons and Brokers. Westport EMS was instrumental in partnering with MFCAR to design this class in conjunction with the American Heart Association & Stop the Bleed. This certified course represents a chance for all REALTORS® to not only take a life skills course that will allow the development of skills that can assist their families and communities, but also for the first time receive 3 CE credits along with certification from the American Heart Association and Stop the Bleed.

Brokers, taking this class prior to September 1, 2024 will earn you 3 Elective CE credits towards your September 1, 2024 CE deadline.
Salespersons, it's not too early to start earning 3 Elective CE credits towards your March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2026 CE cycle.

Taking this class is a great opportunity to earn CE credits while learning valuable lifesaving skills. Our first class is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 12:00 PM – 5:30 PM, inclusive of a half hour break. Class will be

held at Westport EMS, 50 Jesup Rd, Westport, CT 06880. Class size is limited to 35 participants. Additional classes will be scheduled throughout the year.

Class fee is \$96.00, if paid by paper check, if paying by credit card or electronic check the fee is \$99.00. Checks payable to MFCAR. Return registrations forms to mfcар@mfcар.com or mail to 19 Imperial Avenue, Westport, CT 06880. Questions call 203-227-4418. Note, class fee is shared between Westport EMS for instruction, teaching supplies, AHA & STB certificate fees and to MFCAR for administrative and PSI processing fees.

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Food Drive & Shredding Event

benefitting



person to person

Shredding Event
Saturday, June 1st
9:30am to
12:30pm

Complimentary with
Bag of Food or
Monetary Donations

Colonial Green Parking Lot Behind
MFCAR
19 Imperial Avenue, Westport



During the Month of May
Drop Off Food Donations
Monday ~ Friday
9:30am ~ 3:15pm
at MFCAR (Closed Memorial Day 5/27)
19 Imperial Avenue, Westport

MOST NEEDED PANTRY ITEMS

- Cereal & oatmeal
- Hearty soups
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Protein & granola bars
- Bags or boxes of rice



- Canned fruit & veggies
- Pasta & sauce
- Dried & canned beans
- Nutrition bars
- Coffee & tea

Scan Here for Virtual Drive

FREE NAR DESIGNATION COURSE: Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR®)

NAR is making the popular Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR®) designation course, typically **\$295**, available to REALTORS® **at no cost**.

The ABR® course is the first step toward earning the ABR® designation and focuses on the key information and skills agents need today when working with buyers, including how to:

- Walk buyers through written buyer representation agreements.
- Advocate for their clients' best interests throughout the transaction.
- Articulate their value to the buyer client.
- Work with data to complete insightful market analyses.
- Explain the range of financing options available to clients.
- Stay on top of emerging trends.
- Build relationships that carry beyond the closing.

Get started at become.abr.realtor. Take the course online at your own pace!



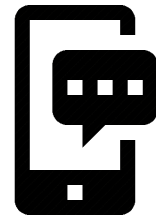
Do you have any used keyboxes you'd like to sell? If so, bring them to MFCAR. Seller picks the sale price, and pays MFCAR a \$10.00 fee per keybox we sell.

Need to buy a Keybox? Give us a call to see if we have any used Keyboxes for sale. Payment is made directly to the seller by Cash or Check. Please call us in advance to reserve yours 203-227-4418.

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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
CTR Membership Benefits	Sign up for CTR Text Alerts	Forewarn
Bias Override: Overcoming Barriers to Fair Housing	Flood Map Information Service for Westport	New NAR Requirement: Fair Housing Training 2 Hours Every 3 Years
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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