



# NEWSLETTER

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# Fair Housing Month Resources

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pril is Fair Housing Month and there are a lot of resources to help REALTORS® learn more about this important topic.

Here is a list of state and national Fair Housing Resources:

# Texas Affordable Housing Specialist

This Texas REALTORS\* certification equips you to help first-time and underserved homebuyers as well as increase sustainable homeownership. texasrealestate.com/tahs

# At Home with Diversity

This NAR certification prepares you to work effectively with today's diverse pool of homebuyers by addressing the topics of diversity, fair housing, and business planning development. nar.realtor/ahwd

#### Fairhaven

This fair housing simulation from NAR

helps you identify, prevent, and address discriminatory practices. The training provides customized feedback that you can apply to business interactions. <u>fairhaven.</u> realtor

# Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The TDHCA Fair Housing staff provides fair housing training on reasonable accommodation, limited English proficiency, and more. <a href="mailto:fheoi@tdhca.state.tx.us">fheoi@tdhca.state.tx.us</a>

## Texas Workforce Commission

The commission offers free fair housing training upon request. <a href="mailto:crdtraining@twc.state.tx.us">crdtraining@twc.state.tx.us</a>

Texas REALTORS® Housing Opportunity Foundation

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This charity promotes and encourages workforce housing and homeownership opportunities in Texas. <u>texasrealestate</u>. <u>com/housingopportunity</u>

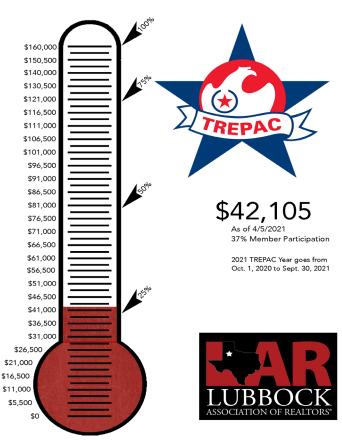
# Bias Opportunity

Bias Override: A video workshop to help you avoid implicit bias in your daily business interactions. <a href="mailto:nar.realtor/biasoverride">nar.realtor/biasoverride</a>



# \*\*\*\*\* INVEST IN **TREPAC** \*\*\*\*\*

# 2021 TREPAC Fundraising Goal









# Tonya's MLS Tips and Tricks

Learn more about IDX and some questions you should ask before choosing a company to build a website for you

DX is what allows MLS listings to show up on an agent or office website. You have two options to get MLS listings onto your website. If you already have a website, you can copy and paste the listing URL to your website, which is commonly referred to as "framing."

If you don't have a website or are planning to redesign it and don't want to do it yourself, you might want to look for a company that can build a website to fit your business needs.

Some agents choose to either build or maintain their own websites so they have more control of what content is on there and where it is placed.

To get the process started, email Tonya and provide her with the name of the company you are using. When you're ready to add MLS listings to your site, you can find the links in Rapattoni using the following steps:

- Go to Admin and choose IDX Public Links
- Preview the links and then copy/ paste them into your website
- If you have questions about Featured Properties or Saved Search links, please contact Tonya at 806-795-9533 or at mls@ lubbockrealtors.com

If you're considering using a website builder, there are some important questions you might want to ask before you make a decision. Here are some things to ask about:

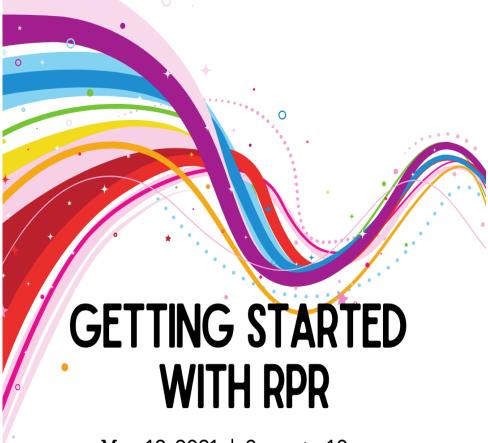
- How long have you been in business?
- Is IDX data included in your pricing or is there an additional charge?
- How many IDX customers do you have? Do you already work with my MLS? (Either LAR or Rapattoni)
- How often will the data be updated?

- What kind of support is available?
- Is support included in the price?
- How often is the solution updated? (this is specifically for plugin's found on sites like WordPress)
- Are updates free/included automatically for existing customers?
- How often do you increase prices?
   When was the last time you did?

You may also want to ask if they use RETS or API. RETS is the traditional way real

estate websites get MLS listings, but it is starting to be phased out. Many companies are starting to use API, which is quicker and allows more customization with fewer resources from the vendor.

We have the ability for both RETS and API and do not plan on dropping RETS for the foreseeable future. Many of the major website vendors are working towards API. If you need help or have additional questions, please contact Tonya Marley at the LAR Office at 806-795-9533 or at <a href="mls@lubbockrealtors.com">mls@lubbockrealtors.com</a>



May 12, 2021 | 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.





# March 2021 Membership Stats



#### **REALTOR® Membership** Applications\*

Cindy Harrison, Keller Williams Realty Reed Harrington, Exit Realty of Lubbock Steven Suniga, Keller Williams Realty Sheila Jordan, Keller Williams Realty Brad Stuteville, Lyons Realty Mark Appling, Aycock Realty Group Jacob Hendrix, Keller Williams Realty Morgan Crum, Location Rentals

Corey Kiattitananan, eXp Realty LLC

#### **Transfers**

Cynthia Baraibar, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Lane Bartley, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Dylan Bennett, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Steven Bishop, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

David Couture, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Britney Sherley, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Stuart Bartley, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

Brian Britton, Coldwell Banker Trusted Advisors, to Amy Tapp Realty Stephanie Allison, Amy Tapp Realty, to NextHome CORE Realty

Gabby Enchinton, Amy Tapp Realty, to NextHome CORE Realty

Raymond Roque, eXp Realty LLC, to Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Premier Properties

Nick Eyhorn, Coldwell Banker Trusted Advisors, to Williams & Company Real

Brian Maines, Keller Williams Realty, to Taylor Reid Realty

#### **Cancellations**

Lance Marker, Heritage Real Estate

Jerrah Hamm, Heritage Real Estate Group

#### **Designated REALTORS®**

Bartley, Lindsey - Designated REALTOR Taylor Reid Realty

Thank you to our 2021

# PRIME BUSINESS PARTNERS

















# Classes and Events

### **How Flood Map Changes** Impact Insurance

Thursday, April 15 Noon to 2 p.m.

Click **HERE** to register

## **RENE: Real Estate Negotia**tion Expert (2 days)

Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Click **HERE** to register

### **April Membership Meeting**

Thursday, April 22 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Overton Hotel

Click **HERE** to register

# **REALTOR®** Night at the Range

Thursday, April 22 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Tax Strategies Class

Friday, April 23 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Click **HERE** to register

# **Lunch & Learn Property** Management Panel

Tuesday, April 27 Noon to 1 p.m.

Click **HERE** to register

# At Home with Diversity

Monday, April 26 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

## **Bowling for TREPAC**

Wednesday, April 28 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

#### 4 Skills you Need to Improve Your Transaction

Monday, May 3 10 a.m. to Noon Click **HERE** to register

### **Avoiding Contract Pitfalls**

Wednesday, May 5 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

#### Social Media Content and Scheduling Tools

Thursday, May 6 10 a.m. to Noon Click **HERE** to register

#### Disclosure: What You Can and Can't Say

Monday, May 10 10 a.m. to Noon Click **HERE** to register

### Cool Tools You'll Use to Better Serve Consumers

Monday, May 10 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

## **Getting Started with RPR**

Wednesday, May 12 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Click **HERE** to register

#### **Marketing Strategy Planning** for Real Estate

Wednesday, May 12 9 a.m. to Noon Click **HERE** to register

#### The Forms You Need to Know

Wednesday, May 12 Noon to 3 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

### Accredited Buyer's Representative Designation Course

Wednesday, May 19 & Thursday, May 20 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

#### You Mean Real Estate Contracts Must be Written?!

Wednesday, May 26 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

# TREC Legal Update 1

Thursday, May 27 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

# TREC Legal Update 2

Thursday, May 27 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

### TREPAC Double Tee Golf Tournament and Online Auction

Monday, June 14 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click **HERE** to register



Accredited Buyer's Representative Designation

Wednesday May 19 &
Thursday May 20
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Peoples Bank - 5820 82nd
Street
Click EDERE to register

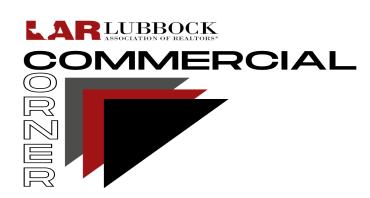
This course serves as the core of the Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR\*) designation program. It is the benchmark of excellence in buyer representation.

The goal of this course is to set the foundation of training, skills, and resources to help real estate professionals succeed in the marketplace as buyer's representatives.

This course is a fundamental resource for understanding the duties that REALTORS® owe to clients, customers, the public, and fellow REALTORS® as outlined in the NAR Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. In each course module you will examine a different topic; together they create a comprehensive guide to help you become an effective, efficient and profitable buyer's representative.









# In Pandemic's Wake, Realtors® Work to Address Property Vacancy, Deterioration

The National Association of Realtors® kicked off a six-part webinar series this week highlighting revitalization efforts in communities impacted by high numbers of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated – or VAD – properties. The opening session, which is now available for online viewing(link is external), outlined how historical land ownership policies have exacerbated this problem in neighborhoods across America. With COVID-19 disproportionately impacting urban and low-income communities. NAR has intensified its focus on developing new, strategic approaches to revitalization in places where VAD properties remain prevalent.

"Collaboration is a key part of addressing widespread vacancy and our country's complicated past of racism and discrimination," said Dr. Akilah Watkins, CEO and President at the Center for Community Progress, which is partnering with NAR on the webinar series. "Our success hinges on our ability to work together from community to national stages. We are thankful to



the National Association of Realtors® for both realizing the need for and committing to the conversations that are a part of [this] series. When we partner, communities benefit."

The full series, Policy, Practice, Process: Transforming
Neighborhoods through Equitable
Revitalization(link is external),
will equip Realtors® to collaborate
with policymakers to address VAD
property issues in their communities.
Each session will incorporate
actionable items for Realtors® and
their local government partners to
consider.

"Vacancy and abandonment

remediation allow us to emphasize that a better future begins with safe, stable communities where properties retain their value and help families build long-term, generational wealth," said NAR President Charlie Oppler. "This series is another illustration of NAR's commitment to ensuring Realtors® lead the conversations that address some of the most complex problems in our neighborhoods."

More information about the series, along with scheduling and logistical details for the remaining five seminars, can be found at realtorparty.realtor.

# 2021 Scholarship applications now being accepted

he John S. Walton Educational Foundation is proud to offer scholarships to full-time students pursuing higher education through Texas Tech

University, Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University, South Plains College, and accredited Lubbock area trade schools. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Trustees of the foundation. Applicants must be recommended by a REALTOR® member of the LAR.

Applications are now being taken online and must be submitted absolutely no later than April 28, 2021. Click HERE for the application.

Through the generosity of the Lubbock Association of REALTORS® (LAR) and its members, we are proud to offer scholarships in memory of John S. Walton.

Mr. Walton helped create the Education Foundation in 1981 while serving as President of LAR. The Foundation was

renamed in his honor in 2016. Mr. Walton was a pillar of LAR and the Lubbock community, humbly serving throughout his

He also served as President of the Texas Association of REALTORS® in 1999 and was appointed to the Texas Real Estate Commission by Governor Rick Perry from 2001 to 2007. In 2004, Governor Perry appointed him as Chairman of the Commission.

At the discretion of the John S Walton Educational Foundation, one thousanddollar (\$1,000) scholarships will be awarded to chosen applicants and paid directly to the school of higher education in which they will attend.

Applications MUST include all the required documentation and be submitted online by April 28, 2021.







For the last 40 years, the John Walton Education Foundation has been providing college scholarships to local youth. This year, as we celebrate John Walton's legacy and the 40th anniversary of the foundation, we are asking LAR Members to increase their contribution to the John Walton Education Foundation from \$25 to \$40.

Our goal in 2021 is to provide a record number of scholarships to youth in our community. We can't do that without the help of our Members.

Please help us support higher education in our community by making a contribution today.

WE DON'T JUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, WE MAKE DREAMS HAPPEN



# Have you visited Fairhaven Yet?

Complete the course for a chance to win CASH!

ant an extra \$100? Then you need to visit Fairhaven.

Fairhaven is a new fair housing simulation training for REALTORS® that uses the power of storytelling to help members identify, prevent, and address discriminatory practices in real estate.

Inspired by real stories, this innovative online experience has agents work against the clock to sell homes in the fictional town of Fairhaven, while confronting discrimination in the home buying process.

Learners will also walk in the shoes of a home buyer facing discrimination. The training provides customized feedback

This innovative training platform is available to all 1.4 million NAR members at no additional cost. Be an advocate for fair housing and the future of our industry.

Commit to combating discrimination in real estate. Since April is Fair Housing Month, we are trying to encourage all our members to try out the simulation for their chance to win one of 10 \$100 prizes. The NextGen/YPN Task Force is working to promote Fair Housing this year.

Simply complete the Fairhaven simulation, print off the certificate and send it to media@lubbockrealtors.com. The deadline to enter to win one of the prizes is April 30, 2021.











# FAIRHAVEN.REALTOR





Rolling through your day on autopilot? Just because it's second nature, doesn't mean it's right. Slow down and make sure you're providing equal service to all.

April is Fair Housing Month and a great time to affirm you're helping to build thriving, inclusive communities. Fair housing impacts all NAR members, all markets, and all neighborhoods.

Check yourself. Educate yourself. Hold yourself accountable. Because That's Who We R®.

Visit <a href="mailto:nar.realtor/FHM">nar.realtor/FHM</a> to access tools to help you prevent discrimination in real estate.





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~ MATTHEW DESMOND

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