



# NEWSLETTER

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### Have you visited Fairhaven yet?

#### Complete the course for a chance to win CASH!

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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 homebuying process. Learners will also walk in the shoes of a homebuyer facing discrimination. The training provides customized feedback that learners can apply to daily business interactions.

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 (like President

March 31, 2021

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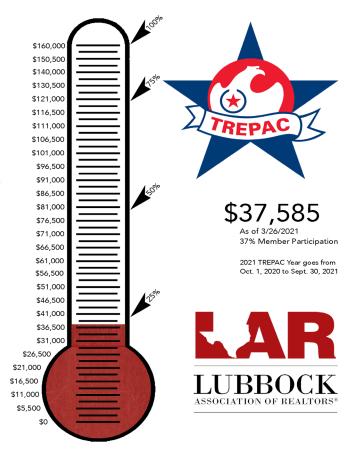
Teresa Smith did in the picture above) and send it to media@lubbockrealtors.com.

The deadline to enter to win one of the prizes is April 30, 2021.





### 2021 TREPAC Fundraising Goal





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#### Golden R

Cade Fowler<sup>\*</sup> Tony Lloyd<sup>\*</sup> Lisa Pearce<sup>\*\*</sup>

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### Instant Reaction: S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Indices, March 30, 2021

#### By Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Research

heated market demand combined with a record-low supply have brought wealth gains for homeowners but affordability challenges for first-time buyers. Total housing wealth gain is now estimated to have risen by \$3.4 trillion over the past 12 months to January or over \$30,000 on average per homeowner.

This repeat price index is better at capturing the true appreciation compared to rises in the median home price, which can be influenced by active upper-end market sales, as is happening today. The median price nonetheless measures the dollar volume of transactions and has proven to be an early indictor about the direction of the market. For example, the median price started to fall in 2006, which was then followed by subsequent Case-Shiller price declines in 2007. So far in 2021, the median price rose by 15% year-to-date compared to last year, implying no let-up in home prices.

More supply is clearly needed to tame the price growth. Any hindrance to homebuilding therefore will mean a shrinking of the middle class, as homeownership will become increasingly more difficult to achieve.





# **MLS** Forum

#### April's forum will be held on Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m.

The showing company Tourzazz will be our presenter. The forum will be held at Alliance Credit Union 6219 TX-327 Spur on the 2nd Floor



### March 27-31 2021 Membership Changes



#### REALTOR® Membership Applications\*

Lily Price, Realty One Hillary Martin, Better Homes and Gardens Blu Realty Jaidyn Stagner, Progressive Properties

#### **Transfers**

Anah Menjares, Exit Realty of Lubbock, to Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Premier Properties Landon Quigley, RE/MAX Lubbock, to Brick & Loft Realty Travis Turner, RE/MAX Lubbock, to Brick & Loft Realty Grant Thomason, Keller Williams Realty, to Better Homes and Gardens Blu Realty

#### Cancellations

Daniel Beggs, Amy Tapp Realty

#### **Miscellaneous Changes**

Caitlin Cox reinstated with Keller Williams Realty Sam Stokes reinstated with Keller Williams Realty



### **Classes and Events**

#### The One to Four Contract

Monday, April 5 10 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Negotiate Like a Pro

Monday, April 5 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### New Member Orientation

Wednesday, April 7 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### The Aspiring Home Buyer

Tuesday, April 13 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### TREC Legal Update 1 -Commercial Focus

Wednesday, April 14 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### TREC Legal Update 2 -Commercial Focus

Wednesday, April 14 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### How Flood Map Changes Impact Insurance

Thursday, April 15 Noon to 2 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### RENE: Real Estate Negotiation Expert (2 days)

Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### April Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 22 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Overton Hotel Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### At Home with Diversity

Monday, April 26 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Lunch & Learn Property Management Panel

Tuesday, April 27 Noon to 1 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Avoiding Common Contract Mistakes

Thursday, April 29 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### REALTOR® Night at the

Range Thursday, April 29 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Monday, April 3 10 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### **Avoiding Contract Pitfalls**

Wednesday, May 5 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

### Social Media Content and Scheduling Tools

Thursday, May 6 10 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

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

Monday, May 10 10 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

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

Monday, May 10 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Getting Started with RPR

Wednesday, May 12 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register



#### Marketing Strategy Planning for Real Estate

Wednesday, May 12 9 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### The Forms You Need to Know

Wednesday, May 12 Noon to 3 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Getting Started with RPR

Wednesday, May 12 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

#### Accredited Buyer's Representative Designation Course

Wednesday, May 19 & Thursday, May 20 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click <u>HERE</u> to register

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#### 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 **HERE** 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.

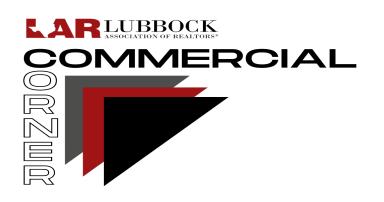
This course is a fundamental resource for understanding the duties that REALTORS\* owe to clients, customers, the public, and fellow REALTORS\* as outlined in the NAR Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. In each course module you will examine a different topic; together they create a comprehensive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

#### LARLUBBOCK ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS\*



LIVE AND IN PERSON AT THE OVERTON HOTEL! Learn more about 1031 Exchanges with Carl Pikus







## March 2021 Commercial Market Insights

espite the continued economic recovery and the accelerated vaccine distribution, commercial real estate acquisitions fell 59% in February as the lingering impact of the pandemic kept investors at the sidelines.

The dollar volume of acquisitions fell across all property classes: office (-71%), retail (-66%), industrial (-69%), hotel (-49%), and multifamily (-33%). On a year-to-date basis, acquisitions volume declined 53%.

In the apartment market, the main drag on confidence pertains to renters' ability to pay the current rent and missed rent payments, especially among the unemployed, many of which work in COVID-19 impacted sectors such as retail, accommodation, leisure, food services, and office administrative services.

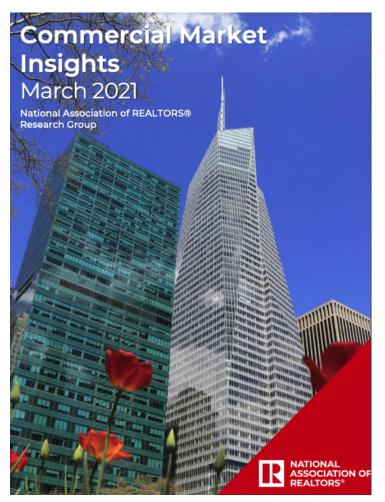
In the office market, the effect of working from home on the demand for office space remains the big question mark for investors. In the retail market, the continued rise in electronic shopping remains the main drawback, although foot traffic in brick-and-mortar stores is likely to pick up once most of the population is vaccinated.

Consumer and business spending for accommodation and food services will start to normalize once the population is vaccinated and with continued precaution and observance



of safe practices to prevent a new surge in infections.

In summary, the commercial real estate market is still in dire straits but with the economy receiving continued fiscal and monetary support and with a vaccine distribution program that is targeted to be completed by this summer, the outlook for commercial real estate can only be better, not worse.



### About Under Contract Status

 ust a reminder about what the LAR MLS Rules and Regulations say about reporting a listing Under Contract.

Section 2.5a Reporting Under Contract status to the service:

Listings that are Under Contract shall be reported by the listing broker as under contract within twenty-four(24) hours. Listings with Options are considered under contract and shall be reported as such. Private Remarks is the proper place for details.

Section 9.1a Database Violations: Late reporting of "Under Contract" status –Participant or Subscriber must report status of Under Contract within twenty-four (24) hours after all signatures are obtained. Listings are considered Under Contract within the option period and shall be reported as such.

You can find the MLS Rules and Regulations in the LAR MLS under "Links," "Links & Documents."

MLS members can anonymously report MLS violations by clicking on the "Report Violation" link found above the picture in the listing.

If you have questions about any MLS Rules and Regulations, please contact Tonya Marley at 806-795-9533 or by email at mls@lubbockrealtors.com

### Contract changes and striking through a commission

ttention Buyers Agents: You cannot STRIKE THROUGH and CHANGE THE COMMISSION amount that is being offered on the contract.

The commission is negotiable, but that is a CONVERSATION that MUST be had with the LISTING BROKER.



### 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 local 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 <u>HERE</u> 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.

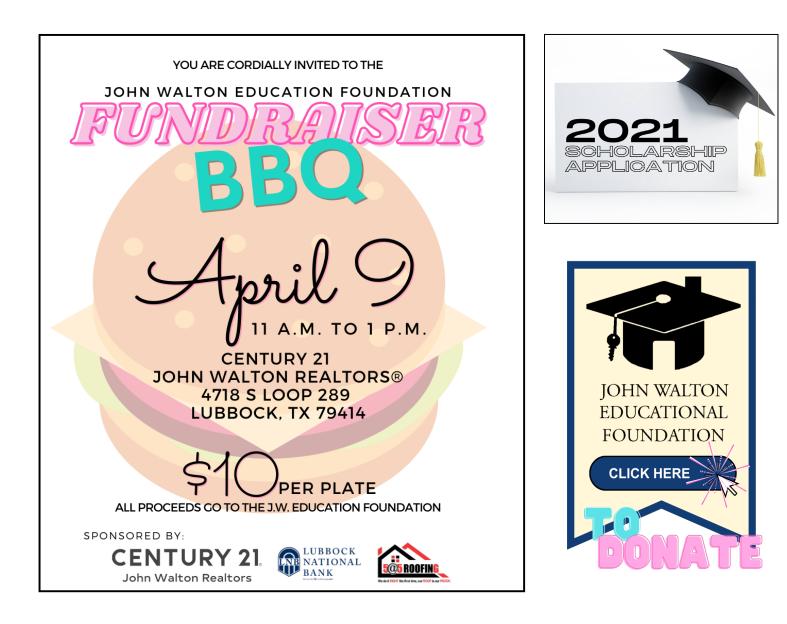
Mr. Walton helped create the Education Foundation in 1981 while serving as President of LAR. The Foundation was renamed in his honor in 2016. Mr. Walton was a pillar of LAR and the Lubbock community, humbly serving throughout his life.

He also served as President of the Texas Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> 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

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