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July President's Message

Stellar Client Orientations are the Keys to Success

ow that we are entering the post-settlement era in real estate, some adjustments will need to be made; however, for some, it is a reminder that how we have practiced as professionals has paid off. We are prepared to be held accountable for communicating well with our clients, Buyer and Seller alike.

As a REALTOR® moving forward with buyer and seller representation, it's essential to understand the key aspects and responsibilities involved in both roles. It begins with an on-point client presentation at the beginning of the professional REALTOR®/Client relationship.

Here are some fundamental guidelines and strategies to help you succeed in representing buyers and sellers effectively:

Buyer Representation (We are fortunate that in Texas this is not a new concept. We are one of fourteen States that have it.)





1. Initial Consultation
Discuss Representation, REALTOR*
value, and Compensation: Have a
conversation about the nature of your
agency relationship, what you will do
for them in detail, and what it costs to
provide such services.

Understand Needs: Conduct a thorough needs analysis to understand the buyer's preferences, budget, and timeline. Educate on the Market: Provide an overview of the current market conditions and how they might impact the buyer's search and purchasing power.

2. Property Search and Evaluation MLS and Listings: Utilize MLS and other listing services to find properties that match the buyer's criteria.

Property Tours: Schedule and conduct property tours, highlighting each property's positive aspects and potential drawbacks.

3. Financing Assistance Pre-Approval: Assist buyers in getting pre-approved for a mortgage, which can strengthen their negotiating position.

Financing Options: Explain different financing options and connect them with reputable mortgage brokers or loan officers as needed.

4. Making an Offer Offer Strategy: Develop a competitive

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June housing stats are out. See how the Lubbock market is looking







Cade Fowler





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Hey Texas REALTORS®

A \$100

investment pays huge dividends for you and your clients.

Property-tax relief worth thousands of dollars, HOA rules for transparency and property rights, fair eminent domain policies, protection from real estate transfer taxes.

These successes and many more are how your TREPAC investment pays off for you and shows value to your clients.





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\$1,300 **Historic Tax Relief** (Increased Homestead Exemption) **HOA Reform** \$1,000 (Secured Property Rights in HOAs)

Removed Discriminatory Covenants from Real Estate Deeds

\$5,000

Ended Abusive Eminent Domain Practices & Forced Annexation

\$10,000

Improved Public Infrastructure (Increased funding allocated to broadband, electricity, and water

infrastructure projects in 2023)

\$423.30

Savings

\$17,723.30*

YOUR TOTAL INVESTMENT \$100.00



*See TREPAC.com/smartinvestment for details

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offer strategy based on market conditions and the buyer's budget.

Negotiations: Negotiate terms and conditions to ensure the best possible deal for the buyer.

5. Closing Process Inspections and Appraisals: Coordinate home inspections, other detailed inspections, appraisals, and other necessary evaluations.

Paperwork: Guide the buyer through the paperwork, ensuring all documents are completed accurately and timely.

Final Walkthrough: Conduct a final walkthrough to ensure the property is in the agreed-upon condition.

Seller Representation 1. Initial Consultation and Listing Presentation

Market Analysis: Provide a comparative market analysis (CMA) to help the seller understand their property's market value.

Marketing Plan: Develop a comprehensive marketing plan to attract potential buyers, including online listings, open houses, and other promotional activities.

Discuss REALTOR® services value and compensation: Once you have established how hard you will work and developed a plan for your client you must discuss not only your value as their agent, but the value of cooperative services in which a seller provides compensation for a Buyer's agent. This is a crucial piece of the New Real Estate environment we will find ourselves in.

2. Preparing the Home for Sale Home Prepping /Staging: Advise on preparing the home for the market as well as the option of home staging to enhance the property's appeal.

Repairs and Improvements: Suggest any necessary repairs or improvements that could increase the home's value and marketability.

3. Marketing the Property Professional Photos and Videos: Use professional photography and videography to showcase the property.

Online and Offline Advertising: Leverage online platforms (MLS, social media, real estate websites) and offline methods (flyers, open houses) to reach a wide audience.

4. Handling Offers Reviewing Offers: Present and review all offers with the seller, highlighting the pros and cons of each. Create a spreadsheet or something similar for the seller for ease of comparison.

Negotiations: Negotiate terms to achieve the best possible price and conditions for the seller.

5. Closing Process Paperwork and Disclosures: Ensure all required disclosures are completed and filed. Guide the seller through the paperwork process.

Coordination: Coordinate with the buyer's agent, inspectors, appraisers, and the title company to ensure a smooth closing process.

Legal and Ethical Considerations Code of Ethics: Adhere to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Code of Ethics, which outlines duties to clients, the public, and other REALTORS®.

Disclosure Obligations: Ensure full compliance with all disclosure obligations, including material

defects and other pertinent property information.

Intermediary: If facilitating the deal for both the buyer and the seller, fully disclose this relationship and obtain written consent from both parties.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

Stay Informed: Keep up with changes in real estate laws, market trends, and best practices through continuing education courses and professional development opportunities. Watch for training and form releases from both State and National Associations of REALTORS.

Network: Build a strong network of industry professionals, including mortgage brokers, escrow officers, home inspectors, and contractors, to provide comprehensive services to your clients.

By focusing on these key areas, you can provide exceptional service to both buyers and sellers, fostering trust and long-term relationships. Mutual understanding through communication develops and encourages that trust.

It is easy to convince folks who know you and trust you to pay REALTOR® fees for compensation. Help your clients understand how valuable representation is for both parties. Both sets of clients should be represented; thus, protected from contract to close by our fiduciary duties.

MLS RULES AND REGULATIONS CHANGES

The following changes were approved by the LAR Board of Directors during the July 24 Board Meeting. These changes go into effect immediately.

Amendment to MLS Rules and Regulations 1.2b

Allow a graphic on the first/primary picture of a listing with the following restrictions:

- Graphic is **ONLY** permitted on the first (primary) picture of the listing
- The second picture **MUST** be the original picture without the graphic
- Building marketing and logo are allowed in the public remarks and in the graphic on the primary picture
- Information included on the graphic <u>MUST</u> be factual information about the property (i.e., basement, pool, outdoor kitchen) or contractual information (flex cash, assumable, etc...)
- Descriptive words are <u>NOT</u> permitted on the graphic (i.e., great location, super cute, landlord special, etc...)
- Graphic CANNOT cover more than 20 percent of the picture
- Graphic MUST NOT obscure the property in the photo
- Graphic **CANNOT** mention agent commission or compensation

EXAMPLES









BEST PRACTICES AND TIPS

- Graphic can be any shape and/or color as long as it follows the rules
- We recommend using a simple font and color combination to make the graphic easy to read
- Use different font sizes to draw attention to important information on the graphic
- Each listing may have ONLY ONE (1) graphic on the first picture

DO IT LIKE THIS



WHY THIS WORKS

- Contains one graphic with contrasting colors and different font sizes to draw attention to the graphic
- Graphic does not obscure the home
- Graphic does not contain any descriptive words



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NOT LIKE THIS



WHY THIS DOESN'T WORK

- Contains more than one graphic
- · Graphics obscure the home
- Graphic contains descriptive words
- Fonts are hard to read



WHY THIS DOESN'T WORK

- · Graphic colors make it difficult to read
- Graphic obscures the home
- Graphic includes commission/compensation information

FlexMLS Live Date Set for February 3, 2025

Both systems will run parallel beginning January 20, 2025

MLS CONVERSION INFORMATION

Both systems will be in "read-only mode" February 1 - 2, 2025, meaning no listing information can be added or edited on those days In-person training
will be provided before
the system goes live as
well as recorded
webinars

How to share your Lubbock REALTOR® Stories in 3 easy steps!



The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers and directors for election on September 19, 2024:

2025 Officers

President Andrea Sturdivant, L3 Brokers (automatically ascends as per LAR Bylaws)
President-Elect Colby Norris, McQueen Company, REALTORS®
Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Thomason, Exit Realty of Lubbock

2025 Directors

(Seven (7) of the following will be elected by plurality vote)

Justin Backus, Location Rentals
Chris Brooks, Exit Realty of Lubbock
Cory Cash, Keller Williams Realty
Lia Irvin, Condor Property Group
Maggie Riley, Wright Realty and Design
Angela Smith, The WestMark Companies
Jeremy Steen, Keller Williams Realty
Ruben Trujillo, Clear Rock Realty
Melinda Whitfill, Exit Realty of Lubbock
Kristen Wright, Wright Realty and Design

Election will be held on Thursday, September 19



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June Membership Stats



LAR Membership Counts as of June 30, 2024.

There was a 0,29% percent increase from June 2023.

1,704 Total members

200 Designated REALTORS

1,437 REALTORS

25 REALTORS Emeritus

42 Appraisers

MLS only participants/subscribers

Realty LLC

105 MLS only Designated REALTORS

117 MLS only REALTORS

26 MLS only Appraisers

REALTOR® Membership Applications

Deanna Logan, Aycock Realty Group, LLC Delaney Kleinman, Keller Williams Realty Ryan Havenhill, Bray Real Estate Group Seth Starkey, Keller Williams Realty Becky Sizenenko, Keller Williams Realty Amy Bullock, Exit Realty Lubbock Stefani Araujo, Egenbacher Real Estate Kaley Cavazos, Reside Real Estate Co. Taylor Plummer, The WestMark Companies Casie Cearley, RE/MAX Lubbock Lisa Feldman, Reside Real Estate Co. Derek Dominguez, L3 Brokers Calista Powers, Reside Real Estate Co. Melissa Potter, Red Dirt Realty & Land Citlaly Favela, Keller Williams Realty Bekah Cantu, Hub City Rentals

Designated REALTORS®

Lindsey George, Western Heritage Realty & Investments

Sue Stephens, Sue Stephens Realty Anita "AJ" Johnson, Our Texas Real Estate Group

Transfers

Blaire Van Riper, Aycock Realty Group, LLC, to Tracy Farrow Realty Breeann Thornton, Keller Williams Realty, Southern Magnolia Real Estate Rick Fowler, Rick Fowler, Broker, to Exit Realty of Lubbock - close Rick Fowler, Broker Delphine Saa, Nathan Jordan Real Estate, to Condor Property Group Lauren Walden, Reside Real Estate Co., to eXp Realty LLC Anneke Boer, Reside Real Estate Co., to eXp Sydni Hayward, Sterling Creek Properties, to Stone Property Management LBK, LLC Braden Hayward, Sterling Creek Properties, to Stone Property Management LBK, LLC Tagen Pechacek, Tagen Pechacek, Broker, to Century 21 Kearney & Associates Jennifer Herrera, Bray Real Estate Group, to Reside Real Estate Co. Jackie Smith, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Premier Properties, to Magnolia Road Realty Amy Furst, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Premier Properties, to PROP Delaney Nichols, Reside Real Estate Co., to Keller Williams Realty Valerie Williams, Reside Real Etate Co., to Keller Williams Realty Rachel Smith, Reside Real Estate Co., to Keller Williams Realty Our Texas Real Estate Group change of Designated REALTOR - 18 agents Lindsey Stanczak, Southern Magnolia Real Estate, to Aycock Realty Group, LLC Janie Coggins, NextHome CORE Realty, to Aycock Realty Group, LLC Lynn Miller, NextHome CORE Realty, to Aycock Realty Group, LLC Melissa Sharkey, Exit Realty of Lubbock, to Amy Tapp Realty Madelyn Cox, Reside Real Estate Co., to Keller Williams Realty Laura Johnson, Exit Realty of Lubbock, to

Cancellations

Cayson George, Criswell Real Estate, to Western Heritage Realty & Investments

Natalie Rix, Reside Real Estate Co., to

Candie Larmon, Keller Williams Realty, to

Anne Clanton, Reside Real Estate Co., to

eXp Realty LLC

Keller Williams Realty

Brick & Loft Realty

eXp Realty LLC

Holly Harper, Reside Real Estate Co. Kaci Pickering, RE/MAX Lubbock Andy Patlan, Citywide Realty Team Elite Jordan Brown, Progressive Properties Dave Wilkins, Exit Realty of Lubbock Terrance Johnson, Clear Rock Realty Matt Valle, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties Minerba DeLeon, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties Karla Bennett, RE/MAX Lubbock Meagan Geeslin, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Premier Properties Kevin Baxter, Exit Realty of Lubbock Marsha Baxter, Exit Realty of Lubbock Hunter Smith, The WestMark Companies Cathy Baxter, The WestMark Companies Brenda Dunlap, Jackson Real Estate Cindy L. Williams, Open Door Realty Lela Tackitt, Open Door Realty

Miscellaneous Changes

Renee Eberhardt, Coldwell Banker Trusted Advisors, name change to Renee Castro Joe Hall reinstated with West Sage, REALTORS

Margaret Gaydon reinstated with Amicus Realty

Duncan Douglas reinstated with Progressive Properties

Angie Redd, Keller Williams Realty, change to non-MLS member

Paul Harmon opened new MLS office Stone Property Management LBK, LLC Danielle Lilley reinstated with ALL Real Estate, LLC Denita Garrett reinstated with

Denita Garrett reinstated with HouseChaser

Preston Weems reinstated with NextHome CORE Realty

MLS Only

Vy Ton, Lezlie Tram Realty, LLC, cancelled Lezlie Tram Le, Lezlie Tram Realty, LLC, cancelled

Robert Pope, Brashears Home and Land Realty, cancelled

Shan Clapp, Clapp Appraisal Services, Inc. Jeff Payne, Wells Fargo, cancelled Andy Patlan, Citywide Realty Team Elite, cancelled

Jeff Brown, Jeff Brown Realty Group, cancelled

Irene Ishak, Oasis Properties

Chris Adams, eXp Realty LLC Michelle Rodriguez, Heritage Real Estate Paul Viers, Compass RE Texas, LLC Carlos Martinez, Keller Williams Realty Midland, to Monument Realty Donna Love, Home REALTORS Leon Nguyen, Rodeo Realty, cancelled Elena Mata, Rodeo Realty, cancelled Eric Wargo, Lion Drive Realty Michelle Brecker, Pathway to Home Realty Kevin Halfmann, Halfmann Realty Jake McKinney, Lion Drive Realty Ryan Hartman, 1st Class Real Estate Elevate Bryce Hale, Hometown Lubbock Cooper Hale, Hometown Lubbock Josiah Ford, Team Ford REALTORS Pete Mata, Team Ford REALTORS Douglas Smith, DHS Realty Sho Lapitov, DHS Realty

David Ishak, Oasis Properties



Classes and Events

New Member Orientation

Tuesday, August 6 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

Designated REALTOR® (Sponsoring Broker)/Manager Meeting

Wednesday, August 7 8:30 a.m.

TREC Legal Update 1

Thursday, August 8 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Click HERE to register

TREC Legal Update 2

Thursday, August 8 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The 1-4 Residential Contract

Friday, August 9 9 a.m. to Noon

Click **HERE** to register

The Forms You Need (This includes the NEW Forms!)

Friday, August 9 9 a.m. to Noon Click <u>HERE</u> to register

TACS3 - Commercial Real Estate Marketing and Negotiation

August 8-9 and 12-13 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click HERE to register

August Membership Luncheon

Thursday, August 15 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. YWCA Sun 'n Fun Click HERE to register

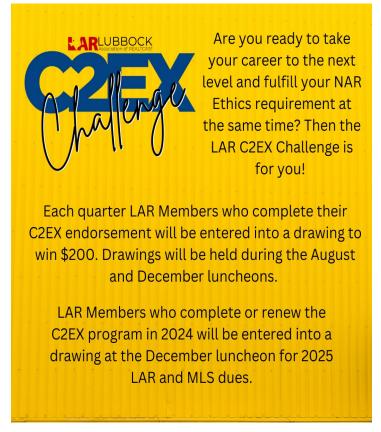
GRI - Business Skills Marketing

August 8-9 and 12-13 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Click **HERE** to register

TREPAC Sporting Clay Shoot

Friday, August 23 Hub City Clays Click <u>HERE</u> to register

Click **HERE** to register RLUBBOCK Association of REALTORS® **CE Class Etiquette** ETIQUETTE RULE ONE Don't talk while the instructor is teaching ETIQUETTE RULE TWO Don't leave class to take a phone call. Your business can wait until a break or the end of the class ETIQUETTE RULE THREE Put your devices away unless you are using them to take notes. Wait until a break to return texts and emails. ETIQUETTE RULE FOUR If you're on a Zoom class, you must remain on camera while class is in session, free of distractions and dangerous behavior such as driving. ETIQUETTE RULE FIVE Be on time to the start of class, stay in the classroom while class is in session and return on time from lunch/breaks













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June Housing Stats

Market Selector

Local Association
Lubbock Association of REALTO..

Market Type
Metropolitan Statistical Area

Market Name
Lubbock

Frequency
Monthly

Date
June 2024

Property Type

All (Existing & New)

Days on Market
37
3 days more than June 20

TEXAS
REALTORS

Days to Close
31
1 day less than June 20

Total Days

Total Days

68
2 days more than June 20

2024 Texas Real Estate Research Center

Total Days

68
2 days more than June 20

June 2024 Market Statistics - Lubbock MSA PRICE DISTRIBUTION **Median Price Closed Sales Active Listings Months Inventory** < \$100k 5.5% 545 4.1 \$233,250 1,694 ▲ 39.9% YoY ▼ -4.2% YoY ▲ 2.1% YoY \$100-199k 24.8% ▲ 40.8% YoY GROWTH TREND FOR CLOSED SALES AND MEDIAN PRICE \$300-399k 11.8% \$400-499k 7.4% LARLUBBOCK \$500-749k 5.0% \$750-999k 2.5% \$1M + 1.3% -10.0% HOME VALUATION STATS TRANSACTION TIME STATS 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 Median Price/Sq Ft Days on Market \$139.02 CLOSED SALES AND ACTIVE LISTINGS **Median Home Size** 1,729 sq ft Median Year Built 2002 Close/Original List 93.5%



Median Price

Above: Closed Sales

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Active Listings Closed Sales





Association Name Market Type Market Name Property Type Month (Current Report Year)
Lubbock Association of RE.. Metropolitan Statistical Area Lubbock Residential (SF/COND/TH) June

June 2024 Market Snapshot

Lubbock MSA



Year to Date

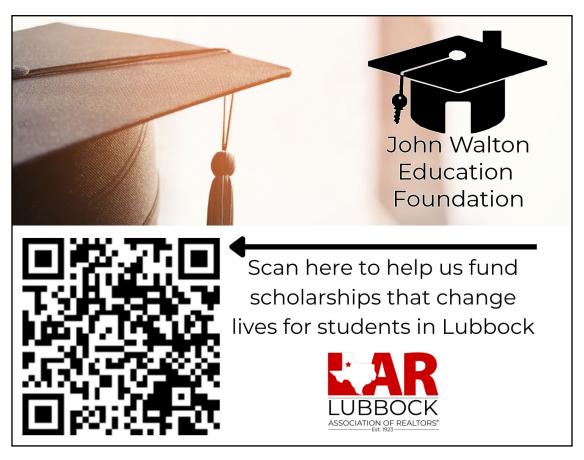
	2023	2024	% Change	2023	2024	% Change
Closed Sales	534	545	▲ 2.1%	2,508	2,622	▲ 4.6%
Median Sales Price	\$243,500	\$233,250	▼ -4.2%	\$240,000	\$234,230	▼ -2.4%
Average Sales Price	\$274,896	\$287,707	▲ 4.7%	\$277,907	\$280,074	▲ 0.8%
Ratio to Original List Price	97.0%	93.5%	▼ -3.6%	96.6%	95.6%	▼ -1.0%
Days On Market	34	37	▲ 8.8%	40	46	▲ 15.0%
New Listings	852	908	▲ 6.6%	4,397	5,298	▲ 20.5%
Under Contract	593	571	▼ -3.7%	550	589	▲ 7.1%
Active Listings	1,203	1,694	▲ 40.8%	1,064	1,553	▲ 46.0%
Months Inventory	3.0	4.1	▲ 39.9%	3.0	4.1	▲ 39.9%

Current Month Year to Date Active Listings Median Sales Price Median Sales Price YTD Closed Sales YTD \$243,500 1,694 \$240,000 \$234,230 \$233,250 2,508 1,203 2023 2024 2023 2024 2023 2024 2023 2024



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