

REALNews from NOMAR

February 1, 2008

NOMAR and GSREIN Offices will be closed Tuesday, February 5, 2008 for Mardi Gras. We wish you a safe and happy holiday.

IMPORTANT CALL FOR ACTION NOTIFICATION

NAR has issued a member Call for Action (CFA) to urge the United States Senate to include a GSE - FHA provision regarding loan limits in the economic stimulus package. You should have received the CFA email from NAR President Dick Gaylord asking you to contact your Senators urging them to support the provision and pass the stimulus package. Please respond immediately when you receive the CFA, as Dick has indicated he will be highlighting this at the FPC Conference in a few days – he may even ask you personally if you've taken action. We want to ensure the highest response rate possible.

There are several steps you can take to ensure a successful Call for Action:

1. Please be sure to add comments@realtoractioncenter.com to your email safe list to ensure receipt.
2. When you receive the CFA, be sure to respond as soon as you can.
3. Encourage others to respond via the "Tell-A-Friend" feature. (Do not forward the CFA email you receive as it is encoded with your personal information.)

If you do not receive the CFA email, please proceed directly to the REALTOR® Action Center (www.realtoractioncenter.com) to send your letter to your Senators. For more information about the stimulus package and the FHA and GSE provisions in it, please contact Megan Booth at mbooth@realtors.org or Lynn King at lking@realtors.org.

2008 NOMAR CE Class Schedule

is now online at <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/2008%20Class%20Schedule.pdf>

NOMAR Sales Awards Luncheon is Friday, February 22nd

Join us for this gala event at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, 11:00am cocktails, noon lunch. Tickets are \$30.00. Ticket order forms and sponsors forms are at www.nomar.org or tickets can be purchased at NOMAR office, 2800 Hessmer Ave Unit C-2nd floor. There will be a silent auction, live music and much more. **Get your tickets now before they're all gone!!!**



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Security Alert - A Warning for the Safety of Our Agents and Sellers

It has been reported that in the last couple of days a prospective buyer has been trying to buy upper end homes offering full or close to full list price and offering a sizable down payment or deposit. He does this hoping to gain early entry into the home. In other states he has done this and major items become missing in the home. The personal checks that are written are not good, so please be aware of this trick. He is playing on Sellers who are desperate to sell their homes. His scheme is that he has a home in another state that is under contract and he has to move in quickly.

Jefferson Parish Strategic Flood Protection Plan

If you ever had concerns about flood protection in our Parish - YOU NEED TO READ THIS.
If you ever have let flood protection influence your plans to expand or rebuild in Jefferson Parish - YOU NEED TO READ THIS.

This plan corrects the negative perception about flood protection created by slanted media coverage and documents a complimentary story of why flood protection in Jefferson Parish is better today than in the history of our Parish (Eastbank pages 5 & 6) (Westbank page 7). This plan also reflects a well thought out plan to make flood protection even better. We trust the team who drafted this report. Their names are listed on the last page. Their good work should receive your commendation and praise. (See pages 8 through 15)

For reviewing the report go to JEDCO Website: www.jedco.org

Hugs for Aidan

A fellow REALTOR®, Ms. Janice Boyle of Prudential Gardner REALTORS®, is asking for your help. Her 3 year old grandson Aidan has been diagnosed with spastic quadriplegia as a result of a tragic accident. Costly therapies and treatments are needed to increase Aidan's quality of life. If you would like to participate in aiding to cover these costs go to www.aidansanawer.org or call (504)234-1988. There will also be a "Raffle & Silent Auction Benefit" Saturday, February 23 at Generations Hall, 310 Andrew Higgins Drive. Donations of items for the silent auction and or food and drinks are needed to make this event beneficial.

"Quadrennial Ethics Training" Cycle 2 - January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008

We are now in the last year of the second cycle and many members have not completed this requirement. Options (live classes, online, commercial track, and correspondence) for meeting this

requirement are posted at <http://www.nomar.org/pdfs/Options%20For%20Completing%20QET-Cycle%202.pdf> (Note: the LR online CE site is currently under construction.)

1st Quarter CE Schedule

Date	Class	Time	Location
Fri., Feb. 15	“Quad Ethics-Cycle II”	9-1:00	Hammond
Mon., Feb. 18	“Tax Advantages for Agents”	1-3:00	NOMAR
Fri., Mar. 7	“Agency Relations in RE Trans”	9-1:00	NOMAR (tentative)
Thurs., Mar. 13	“Quad Ethics-Cycle II”	12:30-4:30	Audubon Zoo

For a 1st Quarter registration form go to <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/Schedule-1st%20Quarter%202008.pdf>

For a list of all of the class scheduled for 2008 go to <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/2008%20Class%20Schedule.pdf>

To Register Online for NOMAR’s classes go to www.nomar.org and look at the menu on the left, click on “member’s services”, then:

1. Click on “member accounts”
2. Scroll down to the bottom of page and click on “go to NOMAR member accounts”
3. Input your” Login ID” (letters) and your “password” (numbers)
4. Click on “Course Registration”
5. To register for a class click classes registration and select what class and date you want to register for.

Condolences

Please keep the following person(s) and their families in your prayers.

Ms. Dawn Impastato agent with Coldwell Banker TEC Realtors whose husband Mr. Vincent Impastato, Sr. passed away Saturday January 26, 2008

Ms. Ruby Lloyd, broker of RE/MAX Realty Group Hammond, whose husband Mr. Ronald Lloyd passed away 1/27/08

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