

REALNews from NOMAR

February 8, 2008

Please Remember to VOTE on Saturday, February 9, 2008.

The Corps of Engineers Information

The Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District is interested in leasing approximately 2 acres of land, for a West Bank Construction Field Office in support of the Hurricane Storm Damage Reduction System projects on the west bank of the Mississippi River. The property must have access to utilities (water, sewer, electricity, telephone). The parameters of the area are bordered by the Mississippi River, Peters Road, Lapalco Blvd., and Avondale.

If you are interested in providing land for this lease, please contact, **Ms. Janet Keller**, at **504-862-1509**. The deadline for response is 29 February, 2008.

Economic Stimulus Package on the Way to the President!!!

Great news!! Congress approved HR 5140, the Economic Stimulus Package and it is now on its way for President Bush's signature. The Senate added low-income seniors and disabled veterans to the list of people who would receive money under the House approved package, then passed the bill by a vote of 81-16. The House then passed the bill with the added Senate language by a vote of 380-34.

This legislation includes increases to the GSE and FHA conforming loan limits that NAR asked all of you to lobby for. Borrowers will see immediate relief with new liquidity in the mortgage market and the nation will likely see and increase in home sales. The increase in the FHA limits will mean an additional 138,000 Americans will purchase homes, and 200,000 families can refinance now, safely and affordably.

Thank you for your participating in the important Call for Action (CFA). Over 83,000 REALTORS® took action, which resulted in an 8.2% response rate. Great job!!! Thanks again.

Louisiana Homebuyer's Education Collaborative Has Approved the Following Homebuyer training Organizations:

- 1) Acorn Housing Corporation of New Orleans
- 2) Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- 3) Credit Coalition
- 4) Desire Community Housing Corporation
- 5) Family Resources of New Orleans
- 6) Jefferson Community Action Program
- 7) Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans, Inc.
- 8) New Orleans Neighborhood Development Foundation
- 9) Sulli Educational Services, Inc.

If any of your customers need homebuyer training you can refer them to any of these organizations. It is a plus for you to have a buyer go through the classes offered and some banks and agencies require training. Call Diana at 504-885-3200 for more information or e-mail at diana@nomar.org.

"How to Sell HUD homes"

4 hour **FREE** CE class

Sponsored by: ERA Stirling Properties

Speaker: Lionel Hotard/Cityside Management Corporation

Monday, March 10, from 9a.m.-1p.m. at the Jefferson

Parish Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA

Please RSVP to Sduplessis@erastirling.com or call (504) 363-0222

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 with champagne and diamonds, live music and much more. **Get your tickets now before they're all gone!!!**



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Miller Home Mortgage, LLC
Crown Title, Inc.
Whitney National Bank

There is still time if you are your company would like to sponsor. Contact margo@nomar.org

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
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.

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