

REALNews from NOMAR

May 9, 2008

NOMAR wishes all of our Mothers a *“VERY HAPPY MOTHERS DAY”*

NOMAR Receives Proclamation from Jefferson Parish City Council

At the Jefferson Parish Council meeting Parish President Aaron Broussard along with Council Chairman John Young Jr., and Trudy Criddle, FHEO Specialist at U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), presented NOMAR with a proclamation declaring April Fair Housing month. REALTORS® celebrate the progress they've made in opening the doors of housing opportunity to every citizen, regardless of race, gender, color, nationality, religion, family status, or disability.

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This is an all-out call to action by Louisiana REALTORS® opposing HB 1365 (formerly HB 1157) by Rep. Tim Burns. HB 1365 narrowly passed out of the Criminal Justice Committee yesterday despite LR's opposition and will be heard by the full House of Representatives next week. Please join fellow REALTORS® by sending a message to your House member urging them to oppose this legislation.

HB 1365 would make it a criminal penalty for landowners to rent or lease property to a known alien. This legislation could also force property owners and managers to violate Federal Fair housing laws. HB 1365 shifts the burden of proof on lessors and property managers to determine who is an alien and who is not and to hire legal counsel to protect themselves should they be accused under this legislation. HB 1365 applies to residential and commercial properties and could force a landowner to commit a crime if the properties were subleased. [Click here](#) [<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=486217>](http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=486217) (PDF file) to review the current version of HB 1365.

Your participation is critical in the effort to defeat HB 1365. Please respond quickly, as the bill is scheduled to be heard on the House floor next week.

To find out who your legislators are go to www.legis.state.la.us [<http://www.legis.state.la.us>](http://www.legis.state.la.us) scroll down to Your Louisiana Legislators -Click on that and it will ask for your home address- insert and it will give you information on your representative.

Jefferson Parish Sign Ordinance Update

On Wednesday, May 7, 2008 the Jefferson Parish Council passed unanimously a sign ordinance granting REALTORS® permission to place temporary non-illuminated signs advertising real estate for sale on a right-of-way, servitude, median, neutral ground, or shoulder of a road only between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. REALTOR® signs placed on private property do not apply. The fight is now over. Please adhere to the rules set by the Parish. If you have any questions, please feel to contact Diana or Tranell at (504) 885-3200.

Marbury Little of Derbes-Tatje REALTORS®

has joined a select group of REALTORS® from around the country as a National Association of REALTORS® **RPAC Hall of Fame** member. Membership into this Hall of Fame is reserved for members who invest a minimum of \$25,000 in the REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE over their career. Congratulations to Marbury on this national honor and thanks to all New Orleans Metropolitan Area REALTORS® that invest yearly in their real estate industry and profession!

2008 Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday takes place on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25. During the two-day holiday, tax-free purchases are allowed for the first \$1,500 of the sales price on each of the following items:

- Self-powered light sources, such as flashlights and candles;
- Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios, and weather-band radios;
- Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting;
- Ground anchor systems or tie-down kits;
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks;
- Batteries - AAA, AA, C, D, 6□volt, or 9□volt (automobile batteries and boat batteries *are not* eligible);
- Cellular phone batteries and chargers;
- Non-electric food storage coolers;
- Portable generators;
- Storm shutter devices - Materials and products manufactured, rated, and marketed specifically for the purposes of preventing window damage from storms (La. R.S. 47:305.58).

Food Drive to benefit the United Churches of Algiers Food Bank!

Date: **May 16th** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bring donations (groceries & canned goods) to ERA Stirling Properties Algiers Office, 4100 General De Gaulle, Suite D-2 (Village Aurora Shopping Center, behind PJ's Coffee)

For more info contact: Sandy Duplessis/Managing Broker at (504) 363-0222

“Cell Phones For Soldiers” Initiative

Donate used or unwanted cell phones to help our troops call home! Official drop off location: 103 Beau Chene Blvd; Mandeville or any New Orleans area Coldwell Banker TEC REALTORS® office

Contact person: Dakota Hunter 985-845-2001 ext. 303

EVENTS

REALTOR® Mixer May 9th

Friday, May 9th 5:00-7:00pm at BeBe's, 7224 Ponchartrain Blvd. New Orleans.

Great drink specials and hors d'oeuvre will be served. Please rsvp to margo@nomar.org by May 1st so that there will be enough food.

Spanish Homebuying Course

The next 12-hour certified homebuyer classes taught in Spanish are scheduled for **May 17th** and **May 24th** from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Hispanic Resource Center located at 4312 Florida Ave., Kenner. All 12-hours are necessary to receive a certificate that, within income limitation, opens the door to Home Funds, a \$2,500 grant, soft second funds, and other grants that help attendee/buyers with their down payment or closing cost. Assistance is subject to credit and income guidelines. Call 464-6224 for information and pre-registration. Seating is limited.

“REALTOR® of the Year”, “Manager of the Year”, “Affiliate of the Year”, and “Max J. Derbes Meritorious Service” Award

winners will be announced at the General Membership **Luncheon on Friday, May 23rd** at the Plimsoll Club. Tickets are now on sale. Register and pay online or print the form and fax with your credit card info 888-1812. For registration form click on <http://www.nomar.org/RoyMoyAoy08/Awards%20Luncheon.pdf> or copy or paste into your address bar.

NOMAR'S 21st Annual Bowling Tournament-Friday, June 6th

Register now the Annual Bowling Tournament at the AMF All Stars Lanes. Go to www.nomar.org for registration form. Fabulous door prizes will be given away throughout the event. The theme this year is dress as your favorite T.V. series character(s) from the 60's, 70's, or earlier. Best team costume wins

\$125.00 cash!!! The cost is \$95.00 per team of five which includes 3 games and shoes, and if you don't want to bowl, but participate in the door prize give away, just pay \$20.00. Any questions please email margo@nomar.org

You are Cordially Invited to Join the New Orleans Metropolitan Association of REALTORS® in celebrating the "Grand Opening" of the new Association building on **Friday, June 13th**. We would be honored for you to be a part of this joyous occasion. Ribbon cutting 3:00 p.m., reception 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., 3645 N. I-10 Service Road, Metairie (corner Division St.). RSVP to Mary@NOMAR.org or 504-885-3200.

EDUCATION

"Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreements" for Commercial Agents June 6th

Attention commercial practitioners! Satisfy your 4-hour mandatory continuing education topic requirement in 2008 with a new course that relates specifically to your practice! Louisiana REALTORS® and NOMAR-CID are pleased to present "*Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreements*" (*Commercial Alternative for Mandatory Topic 2008*) a special CE course that provides an in-depth examination of commercial purchase agreements and the rules of agency from a commercial real estate perspective. FREE to NOMAR-CID members. Register online at www.LAREALTORS.org/commercial

Affordable Housing Recertification Class

The Affordable Housing Committee is sponsoring its annual Affordable Housing Recertification Class on **Tuesday, June 10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00pm**. The class will be in the new NOMAR building at 3645 N. I-10 Service Road. This recertification class is for those REALTORS® who are already certified in Affordable Housing. This is a 4-hour CE class. For more information, contact Diana LeBlanc or Tranell Barton at 504-885-3200.

LR Presents "Agency Relations in RE Transactions-2008 Mandatory"

Wednesday, June 11th 8:30-12:30pm at NOMAR. To register go to www.LAREALTORS.org or call (1-800)266-8538 and ask for Amy Phuphanich.

Limited Seating Available For 8 Hours of Required CE

Friday, June 20th we will have both "*Agency Relations in Real Estate Transactions-2008 Mandatory*" from 9:00-1:00 and "*Quadrennial Ethics Training-Cycle II*" 1:30-5:30 at The New Orleans Ladies Hall on the Westbank. Refreshments will be served by Bayou Title. Register online or get registration form from www.nomar.org click on "Continuing Education" for 2nd Quarter registration form. Questions email margo@nomar.org

No Surprises! No Suspensions! No Terminations! Are you in compliance?

2008 is the fourth and final year of the current "quadrennial REALTOR® ethics training" cycle. **If your name is on this list you are not in compliance** <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/05-06-08.pdf>. If you have taken this course and your name is on the list, fax us a certificate or proof of attendance to 504-888-1812. You can attend one of the classes we are offering or you can take it **on-line today** at <http://www.realtor.org/mempolweb.nsf/pages/onlineethicstraining>. For NOMAR's education schedule go to www.nomar.org and click "Education" on the left of the Home Page. **Please be advised that according to the bylaws those who have not taken this course during 2005 – 2008 will have their membership suspended at the end of 2008.** Be sure you have taken it within this timeframe!

CE Classes:

Date	Class	Time	Location
Mon May 12	“Agency Relations in RE:”	9:00-1:00pm	Delta Title
Wed May 14	“The Closing Team: Insurance	9:30-12:00pm	Delta Title (Hammond)
Fri May 16	“Quad Ethics-Cycle II”	9:00-1:00pm	NOMAR
Mon May 19	“The Closing Team: Insurance	9:30-12:00pm	Delta Title (Slidell)
Fri June 6	“Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreements”	9:00-1:00 pm	NOMAR (register thru LR)
Mon June 9	“Foreclosures”	1:00-3:00pm	NOMAR
Tues. June 10	“Affordable Housing” Recertification	1:00-5:00pm	NOMAR
Wed. June 11	“Agency Relations in RE...”	8:30-12:30pm	NOMAR (register thru LR)
Fri June 20	“Agency Relations in RE” “Quadrennial Ethics Training” “LIMITED SEATING AVAIABLE”	9:00-1:00pm 1:30-5:30pm	Westbank Westbank

For Delta Title classes contact Carol @ (504)885-9222 for more information. Light Refreshments will be served.

For NOMAR 2nd Quarter registration form go to <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/Schedule>

For a complete list of all of the classes scheduled for 2008 by NOMAR 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.

NOMAR & GSREIN offices: 3645 North I-10 Service Road (corner Division St.), Metairie, LA 70002
 phone: 504-885-3200, fax: 504-888-1812
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

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