

REALNews from NOMAR

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2009 NOMAR Dues

Invoices will be mailed out to all brokers next week. You cannot pay your dues on-line at www.nomar.org until **October 1**. Please note that we **do not accept cash payments for dues or fees**. Acceptable forms of payment for your dues and fees are personal checks, company checks, money orders, cashier checks and certified checks, MasterCard and VISA. For information on how to pay your dues online and other frequently asked questions, visit <http://www.nomar.org/pdfs/NOMAR%20FAQ%202009.pdf>.

Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES Designation) - October 8-9, Metairie

[Seniors Real Estate Specialist](#) is a *new* designation course being offered for REALTORS to address home buyers age 55-plus. This two-day course will train you to meet the special needs of maturing Americans when selling, buying, relocating, or refinancing residential or investment properties.

With so many options on the horizon, SRES is where the future takes shape. This designation course is being taught by national instructor **Adorna Carroll** and offered on **October 8-9, 2008** in Metairie, LA.

Be sure to stand out from the competition with the fastest growing market in real estate. With your SRES designation, you will be listed online in a referral database which provides direct client contact and referrals from other SRES & regs. This networking benefit, across North America, may be the single best reason to get connected right now.

For more information contact **Amy Phuphanich** at amy@larealtors.org or 1-800-266-8538 or you can [register online](#).

Course credit: Course earns GRI designees two credits toward the Master of GRI; CE credit pending. Registration includes first year membership in SRES Council and its umbrella of services. [>>More Information](#)

Early Voting for Oct. 4 Primaries Begins Saturday

Early voting for the October 4 primary begins Saturday and continues through September 27, excluding Sunday. The ballot includes races for Congress, state Supreme Court, Public Service Commission and a number of local races. The runoff election, if necessary, will be in conjunction with the presidential election on November 4. Voters should bring a Louisiana driver's license; a Louisiana special identification card or some other recognized photo identification and their voter registration card. Early voting is being held at your Parish Register of Voters Offices.

New Orleans Information

The population of New Orleans before Katrina = 454,863
Population Post Katrina = 285,769

In the City of New Orleans there are 11,553 uninhabitable houses.

Musician Village proposed to build 72 single family residents and 5 Duplexes
To date 51 single family residents and 1 duplex is completed.
There was no damage to the Musician village houses during the storm

First Time Home Buyer's Seminar

UNO will be offering non-credit courses this fall. "Everything you always wanted to know about buying a home" will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays, from Oct 15 through Oct. 29th from 7:00 to 8:30. Questions? Call Dan Olmsted, Program Director, University of New Orleans, 504-280-7100, dolmsted@uno.edu

12-hour Spanish Homebuying Course held Sept. 20th and Sept. 27th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Hispanic Resource Center located at 4312 Florida Ave., Kenner. Program is totally in Spanish and is \$75 per family. You must attend both Saturday courses, all 12 hours, to receive a certificate that, within income limitation, opens the door to the "Path To Home Ownership Program in New Orleans" from the New Orleans Finance Authority that offers up to \$65,000 in assistance if eligible, Home Funds, various grants in each parish, soft second funds and other grants that help them 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.

Operation Blue Roof

The following parishes are covered under the Blue Roof program:

Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson Parish, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans Parish, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry Parish, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebone, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana

Your blue roof will be installed FREE OF CHARGE. This repair is temporary, so do not delay in contacting a professional about repairing your roof. *Louisiana homeowners can call - Temporary Roofing 1-888-ROOF-BLU (1-888-766-3258)*

Jefferson Parish Sales Tax Issue

Last year, voters overwhelmingly approved an expansion of the legal use of a property tax dedicated to paying the Parish's portion of the cost of SELA projects. This allows surplus funds generated by this tax to be used for local drainage capital projects that are not eligible for SELA funding.

Jefferson Parish is now proposing a similar expansion of the legal use the 7/8 cent sales tax collected in the unincorporated areas of the Parish and the Town of Lafitte. This tax is currently dedicated to road and sewerage capital improvements only. The vote **on Tuesday, November 4** will allow Jefferson Parish to use funds generated by this tax to also improve drainage infrastructure. ***This is not a new tax or a tax increase but simply a way to improve local drainage through an existing tax.***

The Board Store's Hot New Item!

Little black leather purse \$14.00 plus tax

EDUCATION

MLXChange Continuing Education Class

Wednesday, **September 24th**, 1:00pm-4:00pm at NOMAR. This is a unique class among the MLXChange classes offered. This is the only class that is taught lecture style instead of hands-on, also it is the only class offered worth Continuing Education credits. In this class you will learn the most common components to MLXChange including; Searching, Setting up clients, Using the Map, Auto-Notifications, and the rest of the basics. This is a great overview class for those interested in learning more about MLXChange. For those looking for more in depth training, please check out our Basic I & II hands-on classes. **This class is worth 3 Continuing Education credits. For registration go to www.nom.mlxhelp.com or if in MLX just click on help.**

Frequently Asked Questions about "Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"

are answered at <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/FAQ.pdf> and a list of NOMAR members **not in compliance** is posted at www.nomar.org, under "Education", then click on [Has Not Taken 2005-2008 OET](#) There are **only 103 days left to comply.**

Donaldson RE School Offers "Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"

ONLINE COURSE: \$25.00 good for 3 hours continuing education credit.

CORRESPONDENCE: \$30.00 good for 3 hours continuing education credit.

To register go to http://www.donaldsoneducation.com/section_details.php?section=902 or call 1-800-257-2741.

Upcoming CE Classes:

Date	Class	Time	Location
Wed Sept. 24	"MLXChange Basic Training"	1:00-4:00 pm	NOMAR
Thu Sept 25	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	12:00-4:00	NOMAR- FULL
Thu Oct 9	"Agency Relations in RE..."	9:00-1:00pm	Uptown-Crescent Title
Fri Oct 10	"Agency Relations in RE..."	9:00-1:00pm	Uptown-NOMAR \$20 Nomar Members
Mon Oct 13	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	12:30-4:30pm	GSREIN -Lacomb \$20 Nomar Members
Mon Oct 20	"Scams, Fraud & Predatory Lending"	1:30-3:30pm	NOMAR
Thu Oct 23	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	9:00-1:00pm	Metairie-Crescent Title
Mon Sept 22	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	9:00-1:00pm	Metairie-Delta Title
Thu Nov 6	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	9:00-1:00pm	Uptown-Crescent Title
Fri. Nov. 7	CCIM Symposium	8:00 – noon	Downtown
Mon Nov 17	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	12:30-4:30pm	NOMAR \$20 Nomar Members
Fri Nov 21	"Agency Relations in RE..."	9:00-1:00pm	NOMAR \$20 Nomar Members
Thu Nov 20	"Agency Relations in RE..."	9:00-1:00pm	Eastbank-Crescent Title
Thu Dec 4	"Agency Relations in RE..."	9:00-1:00pm	Uptown-Crescent Title
Mon Dec 15	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	12:30-4:30pm	NOMAR \$20 Nomar Members
Thu Dec 18	"Quadrennial Ethics-Cycle 2"	9:00-1:00pm	Eastbank-Crescent Title

Crescent Title classes- contact Anne Pennebaker (504) 888-1919 anne@crescenttitle.com

Delta Title classes- contact Carol at (504)885-9222 or email cvicknair@deltatitlecorp.com for more information. Light Refreshments will be served.

For **NOMAR 4th Quarter** go to <http://www.nomar.org/coned/2008/Schedule-4th%20Quarter.pdf> Please note for NOMAR members there is a **\$20** charge to attend classes in the fourth quarter.

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. Under "Member Services"

1. Click on "Member Accounts"
2. Click on "**NOMAR**"
3. Input your" Logon ID" (letters) and your "Password" (numbers)
4. Click on "Register for Courses"
5. To register for a class click on the "course ID", then the "class ID", then "register for this class".

Our Condolences to...

Barbara Blades, of Prudential Gardner REALTORS®, whose husband, Richard Morris Blades, passed away Thursday night. Visitation on Sunday, September 21st. from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Visitation on Monday, September 22nd from 10:00 am to Noon. Services at Noon at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans. 486-6331

Trudy Ganley of RE/MAX Real Estate Partners, whose husband, John, recently passed away.

Jan Krebsbach of ERA Stirling Properties passed away Sept. 10th.

Susan Keen of Latter & Blum, whose husband, Frank (Mac) Keen, III passed away Sept. 5th.

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