



# MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts

## APRIL IS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH!

### COMPLETE FAIRHAVEN – MIGHT WIN \$50:

Fairhaven is a no-cost simulation training, developed by NAR, to help REALTORS® identify, prevent, and address discriminatory practices in real estate. The online experience has REALTORS® work against the clock to sell homes, while confronting discrimination in the real estate buying process.

All Maine REALTORS® who have completed Fairhaven before the end of day April 30 will be eligible for a drawing for a random chance to win \$50. We'll be choosing 10 winners – could be you!

Fairhaven can be completed in one sitting, or you can come and go from the online platform as your schedule allows. At this time, only 1% of Maine's REALTORS® have completed this important training. Let's increase this completion rate!

[Visit Fairhaven here](#)

For assistance with login information: 1-800-874-6500  
Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### REALTOR® RALLY (virtual) IS APRIL 15!

MAR's virtual REALTOR® Rally is April 15 and we'll be asking you to TAKE ACTION on that day (coffee and click!) In the meantime, learn about MAR's priority issues [here](#).

### RALLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (virtual):

Join us on Thursday, April 15 from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Hosted by MAR President Aaron Bolster this no-cost, Zoom session will deliver Maine and national legislative updates with panelists to include Hannah McMullen, Esq. MAR's Legal and Government Affairs Counsel, Andy Cashman, Esq. Partner with PretiFlaherty and MAR's lobbyist, and Kristian Hoysradt, Federal Programs Manager and Political Representative for the National Association of REALTORS®. Happening at the Maine Legislature: private road maintenance agreements, remote online notarization, taxation

## Quick Links

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## RAMCO Portal Links

[Greater Bangor Association of REALTORS®](#)

[Greater Portland Board of REALTORS®](#)

[Kennebec Valley Board of REALTORS®](#)

[Maine Association of REALTORS®](#)

- Maine Commercial Association
- MAR Only Members
- York County Council

[Mid-Coast Board of REALTORS®](#)

- Acadia Council
- Mid-Coast Council
- Penobscot Bay Council

[Mountains to Shore Board of REALTORS®](#)

- Androscoggin Valley Council
- Lincoln County Council
- Merrymeeting Council
- Western Maine Council

proposals, proposed eviction prohibitions, potential impact fees on vacant residences. From the U.S. Congress: the American Rescue Plan Act and the proposed American Jobs Plan. Learn how this legislation could impact your real estate business!

[Register here](#) (no-cost)

## **GUIDELINES FOR REAL ESTATE ARE STILL IN EFFECT:**

More and more, we are hearing that real estate licensees are disregarding the Guidelines for Real Estate as an Essential Business, established by Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development which are still in effect. The Guidelines were established in late-May of 2020 and require cloth face coverings, one-use disposable gloves, physical distancing, and other health and safety protocols for the licensees' and clients' protection. As a real estate licensee, adherence to the State of Maine Guidelines is expected at all times and in all situations, regardless of physical location. Complaints are being filed by consumers (some with video evidence).

[Here are the Guidelines](#) in chart form for easy reference

## **CYBER/WIRE FRAUD IS HAPPENING:**

Cyber/wire fraud is happening here. We are aware of a recent incident in Maine involving more than \$150,000 that has not been recovered. Slow down, be careful and diligent, and **educate your clients**. There are lawsuits around the country against REALTORS® for money lost due to fraudulent instructions. Check with your E&O insurer to be sure you have coverage.

If you believe that you or your client are involved in a wire fraud situation:

- 1) IMMEDIATELY contact the financial institution and ask them to do a "SWIFT recall".
- 2) Contact your local law enforcement quickly (town police department or county sheriff's office) to report the incident.
- 3) Then call the FBI immediately (24 hours or less) and let them know you are reporting the incident within 24 hours. Your chances of recovery are greater with less than 24-hour reporting.
- 4) Finally, file a complaint with the FBI online at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). This does not get immediate attention but is important to track serial criminals. Call the FBI, then file an online ic3 report.

To contact the FBI in Maine: Augusta: 207-622-2902;

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## **2022 NAR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

### **PROCESS:**

The deadline is May 7 if you would like to request an appointment to a 2022 National Association of REALTORS® Committee. NAR Committees will meet in May and November 2022 at the national REALTOR® meetings (in DC and Orlando, FL). There are currently 17 Maine REALTORS® serving on NAR committees during 2021.

Please note: NAR committee applications are completed online.

Step 1: you must create/update an Expertise Profile on NAR.realtor;

Step 2: you can apply for up to five NAR committee appointments;

Step 3: you may seek endorsements/recommendations for your applications (which is important to do).

For a list of NAR committees, a link for your Expertise Profile, access to the 2022 NAR Committee Application process (NAR.realtor login required), and FAQ's about the NAR Committee process: [Click Here](#)

For login assistance for the NAR website (NAR.realtor):  
1-800-874-6500

Please contact [suzanne@mainerealtors.com](mailto:suzanne@mainerealtors.com) with any questions.

### **MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:**

- FloPlan and Maine Listing's Upcoming Webinars
- Listing Input Forms
- Eula Reminder

[Here is the link](#)



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