



# MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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## **SALES DOWN AND VALUES UP IN JULY:**

In a press release to the media today, Maine home sales decreased 4.86% comparing July 2021 to July 2020. The median sales price (MSP) was \$315,000, a 23.58% increase in that same time period. NAR reports that existing home sales were down and values were up nationally, and sales and values were up in the northeast, comparing July 2021 to July 2020.

For more information, view the press release here: [Click Here](#)

## **BE AWARE: YORK COUNTY/KENNEBUNK AREA:**

In addition to the male in the Alfred, Lyman, and Waterboro area reported last week, there is another male in the marketplace (mainly Kennebunk) repeatedly contacting REALTORS® exhibiting belligerent, lewd, and potentially dangerous behavior. If you have an inappropriate communication from a consumer, PLEASE contact your local law enforcement (your town's police department or the county sheriff's department that covers your town – not the Maine State Police). Save the voicemails or emails for evidence.

Trust your instincts, be safe, and let local law enforcement and others know about any suspicious and unsettling interactions. Always.

## **REFERENDUM ELECTION NOVEMBER 2:**

Maine's next referendum election is November 2 with three questions on the ballot 1) a Citizens Initiative question; 2) a bond issue; and a 3) Maine Constitutional amendment. To learn more and view the questions:

[Click Here](#)

DEADLINE is August 24 at 5:00 p.m. (tomorrow) if you'd like to provide public comment and have your comments in the Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election. For instructions, application and rules for submitting your public comments: [Click Here](#)

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- Western Maine Council

## **HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:**

Ballots become available 30 days prior to the election but can be requested now. To learn about absentee voting and electronically request your own ballot to be mailed to you in advance of the November 2 Referendum Election, [click here](#).

## **MREC CONSENT AGREEMENTS:**

By MAR Legal Counsel, Hannah McMullen

There were 3 agreements with the following outcome: At the time of license renewal, the licensee had not completed the required Core Course. The licensee completed the Core Course after submitting the renewal. Fine was \$750.00 and licensee agreed that the recent Core Course completed would only be used for the prior renewal period.

## **MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:**

- Free upcoming Flexmls webinars
- Flexmls Tip: Why can't I change my listing status from Pending Continue to Show to Closed?
- Flexmls Updates Scheduled
- MAR Member Benefit Showcase: Tech Helpline
- Series 11 of 11 of the InfoSparks Statistics Series

[Here is the link](#)

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