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SALES DOWN AND VALUES UP IN SEPTEMBER:

In a press release to the media today, Maine home sales decreased -9.74% comparing September 2021 to September 2020. The median sales price (MSP) was \$320,000, a 16.92% increase in that same time period. NAR reports that existing home sales were down and values were up nationally, and in the northeast, comparing September 2021 to September 2020.

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

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH:

Be wary of free Wi-Fi. Free Wi-Fi networks, such as the public Wi-Fi available at airports, hotels, or coffee shops pose security risks that may give criminals access to your personal information. A better option is to use your cellphone or password-secured home network.

NEW LAW UPDATE:

By MAR Legal Counsel, Hannah McMullen

Public Law Chapter 219 (LD1530) ***“An Act to Allow People to Live in Tiny Homes as a Primary or Accessory Dwelling”*** (Effective October 18, 2021). This new law requires municipalities to permit tiny homes to be placed or erected on individual lots where single-family dwellings are allowed or as an accessory structure, subject to all applicable land use requirements as single-family dwellings or as an accessory structure. For purposes of this new law, “tiny home” has the same definition as previously outlined in the law (Title 29-A M.R.S. Section 101 (80-C)):

“Tiny home” means a living space permanently constructed on a frame or chassis and designed for use as permanent living quarters that:

A. Complies with American National Standards Institute standard A 119.5 on plumbing, propane, fire and life

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- safety and construction or National Fire Protection Association standard 1192 on plumbing, propane and fire and life safety for recreational vehicles;
- B. Does not exceed 400 square feet in size;
 - C. Does not exceed any dimension allowed for operation on a public way under [Title 29-A]; and
 - D. Is a vehicle without motive power.

“Tiny home” does not include a trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer, recreational vehicle or manufactured housing.

A copy of the new law can be found [here](#).

MAINE REALTORS® ON 2022 NAR COMMITTEES:

Congratulations and thank you to the following who applied and have been named to National Association of REALTORS® governance committees for 2022:

-**Aaron Bolster** (Allied Realty, Skowhegan): NAR Board of Directors, REATOR Party Member Involvement Committee

-**Tom Cole** (Better Homes and Gardens The Masiello Group; Brunswick): Consumer Communications Committee

-**Julie Cromwell** (Cromwell Coastal Properties, Wiscasset): Consumer Communications Committee

-**Qadra Evans** (Zillow, Inc., Portland): Leading Edge Advisory Board

-**Julie Grady** (Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Kennebunk): Professional Standards Committee

-**Suzanne Guild** (Maine Association of REALTORS®): Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee

-**Pete Harrington** (Malone Commercial Brokers, Portland): Commercial Committee

-**Madeleine Hill** (Roxanne York Real Estate, Bailey Island) NAR Board of Directors, REALTOR® Safety Advisory Committee

-**Jill Huard** (Century 21 Surette Real Estate, Waterville): Data Strategies Committee

-**Patti Lawton** (William Raveis Real Estate, Brunswick): Housing Opportunity Committee

-**Mike LePage** (Portside Real Estate Group, Yarmouth): Diversity Committee

-**Cathy Libby** (Maine Listings): Multiple Listings Issues and Policies Committee

-**Denise Libby** (Maine Listings): Data Strategies Committee

-**Carmen McPhail** (United Country Lifestyle Properties of Maine, Lincoln): NAR Board of Directors, RPAC Participation Council

-**Sharon Millett** (Better Homes and Gardens The Masiello Group; Auburn): NAR Board of Directors, NAR Executive Committee, Past Presidents' Advisory Group

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-Gail Rizzo (Lakepoint Real Estate, Belgrade): RPAC
Major Investor Council
-Bart Stevens (Century 21 Nason Realty, Winslow):
Professional Standards Committee
-Debrah Yale (Benchmark Real Estate, Portland):
Housing Opportunity Committee

COVERME.GOV:

The Made for Maine Health Coverage Act, passed by the Maine Legislature in 2020, authorized the creation of a State-run health care insurance marketplace where individuals and families can shop for health and dental insurance. Maine's Marketplace, called CoverME.gov will open for business on November 1, 2021. All plans sold through CoverME.gov are Qualified Health Plans that provide comprehensive coverage.

Between November 1, 2021 and throughout the Open Enrollment Period that runs until January 15, 2022, you can use <https://CoverME.gov> to:

- Shop for and compare health insurance plans that provide quality comprehensive coverage.
- Apply for financial assistance to lower health insurance costs.
- Find a certified expert to guide you through the shopping and enrollment process and answer your questions at no cost to you.

If you currently have a plan through HealthCare.gov, an account has been created for you at CoverME.gov. Account registration will open November 1, 2021. On or after that date, go to CoverME.gov to finish setting up your account, and your enrollment information from HealthCare.gov will be matched to you. If you have multiple family members on your plan, ensure that the same individual who created your HealthCare.gov account sets up your CoverME.gov account.

To learn more: [Click Here](#)

MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:

- Free upcoming Flexmls webinars
- Free upcoming ShowingTime webinars
- Rules & Regulations Quick Refresher Series
- Flexmls Tip of The Week
- Maine Listings is Hiring!

[Here is the link](#)



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