



MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts



2022 MAR OFFICERS ELECTED:

The Maine Association of REALTORS® membership elected your 2022 MAR Officers:
 President: Madeleine Hill (Roxanne York Real Estate, Bailey Island);
 President Elect: Carmen McPhail (United Country Lifestyle Properties of

Maine, Lincoln); First Vice President: Paul McKee (Keller Williams Realty, Portland) and MAR Treasurer (continuing term) Sherri Dunbar (Tim Dunham Real Estate; Wiscasset). The 2022 Officers were installed by National Association of REALTORS® Regional Vice President Donna Cusson of Vermont. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to MAR and Maine's real estate industry!

2021 MAINE REALTOR® OF THE YEAR:

Congratulations to Tom Cole! A REALTOR® for more than 21 years, Tom Cole was the 2020 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS® and currently serves on the Board of Directors for MAR and Maine Listings, soon to be its Treasurer. Tom was President of the Merrymeeting Board of REALTORS® in 2007 and 2016 -- and was their REALTOR® of the Year in 2007 and 2021. He currently serves as Maine's representative on NAR's Major Investor Council, and NAR's Safety Advisory Committee. Tom has served on nearly all MAR committees and is deeply involved with MAR's advocacy efforts including Chair of the MARPAC Trustees and is a MARPAC Major Investor. Always looking for ways to give back, Tom is a member of the Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club and is Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 202.

Congratulations and thank you! Tom's email:

tomcolerealtor@gmail.com

[Click here](#) to view the 2021 REALTORS® of the Year.

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REALTOR® OF THE YEAR VIDEO:

Check out [this terrific video](#) showcasing the 2021 local Board/Council REALTOR® of the Year honorees.

THANK YOU!

MAR President Aaron Bolster thanks the more than 400 REALTORS® and affiliate members who participated in MAR's 2021 virtual state convention! Thanks also to these industry partners and financial sponsors of our convention programming:

Double Gold Sponsor – [Skowhegan Savings Bank](#)

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FOR 2022:

The 2022 MAR Convention will be held October 11-13, 2022 at the Samoset Resort. Mark your calendars!

RISE AND SHINE:

Join us at the National Association of REALTORS® Annual Convention November 12-15 in San Diego or from the comfort of your home or office – it's a hybrid event! Education sessions, trade show and expo. For more information and to register: [Click Here](#)

CHECK US OUT ON INSTAGRAM:

Follow @maineassociationofrealtors on Instagram!

MAINE REALTOR MAGAZINE:

The Fall 2021 issue of Maine REALTOR® magazine was mailed to your "Communication Preference" address on file at the Maine Association of REALTORS®. See below for instructions on how to update your contact information.

For the digital edition of the latest magazine: [Click Here](#)
Remember, once you open the digital issue, you can share articles by clicking on the icon on the lower right of your screen.

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE:

To update your "Communication Preference" in the MAR membership system:

- 1) Login to the MAR RAMCO portal: [Click Here](#)
- 2) Help info is on the top and bottom of the portal sign-in screen. Please contact MAR, info@mainerealtors.com, if you need login and password assistance.
- 3) Click on the "Update Your Profile" in the blue box

MAR Leadership

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Madeleine Hill

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4) Note the five sections on the left to update (Main, Home Address, Mailing Address, Personal, Communication Preference)

5) Update your information in each section and be sure to click on Update and/or Save at the bottom of each section

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH:

Cyber/wire fraud is rampant and it's happening here including a recent incident in Maine involving hundreds of thousands of dollars. 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 proper coverage. If you believe that you or your client are involved in a wire fraud situation:

1) Contact the financial institution immediately and ask them to do a "SWIFT recall".

2) Contact your local law enforcement immediately (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. 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; Bangor: 207-947-6670; Portland: 207-774-9322

EARLY VOTING IN PROCESS:

Absentee ballots can be requested in-person or online now, and early absentee in-person voting is in process through October 28. To learn about absentee voting and electronically request your own ballot to be mailed to you in advance of the General Election, [click here](#).

All absentee ballots must be received by your town/city clerk's office before 8:00 p.m. on election day, November 2. You may drop off your completed absentee ballot to your town/city clerk's office if you prefer, rather than through return mail.

You may also request an absentee ballot in-person and return it in-person to your town/city clerk's office (early absentee voting).

To check the status of your absentee ballot: [Click Here](#)

MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:

- Our Newest Member Benefit – CartoFront!
- 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](#)

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER:

Defined in paragraph 23 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (and Addenda): "days in this Agreement, including all addenda made a part hereof, shall mean business days defined as excluding Saturdays, Sundays and any observed Maine State/Federal holidays". The Maine State Holiday list is inclusive of all federal holidays. As always, the best approach to any confusing holiday is to communicate both with your client and the agent for the other side to be sure you have all counted the same way and have the same expectations.

[Here's the holiday schedule for 2021.](#)

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY HOLIDAY:

MAR and Maine Listings offices will be closed Monday, October 11 for the Indigenous Peoples' Day holiday. Maine Listings staff will monitor the systems and Help Desk email over the long holiday weekend. If you should experience any issues, please email help@mainelistings.com.



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