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Your Real Estate Experts

LUNCH & LEARN – ESCALATION ADDENDUM:

Join MAR President Madeleine Hill and Hannah McMullen, MAR's Legal and Government Affairs Counsel on March 28 from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. on Zoom for a review of MAR's Escalation Addendum. To register for this no-cost (and no CE credit) learning event: [Click Here](#) Please provide your questions in advance to: suzanne@mainerealtors.com

IMPACT FEE ON VACANT RESIDENCES – LD 1337:

Thank you Maine REALTORS®! LD 1337 was defeated in the Maine Senate this week 3-31. The amended LD 1337, "An Act to Increase Housing Availability and Improve Affordability Through a Vacancy Impact Fee" would have allowed municipalities to pass ordinances to impose a fee (tax) on vacant residential property not occupied by a permanent resident. The bill had been defeated in the Maine House of Representatives on March 9 with a vote of 53-76. After the defeat in the Senate, this bill is dead. Thank you for responding to our Calls for Action and making telephone calls with your personal outreach. You were effective and we thank you!

FANNIE MAE AND ANSI MEASUREMENTS:

Fannie Mae has adopted the American National Standards Institute® (ANSI® Z765-2021) standard for measuring, calculating, and reporting gross living area (GLA) and non-gross living area (non-GLA) of subject properties. Compliance for delivery to Fannie Mae is required for all applicable appraisals with an effective date on or after April 1, 2022.

For FAQ's: [Click Here](#)

For additional questions, contact your appraiser or lender partners.

NAR'S LATEST RESEARCH:

NAR has released its annual Home Buyers and Sellers Generational Trends Report. Learn about the latest trends here: [Click Here](#) (Please be patient, the NAR site is loading slowly.)

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CYBERATTACKS AGAINST THE U.S.

Due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there is national intelligence to suggest that there could be increased malicious cyberattacks against Americans due to the economic sanctions imposed by the United States.

For the latest from the U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency including best practices for businesses, yourself and your family, including ransomware: [Click Here](#)

DON'T FALL FOR IT:

The National Association of REALTORS® is currently investigating reports of an unauthorized third-party posing as NAR and attempting to fraudulently sell health insurance to REALTOR® members. If you receive a text message or phone call offering health insurance from NAR, do not respond or provide any personal or financial information. **Please remember, the National Association of REALTORS®, the Maine Association of REALTORS® and your local REALTOR® Association will never contact you by phone or text to sell any product or service.**

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