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**MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®**

*Your Real Estate Experts*

**LUNCH AND LEARN**  
**JANUARY 30:**

Join us on Monday, January 30 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (no-cost) as we host the [Maine Land Use Planning Commission](#) for a session regarding Maine's Unorganized Territories. We welcome LUPC's

Stacy Benjamin, Acting Chief Planner and Audie Arbo, Permitting and Compliance Manager to provide an overview of the Land Use Planning Commission's role as the planning and zoning administrator for Maine's Unorganized Territories. Their discussion will include how permits for development projects are obtained and reviewed, and the standards that apply to residential and commercial development proposals. [Register here](#)

**REMINDER TO USE CURRENT LEGAL FORMS:**

For new transactions, please be sure that you are using the most current version of MAR's contracts and forms in zipForms. Copyright dates in the footers should be 2023 for new transactions – and disclosures should be updated in a timely fashion as well. Best practice is to always use the most current forms.

**2023 FORMS NOW IN YOUR LIBRARY:**

MAR's 2023 forms have loaded automatically into your Zipform library and are now live. To view the changes for 2023, marked up versions of the 2022 forms are filed in the [REALTOR®](#)



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### **COPYRIGHT 2023:**

All copyright dates in the forms' footers now read Copyright © 2023. The Revised dates indicate the last time that MAR amended that particular form.

### **MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND!**

We are expecting more than 2,000 legislative bills to be considered in the first session of the [131st Maine Legislature](#) over the next six months. MAR's government affairs team reads each bill and works with the MAR Legislative Committee and MAR Board of Directors to 1) identify those bills that impact Maine's real estate industry, and 2) establish a monitor, support, or oppose priority position for each bill.



Those bills are added to MAR's "Legislative Bill Tracking Report" on a regular basis. As the session moves forward, we expect around 200-300 bills to be included on the tracker; potential laws that could impact your real estate business!

Check out the [Advocacy tab](#) on the [MAR website](#) for links to our MAR Bill Tracking report (password: codeofethics). The yellow shading indicates new information since the prior week. The green shading represents new bills since the prior week.

You can also find tools you can use to read the proposed legislation, know when a public hearing is taking place, listen and watch the hearings, read public testimony about the bills, and more. [Find out more information here](#)

The Public Policy Statement of the Maine Association of REALTORS® guides our advocacy efforts, [check it out here](#)

For additional assistance: Contact [Claire](#)

- Acadia Council
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### **MAR REALTOR RALLY IS APRIL 6!**

Maine REALTORS® will be rallying our Maine legislators at the Maine State House and virtually on **April 6!** More details in late-February. For now, save the date!

### **REALTOR® RALLY - MOBILE ALERTS:**

Be ready for MAR's REALTOR® Rally! **Text REALTORS to 30644** or [click here to enroll in mobile alerts](#). For a convenient way to participate in our Rally,

or when a state or national REALTOR® call for action is launched, you can take action from your cell phone.

### **MAR TECH HELPLINE:**

As a membership benefit provided by the Maine Association of REALTORS®, REALTOR® members have access to the Maine Tech Helpline for questions about software, hardware, technology networking, and your digital devices. To contact the Maine Tech Helpline: (877)-562-3157. Assistance is available Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 – 5:00.

As a reminder:

- For MLS or DocuSign assistance, contact Maine Listings at (207) 780-1366 or [help@mainelistings.com](mailto:help@mainelistings.com).
- For zipForm Plus access assistance, contact MAR at (207) 622-7501 or zipLogix at (586) 840-0140

### **CULTURE SCAN AND ECONOMISTS' OUTLOOK:**

These are two of NAR's most popular blogs.

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