



APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH:

Each year in April, REALTORS® reconfirm our commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as our commitment to offering equal professional service to all in their housing search.



[Check out these resources on the MAR website](#)



LUNCH & LEARN:

Pioneering Affordable Housing – 3D Printed Housing
April 25th from 12pm-1pm
 The Director of Housing

Development at Penquis, Jason Bird joins us to discuss [Penquis' partnership](#) with UMaine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center and Maine Housing on the 3D Printed Housing Solution Project to find innovative ways to bring more housing supply to Maine. [Learn more about the project here](#) **Register now!**

CONGRATULATIONS MAINE REALTORS®!

The Maine Senate and House of Representatives recognized the Maine Association of REALTORS® and our membership by reading a Joint Resolution into the legislative record on April 6, REALTOR® Rally Day.



[Here's a copy of the Joint Resolution beginning on page 12](#)

THANK YOU FOR VIRTUAL RALLYING!

Not only did we have nearly 200 REALTORS® at the Maine State House on April 6, but our virtual REALTOR® Rally generated 942 emails to 167 legislators – 90% of the Maine Legislature! Terrific engagement! THANK YOU!

MAR WEBSITE: ADVOCACY TAB:

Check back regularly to the Advocacy tab on <http://mainerealtors.com> for legislative updates, to search legislative documents, and to listen and/or watch public hearings

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- Androscoggin Valley Council
- Lincoln County Council
- Merrymeeting Council
- Western Maine Council

MAR Leadership

at the Maine State House. We're already tracking more than 250 legislative bills that could impact your business, and we expect many more before the legislative session ends in June.

APPRAISAL CLAUSES IN ZIPFORMS:

As a reminder, MAR now has three Appraisal clauses in the zipForm clause library. Please remember that clauses in the clause library are optional. If you are looking for an appraisal clause, please review each of these carefully to be sure you select the one that best meets your clients' specific needs.

- 1) **"Appraisal - Buyer's Right to Terminate"**
- 2) **"Appraisal – Seller's Right to Reduce Purchase Price"**
- 3) **"Appraisal Gap"**

[Click here to view the clauses](#) (pw: codeofethics)

NEW RESOURCE! HIGH PERFORMANCE HOMES

The National Association of REALTORS® and National Association of Home Builders have created "Home Performance Counts" an online resource for learning about green, energy efficient and high performing homes. The site includes information for homebuyers, professional resources for REALTORS® and industry partners, and virtual green home tours. Expand your knowledge of new innovations here:

<https://www.homeperformancecounts.info/>

2024 NAR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

The deadline is May 15 if you would like to request an appointment to a 2024 National Association of REALTORS® Committee. NAR Committees will meet in May and November 2024 at the national REALTOR® meetings (in DC and Boston). There are currently 17 Maine REALTORS® serving on NAR committees during 2023.



Please note: NAR committee applications are completed online.

Step 1: you must create/update an Expertise Profile on NAR.realtor;

Step 2: you can apply for up to five NAR committee appointments;

Step 3: you may seek endorsements/recommendations for your applications (which is important to do).

[Click here for a list of NAR committees, a link for your Expertise Profile, access to the 2024 NAR Committee Application process \(NAR.realtor login required\), and FAQ's about the NAR Committee process](#)

For login assistance for the NAR website (NAR.realtor): 1-800-874-6500. Please contact [Suzanne](#) with any questions.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

MAR and Maine Listings will be closed on Monday, April 17 for Patriot's Day. The Maine Listings Member Success Team will monitor the systems and Help Desk email over the long holiday weekend. If you should

experience any issues, please email help@mainelistings.com.

WHAT IS PATRIOTS DAY?

Patriots' Day was a day set aside to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, which started the Revolutionary War. These two significant battles, which resulted in the colonists defeating the British, marked the first step toward American independence. Patriots Day is recognized in Massachusetts and Maine (which was part of Massachusetts until the Missouri Compromise in 1820). [Learn more here](#)

2023 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 2023](#)

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