



# MAR ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:

At the call of MAR President Carmen McPhail and in accordance with the MAR Bylaws, this is to notify you that the 2023 MAR Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at the MAR Convention at the Samoset beginning at 12:15

p.m. (anticipated end time is 12:30 p.m.) The action item is the election of 2024 officers for the Maine Association of REALTORS®. All REALTOR® members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Members who plan to attend ONLY the Annual Meeting, and are not registered for convention, are asked to notify MAR by September 27 by emailing Suzanne to verify membership status.

# PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Pursuant to the MAR Bylaws, this is notice of the Proposed 2024 Slate of Officers:

- Paul McKee, President (Keller Williams Realty; Portland)
- Jeffrey Harris, President Elect (Harris Real Estate, Farmington)
- Judith Oberg, First Vice President (Oberg Insurance & Real Estate, Bridgton)

# MAINE ASSOCIATION OF MAINE REALTORS®



Paul McKee, 2024 President



Judy Oberg, 2024 First Vice President

Eric Flynn 2023-24 Treasure

- Eric Flynn, Treasurer - continuation of 2-year term (Excellence Realty, Portland)

Additional nominations for elective offices, except that of President (which is automatic), may be placed in nomination by petition signed by 5% of the members eligible to vote. The petition shall be filed in writing with the MAR CEO before September 20, 2023, who shall send notice of additional

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

# MAR Leadership

nominations to all members eligible to vote before the election. Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting.

# NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS:

USDA Rural Development has completed its 2020 decennial United States census review for all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for USDA Rural Housing programs. The rural eligibility designation for the communities reviewed has not changed, although map boundary lines may have been updated.

#### Changes become effective October 1, 2023.

To avoid confusion, here is a complete list of communities that are ineligible to qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs:

- Auburn
- Bangor
- Lewiston
- Portland
- South Portland
- Westbrook

The updated rural area map can be viewed here: eligibility website. Users will need to click on the program, for example: "Single Family Housing Direct", and then click on "Proposed Eligibility Areas" from the tab options.

For additional details, or questions about specific changes, please contact: Darrin Dyer, Acting Housing Program Director, at 207-990-9100.

## JOIN US!

Building Communities is OUR Brand! Join us for these community service events!

-Bangor Area: September 19 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Penquis Community Clean Up

-Mid-Coast Area: October 2 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Partnering with Mid-Coast Habitat for Humanity for a build day!



Kick off our 2023 Annual Convention by making a great impact!
-Lewiston-Auburn Area: October 17 Time 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewiston/Auburn Area, Rebuilding Together Partnership, Home Improvement Project, more details to come!
Sign up below for MAR's Community Outreach Days!

President Carmen McPhail <u>President Elect</u> Paul McKee <u>First Vice President</u> Jeff Harris <u>Treasurer</u> Eric Flynn <u>Chief Executive Officer</u> Suzanne Guild

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#### Sign Up Now!

# DECD HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM:

Maine's Housing Opportunity Program is hosting four regional office hour sessions during September in Belfast, Bangor, Houlton, and Caribou. These sessions are an informal way for community members, municipal officers, and planning board members to talk with Maine Department of Economic and Community Development staff about anything related to P.L. 2021, ch. 672 (LD 2003) and P.L. 2023, ch. 192 (LD 1706). There will be no set agendas for the sessions and RSVP's are not necessary.

# Click here to learn more about Maine's Housing Opportunity Program

The sessions are scheduled as follows: -September 6: Belfast Public Library 3:00-5:00 p.m. -September 13: Bangor Public Library 4:00-6:00 p.m. -September 19: Houlton Town Office 3:00-5:00 p.m. -September 20: Caribou Public Library 10:00-noon

For questions: housing.decd@maine.gov



## <u>CONVENTION FULL</u> <u>REGISTRATIONS - SOLD OUT:</u>

Thank you to all who have registered for CSI-Communicate, Socialize & Innovate" – the MAR convention scheduled for October 3-5 at the Samoset Resort. We have reached

capacity for the full registration slots and are SOLD OUT. Thank you for your support!

## **REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS:**

All convention registrations received have been processed and confirmations have been distributed, or members have been contacted regarding wait lists. Confirmation emails were sent from bonnie@mainerealtors.com. Read your confirmation closely.

# **CONVENTION EXHIBITS AND SPONSORS:**

Exhibit spaces are sold out. We have a few sponsorship opportunities remaining for the 2023 convention. Please reach out to Tanya for additional information and to maximize your company's exposure to our Association's membership.

#### **MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:**

Click on the links below to learn about:



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- Boost Social Media Following
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### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY:

The MAR and Maine Listings offices will be closed Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday. The Maine Listings Member Success Team will monitor the systems and Help Desk email over the holiday weekend. If you should experience any

issues, please email help@mainelistings.com.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, became a federal holiday in 1894 to pay tribute to the labor movement and the economic contributions of American workers. We wish you an enjoyable holiday weekend!





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