



# MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts



## HOW TO HELP OR RECEIVE HELP

Lewiston. October 25, 2023.

As you continue to absorb the feelings surrounding the tragedy in Lewiston, there are resources available for you to provide financial assistance to the victims and their families or for you to seek support for your own mental health. The Governor's office has compiled this comprehensive list of resources: [Healing Together: Supporting Victims and Families of the Tragedy in Lewiston | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills \(maine.gov\)](#)

"Everyone knows someone" especially in the aftermath of tragedy – and REALTORS® know everyone. Thank you for all that you do to support the communities and your neighbors where you live and work.

## UPDATE: BURNET et al v. NAR et al:

On Tuesday, the jury in Burnett et al v NAR et al found in favor of the plaintiffs. The National Association of REALTORS® will file several post-trial motions and then expects to appeal the decision to the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.



Immediately following this Burnet verdict, the plaintiff's attorney filed another class action suit against NAR and other large real estate companies which will now be referred to as the "Gibson" suit.

As NAR moves forward through the legal processes, NAR, MAR, and Maine Listings will share updates and make any changes to our products and processes if warranted.

[Read NAR's statement regarding the verdict \(be sure to scroll down for the Q&A\)](#)

[NAR is also providing agent resources and trial updates here.](#)  
Check back regularly.

We're encouraging transparency and education. Our members should formalize relationships with clients using Buyer Representation Agreements, discuss/explain the services being

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## MAR Leadership

provided and the compensation expected under the Agreement, how/what entity is compensating you as their REALTOR®, and that commissions are negotiable and set between brokers and their clients.

### **NAR ANNOUNCES INTERIM CEO:**

This morning, National Association of REALTORS® President Tracy Kasper met with NAR Directors to announce the retirement of NAR CEO Bob Goldberg and the hiring of Nykia Wright to serve as interim NAR CEO. [Learn more about this Nykia Wright and this leadership transition here](#)



### **OPEN ENROLLMENT AT COVERME.GOV:**

The Made for Maine Health Coverage Act, passed by the Maine Legislature in 2020, authorized the creation of a State-run health care insurance marketplace where individuals and families can shop for health insurance. Maine's Marketplace, called CoverME.gov is now open. All plans sold through CoverME.gov provide comprehensive coverage and Essential Health Benefits.

The Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2023 through January 16, 2024, but the deadline is December 15, 2023 if you need coverage to begin January 1. You can use <https://CoverME.gov> to:

- Shop for and compare health insurance plans that provide quality comprehensive coverage.
- Apply for financial assistance to lower health insurance costs.
- Find a certified expert to guide you through the shopping and enrollment process and answer your questions at no cost to you.

[Learn more here.](#)

### **NAR INSURANCE PLACE**

[You can also check out the health insurance options at NAR's REALTORS® Insurance Place. Find out more here.](#)

### **2024 MAR COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES:**

If you have interest in becoming involved and serving on a 2024 committee or task force of the Maine Association of REALTORS®, please forward your contact information to [Suzanne](#). The MAR Legislative



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commercial in nature.

Committee and MARPAC Trustees are already set for 2024.

For information about MAR's committees: [Click here](https://www.mainerealtors.com/page/967-904/committees)  
<https://www.mainerealtors.com/page/967-904/committees>  
Committee and task force members for 2024 will be appointed by 2024 MAR President Paul McKee throughout the coming year. Thank you!



**I VOTE**

#REALTORParty

### **MAINE'S REFERENDUM ELECTION:**

Maine's Referendum Election will be held on November 7. There are four Citizen Initiative questions and four Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. [Review the Maine Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election here](#)

### **FIND YOUR VOTING LOCATION:**

[You can find your voting location here](#)

### **NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

There is no cut-off date for registering to vote in person at your town office or city hall, including election day.

### **OWN THE MOMENT:**

[The National Association of REALTORS® Annual Convention November 14-16 in Anaheim has a virtual option!](#) General sessions, select education sessions, virtual networking, and access for 30-days post event. For more information and to register: [Click Here](#)

### **2024 REALTOR® DUES – ALL ARE DUE IN DECEMBER:**

Your 2024 REALTOR® dues are due in December (Greater Portland Board and Mid-Coast Board are due on December 1) and local board late fees may be assessed beginning in early-December – as early as December 2. You pay your dues through your local REALTOR® boards' Member Portal (links in right margin).



**Designated Brokers:** Remember...dues must be paid for anyone licensed in a REALTOR® office as of January 1, 2024. If an agent plans to make their license status inactive or his/her license expires any time on/after January 1 and they do not plan to renew, you must inform the Maine Real Estate Commission in writing that the agent's license is no longer affiliated with your company by December 31, 2023 or you, as DB, will be responsible for that agent's payment.

THANK YOU for your membership!

# MAINE Listings

## **MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:**

Click on the links below to learn about:

- [Flexmls Changes](#)
- [Land Scam](#)
- [Rental Beast](#)
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