

# The REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Report

News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS® September 2, 2014

# **REALTOR®** Convention of the Dakotas in Bismarck

Are you registered for the biggest event coming to Bismarck?! Do you like meeting new people? Have you thought about how much networking with fellow REALTORS® can improve your business? Don't miss the highlight of the summer! The Bismarck Mandan Board of REALTORS® is hosting the 2014 REALTOR® Convention of the Dakotas here in Bismarck-Mandan. It's going to be an awesome convention – from education to entertainment and good eats. (September 10-12, Bismarck Civic Center) Reduced registration rates are in effect now. A Caribbean Cruise for two is the grand door prize – don't miss the boat, get your "Passport to Excellence" and register today! www.bmbor.org.

# Anchors Away Convention Kick-Off

Social, beach games, music all from 6-10 pm on the outside patio at the Elks Lodge Bismarck (900 Washington Street) \$25.00 admission includes: burger bar, sides, fixings, dessert, and a drink ticket! \*All proceeds benefit Issues Mobilization Funds in North and South Dakota. Issues Mobilization Funds do not benefit political candidates. Contributions are not tax deductible. Wear your favorite beach attire (no swimsuits please!) and join us in gearing up for a great convention!! Link info <u>http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/ANCHORS-AWAY-FLYER.pdf</u>

#### **Bismarck Downtowners Street Fair**

Coming to Bismarck for the REALTOR® Convention of the Dakotas? Stay over and take in the Downtowners Street Fair on Friday and Saturday in downtown Bismarck. The festivities on Saturday include the Community Bowl featuring the Bison Watch Party, beer gardens and later that evening see Kat Perkins in concert! See more info at this link <u>http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/KatFlyerRealEstate.pdf</u>

# **Housing Agency Accepting HIF Applications**

BISMARCK, ND - The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is holding an application round for approximately \$900,000 in development assistance available through the North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund (HIF).

"Affordable housing development is one of North Dakota's top priorities," said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director. "The Housing Incentive Fund has proven to be a powerful tool in addressing this need in communities statewide."

The agency will accept applications for development of affordable multi-family housing for essential service workers in energy-impacted communities and low- to moderate-income households throughout North Dakota. Development assistance, in the form of a loan, is limited to 30 percent of the total project costs. Eligible projects that can start construction in 2014 will receive a scoring preference.

The HIF allocation plan is available online at <u>www.ndhousingincentivefund.org</u>. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, September 30, to Planning and Housing Development Division Director Jennifer Henderson at NDHFA, PO Box 1535, Bismarck, ND, 58502-1535. For more information call (800) 292-8621 or email <u>info@ndhfa.org</u>.

HIF was created in 2011 and reauthorized and expanded during the 2013 legislative session. Since its inception, the program has leveraged more than \$240 million in construction financing to support the development of 1,500 new rental units in communities across the state.

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency is a self-supporting state agency that finances the creation and rehabilitation of affordable housing. The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Jack

Dalrymple, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, oversees the agency.

# Vote Yes On Measure 2 Campaign Gears Up

The *Vote Yes On Measure 2* Campaign is in full swing! We had well-attended and enthusiastic training sessions in early August and two successful press conferences in Bismarck and Fargo; staff and NDAR members have been on radio shows, are talking to community organizations and have plans to meet with editorial boards, Chambers of Commerce and senior groups. We need volunteers to meet with your local Chambers, your senior groups and your community organizations to make sure they are educated on our ballot measure. Please schedule those meetings and let staff know so we can add to our calendar. We need our entire NDAR membership working on this issue to ensure it passes. Yard signs, buttons and information sheets will be available for NDAR members to pick up at Convention. We also have a standard letter template if you want something to use to send to your clients and can send you a Letter to the Editor to send under your name as well. Wear your buttons direct people to the website and tell everyone to Vote Yes on Measure 2!

Vote Yes on Measure 2! For more information go to http://voteyesonmeasure2.com/

