

the REALTOR® Report



News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS®
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2017 Legislative Session - REALTORS® Legislative Impact Day

REALTORS®! Legislative Impact Day at the Capitol is Wednesday, February 15. REALTORS® and Home Builders will go to the Capitol to meet with legislators and educate them on the value of REALTORS® and Home Builders and the positive economic impact we have on our communities. This also gives us an opportunity to share important policy messages with our legislators and allows us to share statistics and inform them about what has been happening in the real estate industry in their communities. We will have tables for each local board set up in the Memorial Hall so local associations can share information specific to their legislative districts. **RSVP's for t-shirts are due by 2/10 & RSVP for box lunch is due by 2/3!**

[If you are planning to attend, please go to the following link to RSVP:](#)

<https://ndrealtors.wufoo.com/forms/s14fy53m0mh7hvs/>

We also need to know how many people will need lunch at our meeting with the House and Senate leadership and REALTOR legislators; how many people need a t-shirt (there will be a \$10 cost) and how many people will attend the evening social, so we have enough Chili and Oyster Stew.

For the full schedule & other information:

<http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Legislative-Impact-Day-2017-21517-Flier-only.pdf>

We hope to have a great turnout! See you there!

NDAR Real Estate Commission Bill to be heard Thursday, Feb. 2

The NDAR Real Estate Commission Bill is scheduled to be heard by the House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee on Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Fort Union Room at the Capitol. We invite any NDAR members who would like to come and show their support to attend. The bill changes the Commission composition from three to four brokers, as has been the case for more than 25 years. It also says the brokers must be active licensed brokers or associate brokers and it states that the brokers must have been brokers in the state for at least five years. It says that the fifth member must be of the general public and not be licensed as a real estate broker in the state. It also says that each member must be a resident of ND and no two commissioners can reside in the same county. It establishes a limit of two five-year terms, but it also has clarifying language that the current commissioners would serve out their terms until completion.

We also would encourage you to talk to your local ND Representative and let them know that this bill will likely be coming to the House floor and you are requesting a Do Pass on the bill.

We'll keep you updated as the bill progresses.

Statewide Housing Conference – REVIVE, RESTORE, RECONNECT

REVIVE, RESTORE, and RECONNECT at the Statewide Housing Conference, February 7 and 8, 2017 at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Join the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency for nationally recognized speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities. *Registration* is now open at the following link:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1901059>

The ND Real Commission has approved the conference for a total of seven general education hours for attending all of the sessions listed. Alternately, four hours can be awarded for attending all of the sessions on Tuesday, or three hours for attending all of the sessions on Wednesday. (Certificates will only be provided to individuals who meet the attendance requirements.) For *questions and information* contact the ND Housing Finance Agency or visit the conference website at <https://www.ndhfa.org/About/Conference.html>

NDAR Board and Committee Meetings February 14 & 16, 2017

Plan to attend NDAR's first committee and board meetings for the year! NDAR Committees will meet on Tuesday, February 14 and the NDAR Board of Directors will meet Thursday, February 16 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck. These meetings are being held in conjunction with Legislative Impact Day on February 15. Information will soon be posted on the NDAR website at www.ndrealtors.com. You don't have to be a committee or board member to attend. All members are invited and welcomed!

Applications Open for Claus Lembke Political Involvement Award –Deadline 2/3/17

We are seeking nominations for the Claus Lembke Political Involvement Award. This award is presented every two years during Legislative Session to an individual NDAR member REALTOR, REALTOR Associate or Association Executive in recognition of them having assisted in advancing NDAR's legislative agenda through political involvement both in the public arena and on REALTOR political issues. Recipients only can win the award once. Selection is based on points for advocacy activities on the local level, state level, national level and for RPAC contributions. Deadline to submit nominations is February 3, 2017. The award will be presented during Legislative Impact Day on February 15, 2017.

For more information and for the application form click <http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-Political-Involvement-Award-Criteria-and-Application.pdf>

Burgum Unveils New Website to Quickly Inform Residents

In an effort to better inform citizens of major events and battle misinformation, North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum and other state leaders unveiled a new website Wednesday, Jan. 25.

[NDResponse.gov will provide information during events that have a "significant impact on the public and involve multi-agency responses,"](#) Burgum said in a news conference at the state Capitol. As of Wednesday afternoon, it showcased information on the months long protests over the Dakota Access Pipeline and potential spring flooding.

Prepared for Tax Season? – Taxbot Webinar

Get prepared for 2017 tax season and take advantage of one of your NDAR Member benefits by attending a Taxbot webinar on Wednesday Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. CT

https://spendingtracker.infusionsoft.com/go/webinar_nd/nd