

[Subscribe](#)[Share ▾](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▾](#)[R](#)

News &amp; Events from Southern Vermont Board of Realtors®

[View this email in your browser](#)

## May 2014 Member News

### June Meeting to Feature Updates from the VREC

David Raphael, Chairman of the Vermont Real Estate Commission will be the featured speaker at the June 12th SVBR Meeting. David will provide us with updates on the current VREC activities. He'll also highlight some of the changes from the latest revisions to the VREC Rules and Regulations.

The meeting begins at 8:30am with a full breakfast. Our guest speaker will begin immediately following our business meeting. There are no CE credits for this presentation.

Registration is complimentary to SVBR members, however, you are required to register in advance.

### SVBR Member in Need

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that one of our former SVBR members and fellow associate Paul Schwippert is battling a terminal illness and is in need of any financial help we can give to assist him and his family. We will be taking up a collection at the next SVBR member meeting on June 19th and any support you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to make a contribution

### SVBR Member Meeting

June 12, 2014  
 8:30am Business Meeting  
 9:30am Guest Speaker  
 Hermitage Inn  
 West Dover, VT

### Register

### Local Market Statistics April 2014

Vermont Realtors has published its monthly market statistics reports for April 2014. A full review of the statewide market report can be seen at [VermontRealtors.com](http://VermontRealtors.com).

To see the activity in our area click on these links:

[Bennington County](#)

[Windham County](#)

please contact: Paul James of Palmiter Realty at [866-404-4770](tel:866-404-4770).

---

## Realtor® of the Year Nominations Sought

We are now accepting nominations for REALTOR® of the Year. The Realtor of the Year program is designed to recognize REALTORS® who have served not only their profession, but also their communities.

When reviewing nominations for REALTOR® of the Year, the selection committee will consider any of the following categories. The REALTOR® of the Year does not necessarily need to be outstanding in all categories. Look around you and think about someone in your agency or who you work with who is particularly outstanding in one more of these categories and nominate that person today!

For more information and the criteria for nomination go to [www.svtrealtors.com](http://www.svtrealtors.com). The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 30, 2014.

[Click Here](#) to download a nomination form.

---

## SVBR to Track CE Credits for Members

Beginning with the 2014-2016 license renewal cycle, SVBR will track CE credits for members. This new tracking system will allow members to keep their CE credits in one on-line location. Classes with CE credits taken at an SVBR event will be automatically registered in the member's profile. Any member wishing to add a CE class taken with another organization or instructor other than SVBR will be able to submit the information to SVBR and it will be included in their profile.

Please note that it is still the sole responsibility of all licensees to maintain accurate records (certificates of completion) of their continuing education credits during the two year renewal cycle. SVBR is not responsible for

## Vacation Home Sales Surge in 2013

Vacation home sales rose strongly in 2013, while investment purchases fell below the elevated levels seen in the previous two years, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's *2014 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey*,\* covering existing- and new-home transactions in 2013, shows vacation-home sales jumped 29.7 percent to an estimated 717,000 last year from 553,000 in 2012.

Investment-home sales fell 8.5 percent to an estimated 1.10 million in 2013 from 1.21 million in 2012. Owner-occupied purchases rose 13.1 percent to 3.70 million last year from 3.27 million in 2012. The sales estimates are based on responses from households and exclude institutional investment activity. [Read More](#)

The *2014 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey* can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at [www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research](http://www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research). The report is free to NAR members.

maintaining your CE class records. This service is being offered to members is for recording purposes only. SVBR will not keep certificates or other proof of attendance for members.

Beginning June 1, 2014 please submit the following information to [admin@svtrealtors.com](mailto:admin@svtrealtors.com).

1. Name of Class
2. Class date
3. Sponsoring Organization
4. Class instructor

---

### **Ziplogix / ZipForms Online Task Force**

Troy Richardson has been appointed by VR President Donna Cusson to head up a Task Force responsible for monitoring member feedback about the ZipFormsOnline platform. This Task Force will be responsible for interfacing with ZipLogix and updating the functionality of forms within the software.

If you see something that does not work properly within ZipFormsOnline, please visit the Vermont Realtors webpage <http://www.vermontrealtors.com/contact/forms/> to submit your problem report. By doing this it gets reported into a central database, and the Task Force can work on resolving the issue. Without your feedback, we are not able to improve the system, so please take the time to report any and all issues that you encounter.

Please note that this Task Force will not be making any modifications to the forms language, formatting, punctuation, pagination, grammar or similar changes - this Task Force is only working with the fields that can be filled in through the ZipFormsOnline product and how those fields act.

If you are interested in serving on this Task Force, which is currently comprised of Troy Richardson and Ingrid Bennett, please contact Troy at [\(802\) 441-4740](tel:8024414740).

*Copyright © 2014 Southern Vermont Board of REALTORS®, All rights reserved.*

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

