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February 2015 Member News

President's Message

Greetings SVBR Members,

To those who took the time to read the January newsletter, you know how critical these next three months are for SVBR's future. From reading the inspiring responses to the member survey that followed, I can truly say the future is brightening.

The directors are very thankful to the members who shared their opinions and especially to those who volunteered their time for the cause. If you haven't been contacted yet to participate in a task force, you will be soon.

It's wonderful and gratifying for us to have your help!

John McPherson, Berkley Veller Greenwood Country
SVBR President

ZipForms Update

You may have noticed that you were recently required to "renew" your subscription to the ZipForms software. There is no cost to

SVBR Membership Meeting

March 19, 2015
8:30am - 10:00am
Mount Snow Resort
Deerfield North Meeting Room
West Dover, VT

***Please note:
Registering for the Breakfast Meeting does not register you for the CE Class.
The March 19 Mandatory Class is sold out.***

Register for the Breakfast Meeting

Second Vermont Mandatory Class Added for March 20th!

Please note that the Vermont Mandatory Course scheduled for March 19 has sold out!

Due to popular demand a second class has been added.

Friday, March 20

renew your subscription if you are an active SVBR member, as access to ZipFormsOnline is a member benefit. If you are having trouble with the renewal process, please call ZipForms support at 866-693-6767 to reach a live technical support person who can assist you.

Recently updates to ZipForms forms software were made. These include:

- You will notice that the multiple versions of the Property Inspection Contingency form have been removed and now there is only one version of the form.
- On the Purchase and Sale Contract there have been corrections made to Paragraph 29 and the "Agent" field has been opened for editing. Note that the proper way to fill this paragraph in is for the Agency Name to be in the left hand side, and for the Agent name to be in the right hand side. Some agents have mistakenly thought that the blank "Agent" line was a place for them to sign their name, which is incorrect.
- In Paragraph 31, the "Efforts of Agent(s)" fields have been corrected so that two agencies names can now be entered properly into this paragraph.

If you have any comments about the forms software or issues with particular forms that you feel the Forms Committee should be looking at, please submit them through the Vermont Realtors website at this web page:

<http://www.vermontrealtors.com/contact/forms/>.

We are the Realtor Party

9:00am - 1:30pm
Mount Snow Resort
Deerfield North Meeting
Room

Registration is at no cost to SVBR Members, but you must enter the special SVBR discount code during registration.

Code: Mandatory-SVBR

When registering on the Vermont Realtors website you will need to enter this code while in the shopping cart before you get to the payment information screen.

Please note: We must have 25 people pre-registered for the March 20th class, or it will be postponed until the fall of 2015. Register early!

**Register for the
 March 20th
 Mandatory Class**

Local Market Statistics January 2015

Vermont Realtors has published its monthly market statistics reports for January 2015. A full review of the statewide market report can be seen at VermontRealtors.com.

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

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