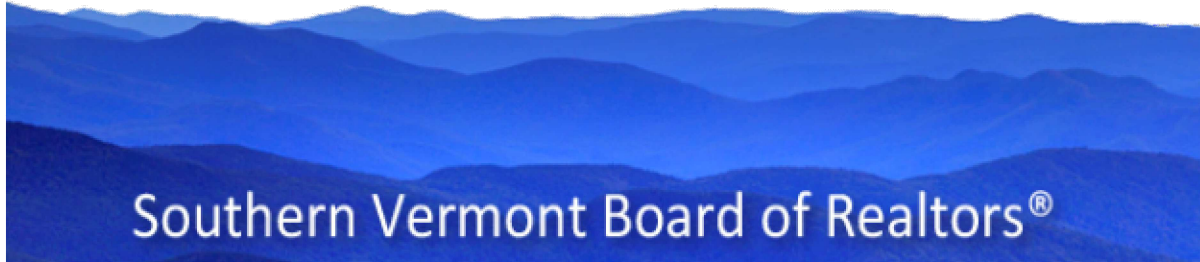


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SVBR Member News - May 2016

President's Message

Dear SVBR Members,

Some of the goals of the SVBR Board this year as part of our core standards initiative have been to focus on educating the public as well as doing our part to give back to the people who help keep us in business. In this vein, we are starting new programs that we hope our members will be excited about.

For the first initiative, at our next Member Meeting June 16th, we will be taking in donations for the Women's Freedom Center in Brattleboro. They can really use cash donations, but are also happy to receive gift cards or non-perishable goods. We are asking that members bring something to the meeting and if you are unsure what to bring are encouraging a \$25 donation made payable to the Women's Freedom Center.

The second initiative involves press releases educating the public as to the market conditions. We are in talks with the local newspapers to get this information out there. We would absolutely love to find a member who would be interested in doing these releases, and it could be a great way to get your name out there. For the time being I will provide the info but would love to hand this task over to a ready and willing member.

June 16 SVBR Meeting and CE Class

Marlboro Graduate Center
28 Vernon Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

9:00am

Breakfast Meeting

Don't forget to bring a donation for the Women's Freedom Center

10:00am - 12:30pm

CE Class: Realty's New Reality

CE Class Registration Fee: \$10.00 for SVBR Members

Register for the CE Class

Are you interested in Getting your Brokers License?

SVBR is hoping to bring the

The quarterly member meeting is Thursday, June 16 and will feature the class "Realty's New Reality" for 2 CE Credits.

Register today for the Meeting and the CE Class.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, May 26, 8:30AM at the Four Seasons Sotheby's office in West Dover. We would love for any members to come and listen in or voice your opinions, just let us know if you'll be coming.

Thanks and enjoy the warm weather!

Adam Palmiter
SVBR President

Raising Funds for the Women's Freedom Center



SVBR is showing support for the Women's Freedom Center in Brattleboro. During the June Membership Meeting, we will be collecting donations to help the center. It is the local organization working to end domestic and sexual violence serving both Windham and Southern Windsor Counties in Vermont. According to the center, following donations are needed.

- 1) Checks made out to the Women's Freedom Center are best, and are tax-deductible. These unrestricted monies can be directed where most needed – such as legal aid.
- 2) Gift cards for everything from gas, groceries, household items, clothing etc. Many of the people served have to flee without any possessions.

Brokers License Class to southern Vermont. We need a minimum of 10 people before we can commit to the course. Please contact [Jen Armstrong](#) if you are interested.

Paragon Training Coming August 11th 9:30AM – 11:30AM Mount Snow Resort

As you know, NEREN is updating to a new MLS system called Paragon. Based on the project plan provided by Paragon, the system will be made available to all NEREN members on August 1st. At that time, users should use Paragon for everything they would typically do in InnoVia, except for adding and maintaining listings. On September 26th, listing maintenance will be made available to members and InnoVia will be "read only," meaning it will just be available to search and verify data.

Stay tuned for more details soon!

April Market Statistics

The April 2016 Market Statistics reports are now available. A full review of the statewide market report can be seen at VermontRealtors.com.

To see the activity in our area

3) Non-perishable food and household items are OK, too.

We would like to suggest that people bring \$25 for the cause with them to the meeting if people don't want to bring hard goods!

June CE Class: Realty's New Reality

The next SVBR CE Class will be held on June 16th at the Marlboro College Grad Center. Instructor Craig Foley will present three topics focused on the emerging high-performance housing market in Vermont.

The first is an overview of the real estate value chain "green builders and contractors, listing agents, NEREN's addition of green data fields to their MLS, appraisers, lenders, and homeowners "and how it relates to the proper valuation of more efficient homes.

The second is a deeper focus on building ratings and certifications, such as ENERGY STAR®, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), and energy asset ratings such as the HERS Index Score, which introduces asset valuations.

Finally, a highlight of legislation and incentives to fund energy-efficiency improvements, renewable energy, and sustainable design in New England will give context to where the market is heading.

Register for the CE Class

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Join in the Conversation about SVBR's Programs and Activities. Come to the SVBR Board Meeting Thursday, May 26, 8:30am at Four Season's Sotheby's Office in West Dover.

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