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April 2015 Member News

President's Message

Greetings SVBR Members,

I want to thank the members who participated in the SVBR Legislative Forum on April 6th. Legislators from Bennington and Windham County were on hand to hear our concerns about key issues including the rising costs of financing education in Vermont. The Legislators were able to share their opinions on what they see happening in Montpelier. It's a complex issue, but our voice needs to be heard. Meetings like this give Realtors a forum to express our concerns.

Have you used the "Helpful Links" section of the SVBR website lately? Recently I was putting together a transaction and needed more information. I was able to find great links to useful sites on our website. Check out the "Helpful Links" tab across the top of the SVBR website, www.svtrealtors.com.

John McPherson, Berkley Veller Greenwood Country
SVBR President

Upcoming VR Education
for a complete list and more information on these courses visit
www.vermontrealtors.com

Energy Issues in Existing Homes, Part 1 & 2
Apr 29 @ 12:30 – 5:00 pm
Woodstock ~ 4 hrs CE VT, 3 hrs CE NH

Broker Pre-Licensing
May 4, 5, 18, 19, and June 5 2015 (40 hr QE)
9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Montpelier

Broker Summit – Identifying and Managing the Liability in a Real Estate Transaction
May 27
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Newport

Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS) Institute Designation
June 15 – 19
Burlington

Global Real Estate: Local Markets ~ 4 hrs VT CE
June 15
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Vermont Realtors is on the Road!



On April 30, VR leadership and staff will be in Manchester and Brattleboro for their first On the Road series.

This event gives VR members an opportunity to hear from VR leadership and staff about the association's latest initiatives, upcoming events, legislative updates and more. Plus, VR will talk about key issues such as updates on designated agency. Ask your questions during our Q&A session, and share your ideas and suggestions!

April 30 – 9am

Equinox Village

49 Maple St., Manchester, VT

Includes free breakfast. RSVP required.

[Register for Manchester Event](#)

April 30 – 12:30pm

Marlboro Graduate Center

28 Vernon St., Brattleboro, VT

Includes free lunch. RSVP required

[Register for Brattleboro Event](#)

ZipForms Update

We are working on updating all forms in the ZipForms library, even if the forms change is only to add the new Vermont Realtors form number to the footer. You will know that you are using the most

Burlington

Salesperson Pre-Licensing Course

June 22, 23, 29, 30 & July 7, 2015

9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Rutland

Local Market Statistics March 2015

Vermont Realtors has published its monthly market statistics reports for March 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:

[Bennington County](#)

[Windham County](#)



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recent form if you see in the footer the new Vermont Realtors® numbering system "VR-xxx-A" where xxx is the form number and A is the revision version.

You may have noticed changes to some forms in the library around March 5 as follows:

The following forms were updated:

Commission Allocation Agreement VT-007-A
 Common Ownership Addendum VR-008-A
 Cooperating Agency Agreement Between RE Brokerage Firms VR-011-A
 Independent Contractor Agreement VR-020-A
 Flood Insurance Disclosure Statement VR-018-A
 Addendum to Listing Agreement VR-001-A
 Addendum To Buyer Agency Agreement VR-003-A
 Addendum to Listing Agency Agreement VR-004-B
 Authorization for Delivery of Contract Deposit VR-006-A

We have now submitted the following forms for the next round of updating and will update you when these have been added to the system:

Contract Deposit Interest Worksheet VR-022-A
 Interest Bearing Contract Deposit Addendum VR-023-A
 LBP Single Family Disclosure VR-028-A
 LBP Lead Free Disclosure VR-029-A
 LBP EMP Information VR-030-A
 LBP Rental EMP Information VR-031-A
 Referral Agreement VR-040-A
 Amendment to Buyer Agency Agreement VR-043-A
 Termination of Listing Agreement VR-044-A

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/>.

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[A voice on Capitol Hill](#)

The program is an opportunity to bring a strong and unified REALTOR® voice to Members of Congress.

[An easy-to-manage solution](#)

Nothing needs to be downloaded and there is no cost to the broker. NAR gives the broker-owners or managing broker access to the Broker Portal.

[Proven results](#)

Realtors® Give Back to the Community

At the March Membership Community, SVBR Member Joe Specht talked about his experience working in the Wilmington Community. During his presentation he described the rewards he gains not only professionally but personally as well. He talked about the sense of community that he gets and the benefits of taking time to give back to the community.

Realtors® not only help people achieve their dream of homeownership, they also volunteer their time and energy to improve the lives of their community members.

We'd like to hear more from SVBR members about how you are helping to improve your community. If you would like to share your experience volunteering in the community, please contact us at admin@svtrealtors.com.

Your online participation report will show you response rates on Broker Calls for Action are significantly higher. The message is from you, the broker, to your agents. your agents listen to you then take action!

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