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SVBR Member News - April 2019

[President's Message](#)

A new season is upon us, or so we thought. We are still defrosting up in the mountains, but signs of Spring are popping up in the Brattleboro area. We have lot going on in the real estate market and in our communities. The melted snow is uncovering the trash on the sides of the road which gives us an opportunity to get out and help.

Green up day is May 3rd and we want brokers, agents and affiliates to get out into the community and help Green Up.

Grab your green bags and pick a day to head out together to clean up the community that we work so hard to sell.

April 23rd is our next SVBR board meeting and we hope to see an increase in attendance as we will be discussing The Office of Professional Regulation's (OPR) proposal to change the governing model of our industry, Commission vs. Advisory Model. These two models are very different and could impact how we are regulated. Please join us to discuss the two models and decide together how we want Patrice Schneider, our VAR director, to take our message to Montpelier at the special meeting on April 24th.

Education..... We are almost one year into our education cycle, don't wait until the last minute to take Code of Ethics. Join us on May 23rd to meet this requirement.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

April 23

8:30am

SVBR Board of Directors Meeting
Four Season's Sotheby's West Dover

April 24

10:00am - 12:00pm

Special VAR Board of Directors Meeting
Montpelier
[Register](#)

May 3

Green Up Day

May 23

10am - 1pm

Biennial Code of Ethics Training (3CE)
[Register](#)

June 13

Member Meeting and

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amazing opportunity for you to take advantage of and take the 40 hour class (8 Hours is CE).

Sincerely,
Betsy Wadsworth, President

Vermont Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) Considers Change to Real Estate Commission Governance

Over the last year the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) has been considering changes to the way the Vermont Real Estate Commission (VREC) is governed. The change under consideration is to eliminate the governance of the VREC from a Board model to an Advisory model. This can have big consequences to the real estate profession in Vermont.

The Vermont Association of Realtors is hosting a special Board of Directors Meeting on April 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm in Montpelier. All VAR members are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters and Office of Professional Regulation Director Lauren Hibbard will be there to discuss this proposal.

SVBR members are encouraged to read information that has been disseminated to the VAR Board of Directors. Feedback and questions are welcomed at the SVBR Board of Directors Meeting on April 23. This is an important issue and we're hoping SVBR members will be engaged in the discussion.

[Click here](#) to view OPR Comparison of the two models
[Click here](#) to view Letter to VAR Directors from David Raphael, former VREC Chair
[Click here](#) to view Letter from Donna Murray, former VREC Vice Chair

SVBR Green Up Day is May 3 - Grab a Bag and Do Your Part!

8:30am Business Meeting

9:30am Social Media Strategy (3CE) Class
[Register](#)

May 19-20 Short Term Rental Summit - Brattleboro
[Register](#)

June 17, 18, 24, 25, 26 Broker Pre-Licensing Course
[Register](#)

Welcome New Member!

Philip Lewis
Hoisington Realty



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spend sometime out of the office helping to "green up" our area. Take pictures and submit them to SVBR so we can post to Facebook and on our website.



Do Business With a Member!

Are you supporting our Affiliate Members? SVBR is fortunate to have the support of companies who provide services to real estate professionals. [Check out the Affiliate Directory](#) on the SVBR website.

All Affiliates are encouraged to attend the SVBR Membership Meetings to network with Realtors.

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