



News From North Metro

Weekly Update

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Greetings!

We hope you will consider nominating an outstanding member for one of NMRA's Annual Awards! Each year, we name our Affiliate, Broker, and REALTOR® of the Year, as well as the recipient of the James Stanton Distinguished Service Award.

But we need your help in naming these deserving people. It is easy to nominate someone. All you have to do is fill out our easy nomination form and then fax or email it to us! You can view and print the the 2008 nomination forms [here](#).

For questions, please contact [Tracey](#) at 763-757-7230.

Award candidates must be submitted no later than Friday, August 22, 2008.

Have a terrific week!

Announcements from NMRA

FINAL - FINAL SALE!

All pads of real estate forms are now only 25 cents! Get your purchase agreements, financing addendums and other real estate forms before they are all gone! Because once they're gone they're gone!

2008-2009 Election Results

On Wednesday, August 6, 2008 ballots were counted by the nominating committee. The following people have been elected to three (3) year terms running from October 1, 2008 to September 31, 2011.

The candidates that have been elected are:

Marilyn Farinella, Coldwell Banker Burnet
Steve Seidl, Coldwell Banker Burnet
Gary Smith, Keller Williams Classic Realty

To view a complete resume of each candidate [click here](#).

Thank you for donating your valuable time to NMRA!

GE Security Supra Bills Due Today!

The annual DisplayKey invoice from GE Security must be paid TODAY! If you do not pay your bill today your key will be turned off by GE Security. To pay your bill today phone GE Security at 1-877-699-6787 or you can pay online at [Agent WebPay](#).

Once your key has been turned off you will have deal with GE Security directly (1-877-699-6787) to have it activated again, this phone number will likely be very busy. If you do not plan on paying your bill you must return your key and cradle to the Association Office or you will be turned into collections.

If you have further questions please contact Renee at 763-757-7230.

Mandatory Code of Ethics Training for all REALTORS®

Between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2008, every REALTOR® is required to complete 2 1/2 hours of Code of Ethics training. Any member who fails to complete the required training will have their membership suspended by their primary association until training is complete.

[Click here](#) to see if you have completed this mandatory requirement. If your name is not on the list you can take the class online [here](#) or attend NMRA's Membership Break fast.

Tim Gallivan is one of NMRA's most popular instructors and he will teach the required COE course on September 18th at Majestic Oaks Golf Course, cost is \$15, registration and breakfast is at 8:00am, the class runs from 8:30-11:00am. 2.5 hours of continuing education. Contact [Barb](#) to register today!

Upcoming Education

Membership Breakfast: Your Door to FHA Homeownership

Anita Olson, FHA Representative will walk you through all the updated information

about FHA/HUD offerings. Did you know that FHA is now nearly 33% of the mortgage product market? Has it been a very long time since you've done an FHA or have you never done an FHA? This class is for you.

Details:

October 2, 2008

Majestic Oaks Golf Course

Registration and breakfast 8:00am

Class run 8:30am- 10:30am

Cost is \$15 (includes breakfast and 2 hrs of CE)

Contact [Barb](#) to register for either one or both classes today!

News from MNAR

MNAR Seeks Executive Committee Members

The Board of Directors for the Minnesota Association of REALTORS® will elect Executive Committee members for the year 2009. The terms are for 2 years and members can serve two consecutive 2-yr. terms. If you are interested or know of any interested members, please complete the [application](#) before September 4. The election will take place at the October 23 board meeting and as Executive Committee Members also serve on the board, newly elected members will begin serving immediately at that time.



MNAR Seeks Candidates for NAR Director Position

The Minnesota Association of REALTORS® has an opening for a member to serve on the National Association's Board of Directors. This is a three (3) year term that begins on January 1, 2009. The NAR Board of Directors meets two (2) times each year; once in May at the NAR Mid-Year Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, and again in November at the NAR National Convention, held in various cities throughout the United States. Directors are expected to attend these meetings throughout their three year term. NAR Directors from Minnesota also serve a three year term on the MNAR Board of Directors and there are three meetings each year in the Metro area where attendance is required.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please fill out an application on their [website](#) no later than the close of business on September 4, 2008. Or if you know of someone in your local association who has expressed an interest in getting more involved at the National Association level, please encourage them to submit an application for this position.

All applicants will be interviewed by the MNAR Nominating Committee the morning of Thursday, September 18, 2008 at the MNAR Office. The Nominating Committee will then recommend one candidate to be approved by the MNAR Board of Directors at your October 23rd meeting. MNAR offers financial reimbursement of up to \$2000 to each NAR Director to help defray the costs of attending each national meeting.

An additional reminder: September 4th is also the deadline for submitting applications for MNAR Committees, or recommending a candidate for the 2008 Minnesota REALTOR of the Year and the Ed Anderson Political Achievement Award.

If you have questions about any of these items, please contact [Linda Modlinski](#).

News from NAR

Pending Home Sales Rise, Wider Gains Anticipated as Buyers tap Housing Provisions

Some improvement is projected for existing-home sales in the months ahead, with broader gains seen by the fourth quarter as buyers take advantage of new provisions provided through the recently passed housing stimulus bill, according to the latest forecast by the National Association of Realtors®. Read the entire article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Free Homebuyers' Fair

The City of Brooklyn Park is having a free Homebuyers' Fair. This event will be an open house and will have door prizes, activities for kids ages 4-12, refreshments, and many displays and information tables. [View a flyer from this event here](#).



Date: Wednesday, August 13

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center,
5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park
www.brooklynpark.org/housing

News from NorthStarMLS

GeoVista Tours Discontinued



The GeoVista Neighborhood Tours (linked on the Property Full Displays) have been discontinued. The company stopped technical support and had no plans to update the photos, many of which were up to ten years old and no longer reflective of the home or neighborhood. Because of increasing complaints from NorthstarMLS subscribers, we removed the links. Although not street-level views, you can get an alternate view of the neighborhood by clicking the globe icon on any listing to open the Virtual Earth map. Click the icon in the upper left (next to the zoom control) to switch to the Bird's Eye View.

Housing Statistics

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Market Updates for ~~100~~ Twin Cities Communities
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[Monthly Markets Analyses](#) for 125 cities throughout the Twin Cities region. Updated July 14, 2008.



Get the latest housing market statistics

from our [Weekly Market Activity Report!](#) *Updated August 11, 2008.*



Housing Supply Outlook

Housing Supply Outlook *(updated through August)*

Get an extremely detailed look at the current supply of homes for sale and absorption rates by price range, property type & construction status.

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