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# Newsletter

*The United Voice for Real Estate in Frederick County*

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## FCAR January Events

Register for the following events on our website.



### FCAR SOCIAL SHORTCUTS



[Click here for our COVID-19 Info Page](#)

## Holiday Hours

The FCAR office close early for the New Year at noon on **Friday, December 30** and be closed all day **Monday, January 2**.

# Membership

## In Case You Missed It: 2023 Installation

FCAR members lit up Citizens Ballroom in Downtown Frederick for the installment of 2023 President Amos Martin.



**Pictured** (left to right): 2023 President Amos Martin, Immediate Past President Tony "C" Checchia, Secretary Brandi Dillon, Treasurer Darren Ahearn, and Directors Chris Highland, Soraya Gillespie, and Terez Dorsey.



**Pictured** (left to right): Past FCAR Presidents Bill Armstrong and Carlton Boujai, GCAAR President Yolanda Muckle, FCAR President Amos Martin, Maryland REALTORS® President-Elect Chris Hill, and Maryland REALTORS® CEO Chuck Kasky



**Pictured** (left to right): Former Director Ashleigh Kiggans, Past President Marla Starr Johnson, and Director Thomas Campbell

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## Big Dates & Deadlines

**Wednesday, November 16**

### 2023 Dues Renewal

Maintain access to your FCAR benefits by paying dues in your Membership Portal before January 15! Don't forget to protect your right to practice in real estate—"keep the box checked" for your \$25 Fair Share RPAC investment.

**Noon December 30, All Day January 2**

### FCAR Holiday Office Closures

In celebration of the New Year, the FCAR office will be closed on the dates above.

**Thursday, January 5 | 11:30 AM**

### January Membership Meeting

Our first meeting of 2023 features guest speaker Chuck Kasky, CEO of Maryland REALTORS®. Register today in your Membership Portal.

**Sunday, January 15**

### 2023 FCAR Dues Deadline

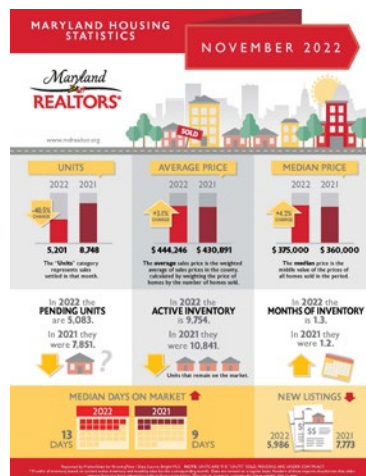
Please make sure to renew your membership by this date to maintain access to all of your membership benefits.



For the full report, click the image above or visit [Bright's website](#).

## November 2022 Housing Stats

More market statistics are available on our [housing statistics](#) page.



# Horizon Realty Owners Retiring, Selling Gently Used Office Furniture

Richard and Jacquie Murtagh of Horizon Realty are retiring and looking to rehome a variety of office furniture at reasonable cost. Items include over a dozen desks, bookcases, and lateral file cabinets. If interested, contact Richard Murtagh at 301-748-4425.



## Reminder: Renew Your FCAR Membership



**Pictured** (left to right): 2023 FCAR RPAC Subcommittee Chair Carolyn McCarthy and 2022 Chair Soraya Gillespie

When renewing your membership, don't forget to "Keep the box checked!" Your \$25 RPAC Fair Share investment helps continue to protect your rights to practice in real estate.

**Renew yours today:**  
[go.fcar.org/login](https://go.fcar.org/login)

Your amount owed is listed in the upper right-hand corner after logging in to your Membership Portal.

# FCAR CALENDAR

Sign up for these upcoming events using your [FCAR Membership Portal](#).

For virtual events, Zoom links are listed on our calendar at [www.fcar.org](http://www.fcar.org).

## January Membership Meeting

Thu, Jan. 5 | 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Register for our first meeting of the new year with guest speaker Chuck Kaskey, CEO of Maryland REALTORS®. Featuring legal updates by Meg Gawler of Community Title Network, lender updates by Susan Slaughter of Presidential Bank Mortgage, and a door prize sponsored by Denise Karanikas of Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit.



## The Soup Kitchen Project

Every Second Tuesday—Jan. 10 | 5:00-7:00 PM

FCAR hosts a monthly evening of serving dinner at the Soup Kitchen Project in Downtown Frederick. To learn more about serving or sponsoring these outings, contact Community Service Committee member Susan Houck at [shouck@marketrealtymd.com](mailto:shouck@marketrealtymd.com).

## Lunch & Learn: How Do REALTORS® Retire?

Wednesday, Jan. 18 | 12:00-1:00 PM at FCAR

Our first Informed Professionals session of the year brings you practical steps toward financial planning and retirement. This free lunch & learn is open to non-members and features Kevin R. Moore (CFP®, MBA).



## YPN Happy Hour: Fourth Dimension Fun Center

Thursday, Jan. 19 | 5:00-7:00 PM

Join our Young Professionals Network at their first monthly networking event of the year! Known for its high activity environment with a bar and arcade, this is a great event to invite your colleagues to. Register today on our website.

# FCAR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please note that most classes are hybrid. Strictly In-Person classes are marked.\*\*

Please use your [Membership Portal](#) to sign up. Visit [fcar.org](http://fcar.org) and click the login button or visit [go.fcar.org/login](http://go.fcar.org/login).

Zoom links will be sent out the day before the class to the registered e-mail address.

## New Member Orientation\*\*

Tue., Jan. 10 | 9:30-11:00 AM

Instructor: Kris Alcorn

*Affiliates: Contact [kelly@fcar.org](mailto:kelly@fcar.org) to secure your free sponsorship.*

## Mental Toughness for Agents

Wed., Jan. 15 | 10:00-11:30 AM

Instructor: Author and Speaker  
Eric Rittmeyer

## Historic Homes

Wed., Jan. 25 | 1:00-2:30 PM

Instructor: Kevin Bradley

## New Member Orientation\*\*

Tue., Feb. 8 | 12:00-1:30 PM

Instructor: TBD

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## GRI COURSES AVAILABLE

Series 100 Dates: February 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23

Series 200 Dates: March 1, 2, 7, 21, 23, 28

Series 300 Dates: April 4, 18, 20, 25

Series 400 Dates: May 2, 4, 11, 16

LEARN MORE: GRI Info and Registration

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4: VIRTUAL BRIGHT MLS TRAINING

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