



Frederick County Association of REALTORS®

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NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 1ST

This year's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, from 10am until 11:30am via Zoom. Attendees will have the opportunity to win one of five gift cards to local restaurants and other businesses! [Please register through your member portal at \[www.fcar.org\]\(http://www.fcar.org\)](#) and join us as we welcome our new officers and board members, review the annual report, and more. Be sure to check our social media streams in the coming days as we preview some of the presentations and prizes slated for the event. Hope to see you there!

FCAR ELECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH

Have you voted yet? Your last day to approve new board officers and directors, plus vote on two proposed bylaw changes, is September 30th. [Log into your member portal to vote.](#)

ELECTION 2020

Know Before You Vote: Voting by Mail

Due to COVID-19, all Marylanders are encouraged to vote by mail. In September, all registered and eligible voters were sent a mail-in ballot application in the mail. If you did not receive an application in the mail, you may still request a mail-in ballot from the Maryland Board of Elections web site or the Frederick County Board of Elections. Your request for a mail-in ballot must be received by October 20, 2020; however, it is recommended that you do this as soon as possible to prevent mail delays. Mail-in ballot applications can also be returned to the Frederick County Board of Elections drop box at 340A Montevue Lane in Frederick.

Continuing Education Classes

FCAR is pleased to offer the following courses online via Zoom, pursuant to DLLR authorization for online continuing education during the pandemic. To register for any course, visit your member portal at www.fcar.org. To further assist you, FCAR has prepared a brief video tutorial to walk you through the registration process. You may view that by [clicking here](#).

Fair Housing

Thursday, October 8, 9am-11am

Maryland Code of Ethics

Thursday, October 8, 1pm-4pm

MREC Required Supervision

Tuesday, October 13, 9am-12pm

Ancillary Home Inspection

Testing

Tuesday, October 13, 1pm-4pm

Understanding Contract Addenda

Wednesday, October 14, 9am-12pm

Legal & Legislative Update

Tuesday, October 20, 9am-12pm

MREC Real Estate Brokerage Relationships & Disclosure

Tuesday, October 20, 1pm-4pm

MREC Agency - Commercial

Wednesday, October 28, 9am-12pm

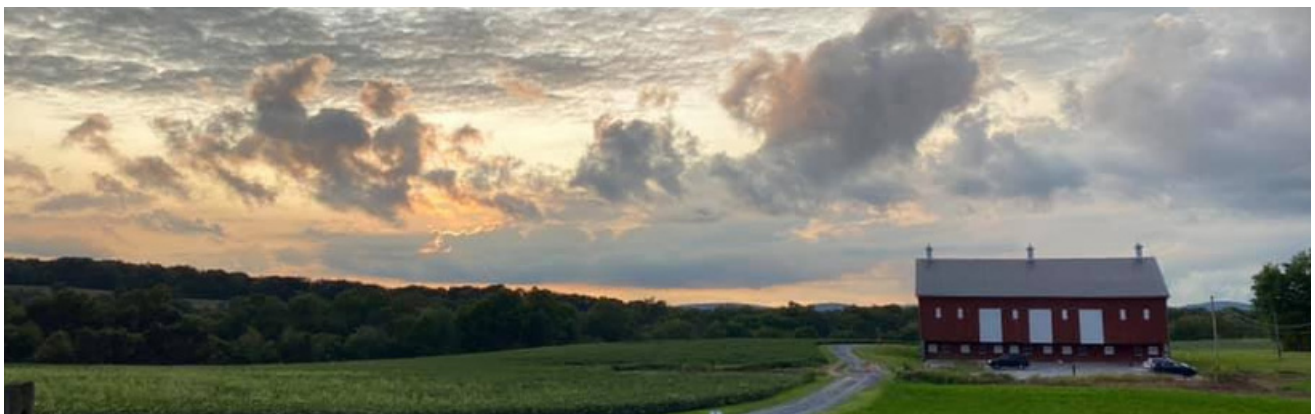
License Extensions During COVID-19

Just a reminder that the Maryland Real Estate Commission has pushed out the expiration date for licenses that will expire during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, as per Governor Larry Hogan's order in March 2020. **Licensees will have 30 days from the date the State of Emergency is lifted to renew their license.** The license expiration extension is temporary, and the Real Estate Commission is encouraging licensees to continue to take the necessary classes they will need to renew their license. If you have questions about your license or the requirements, please contact the FCAR office 301-663-0757.

Let's Get Social! Connect with FCAR



*Below: Storm clouds sweeping toward Monocacy National Battlefield at sunset, September 2020.
Photo by Catherine Magi Oliver.*



SentriLock Reciprocity in Maryland

In order for agents to access homes through SentriLock outside of their home association boundaries, a reciprocity agreement is necessary. FCAR members already have reciprocity with all associations in Maryland except for the Garrett and Coastal Associations. If you wish to show properties in the Garrett and Coastal Association boundaries, you must complete the appropriate reciprocity form prior to showing the property. The same rules SentriLock Reciprocity In Maryland and regulations for SentriLock users remain in effect. Anyone caught breaking these rules will be subject to fines set by each association. Processing these reciprocity agreements can take up to 2-3 business days to complete. Please plan accordingly to make sure there is enough time to complete the process before you plan to show the property. FCAR does not currently have reciprocity agreements with associations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia. If you plan to show properties in these states, please research how to obtain reciprocity agreements. Completed forms should be emailed to Kelley Burley at kelley@fcar.org. Please call 301-663-0757 with any questions. [Forms for Garrett and Coastal Associations are available on the FCAR website.](#)