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STAR Monthly News

Powering REALTORS® Across Stark, Carroll, and Trumbull Counties...

President's Message

2023 | June

Happy NAR National Homeownership Month!

Every June, we as REALTORS® should be promoting the benefits of homeownership and recommitting to creating opportunities for future homeowners. REALTORS® strive to ensure all Americans have the opportunity to achieve homeownership, the centerpiece of the American Dream and the pathway to economic well-being and intergenerational wealth-building. As the largest trade association in the U.S., no one has the resources to accomplish this goal like we do.

I want to thank everyone who came out this last month to the great events put on by the various STAR Committees, Staff, and Affiliates. Breakfast in the Park had a great turnout and the RPAC auction was a HUGE success (I won't spoil the announcement; scroll down to the GAD report to see how we did). Don't forget to look at the calendar on the STAR website or in this newsletter to see some of our great events in June.

As always, if myself or any of the STAR Leadership can ever be of assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.



Classes & Events

If you do not see a REGISTER NOW link next to an event you are interested in, please watch the website and/or your email for registration info!

JUNE

JUNE 5 REGISTER NOW

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy Volunteer

Day | 10 am - 3 pm

Join Community Outreach in participation with NAR's REALTOR® Volunteer Days. Spaces are Limited so Register today! Lunch will be provided to Volunteers.

JUNE 19 STAR Offices Closed

JULY

JULY 8 Sophie Bowl

Join Community Outreach and support this great local charity. Stop by the STAR Booth at the Blood Drive. More INFO SOON - watch your Inbox!

JULY 15 YPN Backpack Drive Starts!

Drop your donations at the North Canton, or Warren STAR office until August 15 to benefit students in their 2023-24 School Year!

JULY 27 <u>REGISTER NOW</u>

New Member Orientation | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the North Canton STAR Office

If you are NEW in the past 12 months or if you are an existing member who would like a "refresher" on what the association has to offer, sign up to attend our New Member Orientation!









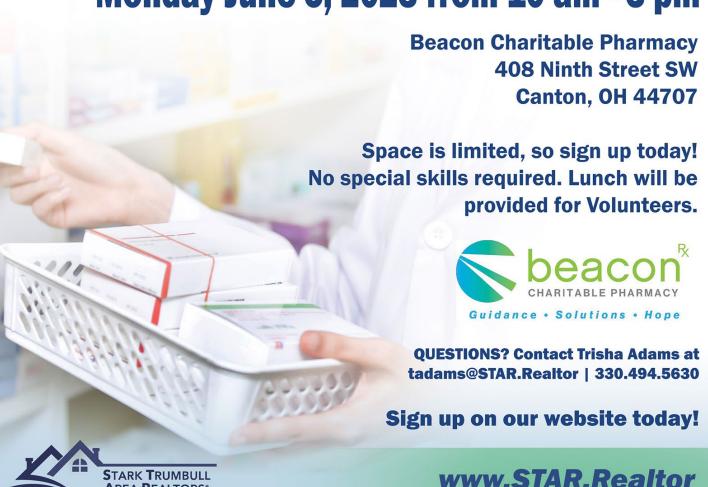
AREA REALTORS

2023 REALTOR® VOLUNTEER DAYS

Join STAR's Community Outreach Committee as we lend our time to benefit Beacon Charitable Pharmacy with NAR's 2023 Volunteer Days!

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy is a a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency providing prescription medication assistance to uninsured and underinsured residents of Stark and Carroll Counties who have a low to moderate income.

Monday June 5, 2023 from 10 am - 3 pm





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JOIN US for a FUN and
Informative NEW Member
Orientation, and take the
guesswork out of getting started!

We'll Introduce:

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STAR Staff
STAR Affiliates

You'll Learn About:

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Dues Schedule - State, Local & National

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Your NRDS ID

Why to invest in RPAC

The Value of serving on a STAR Committee

2023 Orientation Dates

Thursday, April 27 Thursday, July 27 Thursday, September 21 Thursday, November 30

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Stark County STAR Office 7110 Whipple Avenue NW, Suite B North Canton, OH 44720



Drinks, Light Refreshments, & Swag Bags provided by your STAR Affiliate Commitee

Questions? Contact Elana Parsons, membership@STAR.Realtor or call (330) 494-5630. **SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE TODAY!!!**

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PHONES DOWN IT'S THE LAW

As of April 4, 2023, it is illegal to use or hold a cell phone or electronic device in your hand, lap, or other parts of the body while driving on Ohio roads. If an officer sees a violation, they can pull you over.

Drivers over 18 years old can make or receive calls via hands-free devices, including:

- Speakerphone
- ✓ Earpiece
- Wireless headset
- Electronic watch
- Connecting phone to vehicle

In most cases, anything more than a single touch or swipe is against the law.



This new law allows drivers over 18 to make or receive phone calls using "hands-free" technology such as Bluetooth or integrated systems within the vehicle, as long as you don't hold or support the device or manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols. If you must physically manipulate your device, you should pull over to a safe location and park your car before handling.

WHAT'S OFF LIMITS?

With very few exceptions, anything that involves using, holding, or supporting a device **while driving** is off limits. This could include:



Dialing a phone number



Updating or browsing social media



Browsing the internet



Playing games



Sending a text message voice to text is legal via "hands free" method



Video calls or FaceTime



Watching videos GPS/navigational displays are allowed



Recording or streaming video

Drivers can listen to audio streaming apps and use navigational equipment if they turn them on before getting on the road or use a single touch or swipe to activate, modify, or deactivate them.

Remember, drivers under the age of 18 are still restricted from using their devices in any way, including hands-free features.





EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Drivers reporting an emergency to law enforcement, a hospital, health care provider, fire department, or similar emergency entity.
- Drivers holding a phone to their ear only during phone conversations, if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe.
- Drivers holding or using cell phones and other electronic devices while stopped at a traffic light or parked on a road or highway during an emergency or road closure.
- ✓ First responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS) using electronic devices as part of their official duties.
- ✓ Utility workers operating utility vehicles in certain emergency or outage situations.
- Licensed operators using an amateur radio.
- Commercial truck drivers using a mobile data terminal.

KEEP IN MIND — EVEN IF YOU CAN, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD.

Looking at your cell phone while stopped at a light can potentially endanger your family, friends, and neighbors. Drivers have a responsibility to watch for people crossing the street or other drivers and bicyclists who haven't yet cleared the intersection. Ohioans are counting on you to pay attention.





ENFORCEMENT

When the new distracted driving law takes effect on April 4, 2023, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and local law enforcement will issue warnings for six months for violations as part of the effort to educate and help motorists adapt to the new law.



Beginning October 5, 2023, law enforcement will start issuing citations for violating this law.



PENALTIES

1⁵¹ offense

Two points assessed to license, up to a \$150 fine.*

2ND offense

Three points assessed to license, up to a \$250 fine.

3+ offenses

Four points assessed to license, up to a \$500 fine, possible 90-day suspension of driver license.

X2

Fines doubled if the violation occurs in a work zone.

For more information, visit: **PhonesDown.Ohio.gov**

*Completion of a distracted driving course can help avoid the fine and points.







Backpack & School Supply Drive

STAR YPN needs your help!

We're asking our STAR Members to help support kids, K - 12 in Stark & Trumbull Counties who are in need of School Supplies for the 2023 - 2024 school year!

What We NEED:

- Backpacks
- Large Hard PlasticSupply Boxes
- #2 Wooden Pencils
- #2 Mechanical Pencils
- Pencil/Supply Pouches
- Pink/White Erasers (small & large)
- Hand Held PencilSharpeners
- Colored Pencils
- Blue, Black & Red Pens
- Washable Markers
- Markers (large & thin)
- Highlighters
- Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Sticky Notes
- Composition Notebooks
- Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- ∘ 3 x 5 Index Cards
- Glue Sticks & Elmers Glue
- Pocket Folders
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- ∘ 12 inch rulers
- Kleenex
- Disinfectant Wipes

Drop-off Locations:

North Canton STAR Office

7110 Whipple Ave NW, Ste B, North Canton, OH 44720

Howland STAR Office

311 Niles Cortland Rd NE, Lower Level, Ste C, Warren, OH 44444

Accepting Donations

Jul 15 - Aug 15, 2023!



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A Note from Membership

LOCAL STAR DUES have been emailed out and are due on June 30, 2023!

Here are 3 easy ways to pay your Dues:

- 1. Open the PDF invoice that is attached to your dues email and click the pay link at the bottom of the invoice.
- 2. Open the MemberPlus App on your phone or mobile device and pay directly from your app.
- 3. Visit our website and click on Member Login to access the infoHub.

If you have trouble paying your invoice, or logging into your infoHub, please call the office. We can confirm your information and make sure that you have updated log in credentials.

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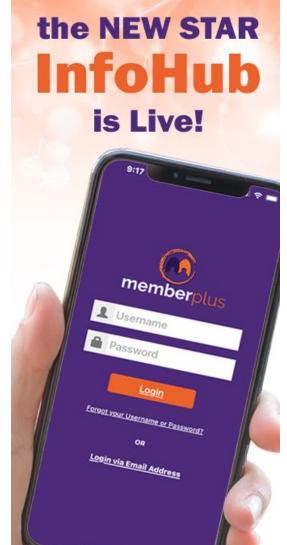


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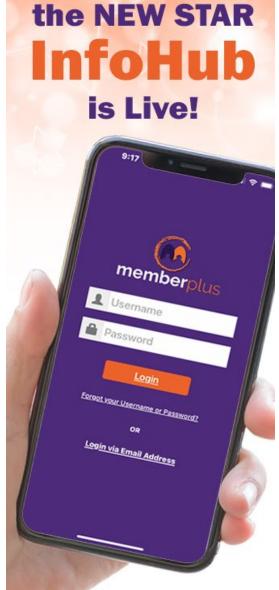
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First, I want to SHOUT a BIGGGGG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Spring Auction and Dinner at DiLucia's. We had the biggest turn out in years with about 125 people and raised more than \$17,000!!!!!! I am overwhelmed with joy that we can raise this, so we are able to continue to find the right people to be our voice! The Wine pull with surprise gifts was a hit for those lucky few who received them! Trumbull County Commissioner Dennis Malloy received a \$2,000 check from RPAC for his campaign as he is a strong advocate for the Realtor Community and has been for years. This event could not have been successful without you!!! Everyone had a blast from the auctioneers to the attendees to the staff. Oh, what a night!!!!! Your investment in our RPAC dinner will help us continue the lobbying efforts to protect our industry. With so many threats to our industry, we must continue to invest in our livelihood and be the true voice for real estate.

Keep an eye out for the details of the Fall RPAC Event in Stark County as this will be an entirely different sort of event but VERY FUN!!! Details will be forthcoming soon. You never know what I have up my sleeve.

This month, I was proud to represent STAR at the Legislative Meetings in Washington D.C along with our Executive Committee. It was a packed week of meetings, classes, updates and more with still time for some fun and site seeing. We did a tour of the White House along with the Capital Building. We met with Senator Brown for a Q and A session regarding our concerns with the housing shortage and so forth in which he addressed that is one of his priorities he is currently working on. We were immensely relieved to hear this from him.

We also sent letters asking for FHFA's Cancellation of the LLPA Fee Increase which we were excited to learn from NAR was rescinded! They had proposed the loan level pricing adjustment (LLPA) upfront fee on borrowers with debt-to-income ratios greater than 40 percent. This is fantastic news for all of us! THIS IS A PEFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE DO AT THE ASSOCIATION FOR YOU!



If you have any concerns, questions and/or comments, do not hesitate to contact me! I am happy to announce we have several new committee members who have volunteered their time once a month for meetings.

In Closing, we have two RPAC events a year and we accept basket donations all year round. If you would like to drop off a basket, you are more than welcome to at our STAR office located at 7110 Whipple Ave NW, Suite B or I can pick it up from you! Either way works and it helps STAR tremendously for our events!



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Housing Supply and Affordability

<u>Find out</u> how the housing shortage is constraining homeownership opportunities for too many Americans.

What NAR Is Doing To Increase Homeownership Opportunities

<u>Learn about</u> NAR's work with the Biden administration, Congress, and our industry partners on solutions to address housing supply and affordability constraints and increase homeownership opportunities in America.

NAR Research on Homeownership Trends

<u>Check out</u> a list of reports, case studies, and an Analysis produced by our skilled economists to provide the best resources and information on real estate and homeownership trends in America.

Homeownership Month Resources

<u>Discover tools</u>, video series, creative assets and more that address relevant issues, and provide insight on how REALTORS® and Associations can be a voice of positive change for homebuyers.





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