



# Frederick County Association of REALTORS®

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Meet the Board

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### Update on Membership Dues!

*See page 2 for details*

**FCAR YPN  
HORROR STORY HAPPY  
HOUR**

**Oct-15th @ 4 pm**

Join us for this fun virtual happy hour  
sharing your best real estate horror  
story ( in under 3 minutes please )  
and what you learned from it !

Please register for the event at  
FCAR.ORG so we can send you the zoom  
link



## FCAR ELECTION RESULTS

FCAR is pleased to announce the election of the following officers and new directors for 2021.

President: Peter Murray  
President-Elect: Terry La Scola  
Secretary: Tony "C" Checchia  
Treasurer: Amos Martin  
Director: Thomas Campbell IV  
Director: Kris Alcorn

Installation will occur on January 5, 2021; details to follow. Please save the date!

In addition, FCAR members voted to approve two bylaw changes. The first aligned the organization's fiscal year to a standard calendar year. Similarly, the second aligned the membership period the calendar year.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE IN DECEMBER

As a result of FCAR's bylaw changes, membership dues for the coming year will be collected during the month of December (previously, they had been due every October). That means members will receive two free months of membership this year! Renewals will not be considered late until January 16, 2021.

Here's how your 2021 dues break down:

- FCAR membership: \$312
- Maryland Realtors membership: \$218
- National Association of Realtors membership: \$185
- RPAC minimum contribution: \$25 for members; \$99 for brokers



[Register through your member portal.](#)

## NEW FCAR STAFF

FCAR welcomes two new faces to the team! **Shirley Maser** will be handling FCAR's bookkeeping and educational programs. Shirley brings much experience to FCAR as the county manager for an \$80 million local company. She has happily called Frederick County her home for the past ten years.



Left: Catherine Magi Oliver.  
Photo by Katlyn Simmons.

**Catherine Magi Oliver** is FCAR's new Communications Manager. Catherine has worked previously as a writer, editor, researcher, photographer, videographer, and event planner, specializing in Civil War history and education. Her first book, *Confluence: Harpers Ferry as Destiny*, was published last year.

## FCAR Reindeer Race for Charity!



In lieu of our in-person annual auction fundraiser, FCAR will be hosting a competitive donation drive to help our local charity organizations, which need our help this year more than ever. Gather your team...More info coming soon!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY CHECCHIA!

The Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, will recognize FCAR board member and newly elected Secretary Tony Checchia at its 25th Annual George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Event, to be held October 15th at River's Edge Farm.

The event is a major fundraiser for the scouts, with ticket, table, and supporter recognition options for every budget. Participants may attend virtually or in-person, abiding by social distancing and other health-minded protocols.

Interested parties should contact [Tonya.Dobbins@Scouting.org](mailto:Tonya.Dobbins@Scouting.org). Congratulations to Tony on the receipt of this honor!

## CELEBRATING A LIFE OF SERVICE: SUSAN PUSHKIN

Frederick Rescue Mission recently celebrated its first annual Susan Pushkin Day, honoring the late realtor, FCAR member, and benefactor who bequeathed an extraordinary \$450,000 gift to the charity. Pushkin, who passed away in 2019, was remembered fondly as "a radical force of a woman whose fire was bright and loud." Her gift has helped support many programs of the Rescue Mission, including its free meal programs and recovery houses.

## **ELECTION 2020**

### **Know Before You Vote: What's On The Ballot?**

In addition to the federal elections for President and U.S. Congress, did you know the following are also on ballot this Fall?

**Frederick County Board of Education  
Judge of the Circuit Court  
MD Court of Special Appeals Judge  
Frederick County Charter Amendments  
MD Ballot Questions 1 and 2**

To view your sample ballot for the November 3 election, [click here.](#)

## **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](http://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: First whispers of autumn reach Gambrill State Park. 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](mailto:kelley@fcar.org). Please call 301-663-0757 with any questions. [Forms for Garrett and Coastal Associations are available on the FCAR website.](#)