

THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF REALTORS

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GBBR NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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2023 FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS® is holding a Fall Food

Drive to benefit the food pantry at the Thomas Merton Center.
Please Help us by donating non-perishable food items.

Items can be brought to GBBR located at 843 White Plains Road
Trumbull, by Monday, November 21, 2023

***You can also help out by providing a box at your office that your
agents can conveniently use to drop off the food items and then
bring them to the Board Office by the deadline.***

Let's do all we can to help out in a time of need!

THOMAS MERTON CENTER WISH LIST

Look for more information on our website -[GBBR Website](#)



Flood Insurance Program Call for Action

NAR's **call for action on a NFIP flood insurance extension remains open until Nov. 17th**. The call for action urges lawmakers to not let the National Flood Insurance program lapse again. You can access the call for action **HERE** to easily send prewritten email messages to your Members of Congress.



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

BROKER LICENSE RENEWAL:

According to the DCP website, Broker licenses expire annually on November 30th. Renewal notices are emailed to all active brokers approximately 30 - 45 days prior to the expiration date. It is important to keep your contact information current with the DCP office. Click this **link** for information on how to update your license information.

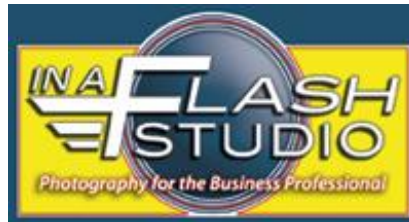
Instructions to Renew Online

For more information on Broker Licenses [Click Here](#)



Are you Registered to Vote?

Candidates generally pay attention to voter registrations and voter turnouts. We encourage you check your voter registration status to be able to vote in this November's election to make your voice heard. It's sometimes a forgotten step at the time of a move. Go to crealtors.com/vote for helpful resources.



Head Shot Photo Shoot Day will be held on **Wednesday December 6th** at the Board office offered by In A Flash Studios. Appointments are 1/2 hour sessions with a selection of at least 24 poses which includes a **FREE** touched-up Photo of your choosing. Images are copied onto **YOUR SUPPLIED USB DRIVE** at time of session. Look for more information through email and coming on our website - **GBBR Website**

The Cost is \$59 plus tax (must be paid at time of registration)

Call the board to schedule your appointment - 203-880-5661

2024 REALTOR® MEMBERSHIP DUES



The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS® collects dues for all 3 associations (Local, State and National) and distributes them accordingly. Membership dues are collected annually and are **DUE AND PAYABLE ANNUALLY EVERY JANUARY.**

Total Membership dues for 2024 for The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS® will be **\$626.00**. The breakdown for the Local, State

and National Dues is shown on your invoice and on the NAR eCommerce website.

Invoices will be emailed to our members in October 2023 and are due January 1, 2024.

Your payment can be made directly by logging onto the **NAR website** and click on Pay Dues. (if you have not already registered as a REALTOR® with NAR go to Create Account and use your name and Member ID that appears on your invoice to register or go to the **Forgot ID** link)

OR

Mail a check to:

GBBR
843 White Plains Road
Trumbull, CT 06611



The Smart MLS has postponed the switch from Matrix to **Connect MLS**.

They encourage everyone to utilize this additional time to take advantage of the training resources available to you to assist in your transition. They will be hosting a variety of training opportunities that can be found on our events calendar **HERE**.

SmartMLS Learning Center
How to Activate Your Imported Auto-Emails



The Greater Bridgeport

Board of REALTORS presents
2023 Holiday Cocktail Party and
Installation of Officers
"Jingle and Mingle"
Thursday, December 21, 2023

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tashua Knolls Golf Course
40 Tashua Knolls Ln
Trumbull, CT 06611

\$25.00 per person includes
hot & cold hor'dourves
Open Bar and DJ

CALL 203-880-5661 to REGISTER

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2024 RENEWAL

CONTINUING ED COMPLETION DATES HAVE CHANGED!!

The State has changed the mandatory completion dates for Continuing Education for Salespersons and Brokers to **3 MONTHS BEFORE** your license renewal in **2024**. This would mean

CONTINUING EDUCATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY:

- **February 28, 2024 for Salespersons Licenses (yearly renewals are in May each year)**
- **August 31, 2024 for Brokers Licenses (yearly renewals are in November each year)**

The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS is now offering CE Classes for the 2024 Renewal Cycle, including the Mandatory Class - Agency Law for Real Estate Licensees.

FOR A FULL LIST OF CURRENT CLASSES BEING OFFERED GO TO THE GBBR WEBSITE AT:

| **CE Courses – REAL ESTATE TRAINING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (RETES) (gbbrealtors.com)**

NAR MANDATORY CODE OF ETHICS REQUIREMENTS

ALL REALTORS® are required to complete ethics training of not less than 2

hours, 30 minutes of instructional time within a **three-year cycle**. The current Cycle 7 ends **December 31, 2024**.

For more information Click Here

For more information visit our website at:

Welcome (gbbrealtors.com)

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