

**THE  
GREATER BRIDGEPORT  
BOARD OF REALTORS**

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**GBBR OCTOBER 2024  
NEWSLETTER**



**Included in this Newsletter**

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- **NAR Code of Ethics Requirement**
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**Head Shot Photo Shoot October 10th**

**Head Shot PHOTO DAY** **\$59**  
per session  
 for the Business Professional **SAVE 40 off** vs. retail

at The Greater Bridgeport Board of Realtors



Photos for Print, Websites, LinkedIn, Business Cards, Publicity and more!

includes **FREE Touched-up Photo**

- Individual 1/2 hr session time with a selection of at least 24 poses
- One look (clothes) against a neutral background/backdrop
- One person per session (unless pre-arranged)
- All images copied onto **YOUR** supplied USB Drive at time of session
- Your choice of one Finished Photo\* with touch-ups

\* Finished Touched-up Photo:  
 - minor touch-ups of neck, wrinkles, around eyes, blemishes, etc. just ask us  
 - color adjustment

Photography by **IN A FLASH STUDIO**

**Thursday Oct. 10**  
 Limited Times Available  
 Contact the GBBR  
 203-880-5661  
 Schedule your Session today

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The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS is holding a Head Shot Photo Shoot at the Board Office on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Registration is limited so don't wait to call to schedule your appointment by calling the Board Office - 203-880-5661.



As a REALTOR, legislation can affect your business. We encourage all of our members to participate in the voting process each election season. For your convenience, below are tools to help you register to vote or make sure you're registered.

To find out if you are Registered to Vote, go to:

**VOTER REGISTRATION LOOKUP**

You can also find out all the voting information you need like **voter registration deadlines, where you vote, who are your elected officials, abesntee voting, candidate information** and much more by Visiting the State of

Connecticut's *voter information page* for additional resources.

## CONNECTICUT VOTER INFORMATION PAGE

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### **NAR MANDATORY CODE OF ETHICS REQUIREMENT FOR THE 7TH CYCLE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**. Emails will be going out to remind our members that the NAR record reflects that they need to complete this requirement. ***Failure to comply with this NAR requirement can result in suspension of your membership.***

***NOTE: If you completed a Code of Ethics Class either with an online school or with a different board during this cycle, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of the Certificate to your Primary Association so your NAR record can be updated accordingly.***

***For more information Click Here***

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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

# REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKERS FOR THE 2024 RENEWAL

Every two years CT Real Estate brokers and agents must complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education to renew their CT real estate licenses each November. This year the 12 hours includes the mandatory class of **Agency Law for Real Estate Licensees** and 3 elective courses.

## **BROKER CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLETION DATE FOR 2024 WAS AUGUST 31ST**(yearly renewals are in November each year)

The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS will continue to offer CE Classes for the 2024 Renewal Cycle, including the **Mandatory 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](http://gbbrealtors.com))



The Greater Bridgeport Board of REALTORS® is holding a Fall Food Drive to benefit the food pantry at the Thomas Merton Center. Help us by donating non-perishable food items. Check out the Wish List list below for donation suggestions.

### *THOMAS MERTON CENTER WISH LIST*

THE THOMAS MERTON CENTER has developed programs that address issues such as housing, nutritional needs, healthcare needs, parenting issues and youth at risk.

Items can be brought to the GBBR Board Office located at 843 White Plains Road, Trumbull by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024.**

You can also help out by providing a box at your office for

drop offs and then bring them to the Board Office by the deadline.

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

## **NAR ADDS A THREE-YEAR TRAINING CYCLE**

National Association of REALTORS® new-member applicants must now complete two hours of fair housing training and existing members must complete two hours of fair housing training every three years as a condition of REALTOR® membership, including one training option that is of no cost to members.

**The three-year cycle coincides with NAR's existing Code of Ethics training requirement and begins in 2025.**

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## **CTR Forms Revisions - July 2024**

CTR has made edits to several forms to address aspects of the NAR Settlement Agreement. You can get the summary of what has changed here. **FORM REVISIONS**

PDFs of those forms are available here (requires login). The vendors are in the process of making the changes in the electronic CTR forms libraries.

You can get more information on CTR Forms by going to: **CTR Real Estate Forms**

## RPAC ADVOCACY



Political advocacy and grassroots efforts are a large part of CTR's services. We work hard year-round to ensure that the REALTOR® voice is heard in Washington, DC and at the state level to ensure issues affecting the real estate industry are either supported or defeated.

It is vital for our members to participate in this process. *"If real estate is your profession, then politics is your business!"* Some of the legislative and RPAC information will require your ctrealtors.com username and password in order to access.

**[Click here to login, sign-up, or retrieve a lost password >](#)**

Feel free to contact one of the **CTR staff members** if you have questions or need assistance with any of our legislative programs or events.

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For more information visit our website at:

**[Welcome \(gbbrealtors.com\)](#)**

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