

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

April 2014

APRIL MEETING:

GIFAR had the distinct pleasure of having both the Idaho Falls Mayor, Rebecca Casper, and Ammon Mayor, Dana Kirkham at April's meeting. The mayors each spoke briefly and then opened the meeting up to the members present for suggestions on bettering both cities.

Mayor Kirkham stated that she has seen an increase in residents, 10.3% in 2013. She is also seeing a rise in new construction.

A few ideas tossed out by REALTORS® present were as follows: a) providing incentives for buyers; b) ways to bring new businesses to the city.

Mayor Casper reported that there are a couple things going on at the city level. There is a group dedicated to signage in order to attract guests. There will be a Clean & Green committee, setting aside a day to haul garbage and hazardous waste, May 2-10. They also hope to rally local volunteer youth groups for spring planting.

Also, there could possibly be a REALTOR® Week for help w/cleaning, planting, etc.

There was also a question about Hitt Road. Both mayors are involved in fixing areas that are of concern, though implementation of repair may take a couple of years.

Mayor Casper also said money is being allocated toward upgrade of Pancheri St.

Other topics that arose were the possibility of an events center and public transportation. No specific proposals were mentioned.

PRIZES:

HOMESEEEKER ad - Kerry Howell
POST REGISTER ad - Patrick Malone
Full Page Color ad HOMETEAM - Jeff Metcalf
\$25 Affiliate Prize - Ann Duffy, First American Title

DATES TO MARK: (at GIFAR Office, unless noted)

UPCOMING:

- 5-14: SNRRMLS BOD Meeting, 8:30am
- 5-17: Finally Home! 9:00am-3:00pm
- 5-21: GIFAR BOD Meeting, 8:30am
- 5-26: Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED
- 6-5: New REALTOR® Orientation, 8:00am-2:30pm
- 6-11: SNRRMLS BOD
- 6-23-24, Finally Home! 6:30-9:30pm

CONTINUING EDUCATION

June 26, Commission Core Class (C2013, 4 ceu).

This course, developed by the Idaho Real Estate Commission, is required every year (beginning 7-1-2014) for license renewal. It covers: a) case law, b) 2013 legislative updates, c) hot topics including rules governing copyrights, social media and internet violations, and short sale and foreclosure pitfalls. Instructor, Maris Cukurs; 1-5pm - \$50 if paid by check, cash or money order.



July 30, Commission Core Class (C2014, 4 ceu).

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August 27, Mold Class; September 8, Core 2014. Watch for more information.

Association Membership - 302
REALTOR® members (as of
date of publication)



APPLICATION FOR REALTOR® MEMBERSHIP

Mark Bills	Silvercreek Realty Group
Quinn Jones	Keller Williams
Pam Shearer	Re/Max Prestige
Tom Allen	Keller Williams
Matt Egbert	Re/Max Prestige
Barry Johnson	John L Scott-Idaho
Mark Suchrik	Coldwell Banker Eagle Rock

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Diana Sermon	from: inactive to: Silvercreek Realty Group
Laura Gutke	from: C21 High Desert to: The Real Estate Office
Brenda Pierce	from: Keller Williams to: Voigt Davis

MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Ronda Gruver	Keller Williams
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Finally Home! is now a 5 hour class.

Another *Finally Home!* class well attended in April! Thank you, Brian Thompson! Two months running with graduates in the double digits!



The next *Finally Home!* class is May 17, 9:00am-3:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person and interested parties need to come to the Board office to register.

Lenders & REALTORS® - Don't let your first time home buyers miss out on the opportunity to discover more about the process for what could be the biggest purchase of their life!

5-21: GIFAR Membership Meeting/Luncheon, Catered Your Way, 11:45AM: IREC Commissioner, Kelly Fisher, will be guest speaker.

Housing Markets Improve in Majority of States

Daily Real Estate News | Thursday, April 24, 2014

More than half of U.S. states — as well as more than half of the top 50 metros in the country — saw their housing markets improve in February, according to Freddie Mac's Multi-Indicator Market Index (MiMi), which measures the stability of the nation's housing markets.

Still, the overall housing market is recovering at a slightly slower pace compared to January. The national MiMi value in February stood at -3.11 points, which indicates a weak housing market. But it's an improvement by 0.67 points year-over-year. The nation's all-time MiMi low of -4.49 was in November 2010, a point when the housing market was at its weakest, according to the index.

“Despite a slowdown over the winter months, the housing market continues to show improvement in most states, although at a somewhat slower pace,” says Freddie Mac chief economist Frank Nothaft. “And while not all the MiMi indicators are trending in a better direction — in particular, home-purchase applications have weakened in many areas — gains in local employment and loan performance have really helped many markets across the country, especially those that were hardest hit. Outside of these areas, we also are seeing positive improvement from the Carolinas and Tennessee as their local unemployment rates fall further.”

Eleven of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, are in their stable range of housing activity, according to the index. The top five most stable states are: North Dakota, Wyoming, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Louisiana.

Four of the 50 metro areas have housing markets in the stable range: San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, and Austin, Texas.

According to the index, the five most-improved states month-over-month in February were:

- South Carolina
- Louisiana
- Ohio
- Tennessee
- Nevada

Freddie's MiMi index, which debuted last month, uses information on local markets to calculate the range of equilibrium for single-family markets and provide indicators and trends for where each market stands relative to its stable range. The index draws from four indicators, using the long-term stable ranges for home purchase applications, payment-to-income ratios (which measures changes in home purchasing power), portion of on-time mortgage payments, and the state of local employment. *Source: Freddie Mac*

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realtor.com	Public website for MLS listings (*realtor.org can be accessed through this site)
snakerivermls.com	MLS public website containing listings, agency information, etc. If you have questions regarding MLS or Association programs, etc. please e-mail a staff member listed above. The 'Contact Us' option is for the public ONLY.
usamls.net	SEI (NAVICA) Public site for listings
**navicamls.net	Agent website for listing entry.
gifar.org	Greater Idaho Falls Association of REALTORS® website.
idahorealtors.com	Website for Idaho Association of REALTORS®. *Legal forms available.
*realtor.org	NAR public & private website with a variety of links, including AE & NRDS.
irec.idaho.gov	Website for Idaho Real Estate Commission. Information regarding Continuing Ed, licensing, etc.

*Your personal 9 digit NRDS (National Realtor Database System) is required to access realtor.org and idahorealtors.com (just for forms).

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Navica E-mail Support: support@navicamls.net

Navica Live Chat: Located under Help on the left hand side of the Main Welcome menu

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