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132ND ANNUAL INAUGURAL

September 7; 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Happy Hollow Club

GLOW GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 8; 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Eagle Run Golf Course

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

September 12; 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
September 13; 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
MLS Training Online
OABR Education Center

DUES DEADLINE

September 15
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CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

September 15; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
OABR Education Center

OABR DIRECTORS MEETING

September 28; 10:00 am - 11:00 am
OABR Boardroom

SAFETY MATTERS CE CLASS

September 28; 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Every September for the past 14 years, NAR has highlighted information and tools to help reduce crimes against real estate professionals. During this REALTOR® Safety Month—and throughout the year—take time to consider how safe (or unsafe) you and your colleagues are during a typical business day. Here are four tips worth keeping top-of-mind:

- 1. Have office guests sign in:** At the office, use a visitor log book where potential clients fill out a customer identification form. Remember also to check IDs.
- 2. Don't disclose too much personal information online:** Consider setting up separate personal and business accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites. This will help protect your personal photos, posts, and other information from people you don't know.
- 3. Familiarize yourself with the properties you're showing:** If you are showing a vacant house, walk the perimeter of the property before you or your client enter to look for signs that someone has been or is currently inside.
- 4. Set up for safety:** Hang decorative bells on every outside door that you have unlocked. This will alert you whenever someone enters the house. Leave your purse or briefcase in the trunk of your car.

Amid the wide range of personal risks on the job, the key to staying safe remains simple: Keep aware of your surroundings and know how to react appropriately to a dangerous situation. Observe REALTOR® Safety Month by making a year-round commitment to taking precautions and avoiding risky situations on the job.

For more REALTOR® safety tips visit: OmahaREALTORS.com/realtorsafety.



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Message from the OABR President

Greetings!



Mark Leaders
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Here is a big 'Thank You' to Monica Lang our 2017 OABR President. She has been a wonderful leader and a true professional. Also to Doug Rotthaus and the staff at the OABR Office who make us all look good every day. Please thank them when you see them.

When I go to national meetings and visit with like-size boards, I find we are blessed to not have issues that these other boards are experiencing. We are a very well-run organization. Our OABR and MLS leadership teams are all volunteers and are very deserving of your praise. They work hard on your behalf to bring you tools that help you in your business. Please do not take any of this for granted.

We are always looking for more talent to be involved at OABR. Feel free to contact Donna Shipley (Donna@OmahaREALTORS.com) at the OABR Office or myself to see what committees you might have interest in. This is your organization, be proud of it!

I look forward to serving you for the next year. We have made some great strides in our business recently and we have a lot more work to do. With increasing pressure on our business, we need to work together to help the consumers with their real estate needs.

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) is very important to our future. We can put pressure on our elected officials to consider the needs of homeowners and future homeowners. When a home is sold, many parts of the economy are affected. Home ownership is the backbone of this great country. So, work hard this fall and keep your head up. This is a fantastic business with many rewards!

Mark

September



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132nd Annual Inaugural



Mark Leaders, 2018 President



Thursday, September 7

Cocktail Hour 5:00 pm

Dinner Served 6:00 pm

Awards & Installation 7:00 pm

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OABR	July 2017	July 2016
Designated REALTORS®	199	198
REALTOR®	2467	2350
REALTOR® Emeritus	51	50
TOTAL	2729	2610
Institute Affiliate	64	64
Affiliate	418	410
TOTAL	3509	3365

	July 2017	YTD
New REALTOR® Members	37	270
Reinstated REALTOR® Members	5	58
Resignations	23	139
GPRMLS	July 2017	July 2016
Participants (OABR)	193	191
Participants (MLS only)	67	65
Subscribers (OABR)	2473	2363
Subscribers (MLS only)	224	209
TOTAL	2992	2856

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Howdy!

Kids are back to school, football season is ramping up and new leaders are stepping into new roles here at the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®. It must be September in Omaha!

I am fortunate enough to be one of those new leaders. I will serve as the 2017-2018 OABR Affiliates Council President. I have been an active member of OABR for well over 10 years and have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many of you over that time.

I have to be honest, I'm a little nervous because I have such big shoes to fill. Erin Trescott with Busey Mortgage has been our fearless leader over the last year and has done an incredible job for our group. I'm thankful to have her as a resource. Thank you, Erin, for all of your hard work and dedication to our group.

The Affiliates have some great things in the works for the upcoming year that we're excited to share with you. One of our initiatives for the year is to encourage members to "THINK AFFILIATES FIRST," and inform them as to why they should use the OABR Affiliates Council as a resource for themselves and their clients.

- Affiliates are members of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®, just like you.
- Affiliates are familiar and knowledgeable with real transactions and will do everything they can to help you close on time without any hiccups.
- Affiliates pay annual dues and invest in RPAC.
- Affiliates sponsor a large majority of the events put on by OABR (i.e. Golf Outing Hosted by the Affiliates, Turkey Bowl & Toys for Tots, Blue Jean BBQ, etc.).
- Affiliates have a mutual goal in seeing your transaction through to completion.
- Affiliates volunteer their time on numerous committees (i.e.: Education, WCR, Golf, RPAC, Social Events, etc.).
- Affiliates are bound to a Code of Ethics, just as REALTORS®.
- Affiliates are here to help you!

The Affiliates Council is also excited to launch our new website! Visit OmahaREALTORS.com and check us out under the Affiliates tab at the far right of the menu bar. We are now offering a "Featured Affiliates" page, spotlighting those Affiliates who attend at least six Affiliate meetings throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a fun and productive year ahead. In the meantime, please save the date and mark your calendars for our next Affiliate-hosted event, Turkey Bowl & Toys for Tots on Wednesday, November 1. Registration opened September 1.

Cheers!

Lisa Powell



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2017/2018 Affiliates Council President





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Sullivan, Mike – City-Wide Termite & Pest Control
Sutko, Tom – AmeriSpec Home Inspection Serv
Thiel, Matt – DRI Title & Escrow
Walker, Wendy – SAC Federal Credit Union

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Tuesday, September 19 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 17 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21 - 9:00 a.m.

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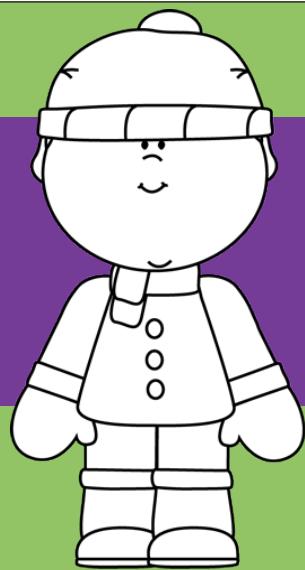
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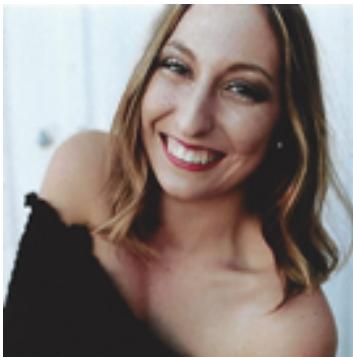




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Why I Love My Job

By Sue Josoff
Inspection Coordinator

I have worked with Home Standards Inspection Services as the inspection coordinator for 6 months now. At first, I didn't know quite what to expect. I came from a large, bustling corporate environment which I thrived in due to my competitive nature and attention to customer service. I liked the idea of working from home, but was worried about how quiet it might be.

Then, as weather started warming up, the phones began to ring, and ring, and ring. The hours started to fly by as the

inspection requests rushed in.

Since starting, I've had the wonderful pleasure of getting to know agents who are friendly and professional. I've listened carefully to the needs of their clients. Talking to excited first-time home buyers who are having the same emotions that my kids had when buying their first home, is fun. I learn something new every day from the clients and agents I talk to. This process is infectious and I love it.

I fully embrace helping clients with their home-buying experience.

On occasion, there is that call from the client who may be having an issue or question with something that was inspected. I listen to their concerns and direct them to their inspector who then works with that client for a happy resolution. Knowing our inspectors go above and beyond to make sure the client is satisfied makes me proud to be a part of this group of individuals who honestly care.



(L-R) Jon, Bridget, Tim, Bob, Paul, Steve, Dave, Forrest, Sue & Jessie

I appreciate that real estate is a small community and we work to support each other. We receive many positive comments about our inspectors and the company from clients and realtors – “that's why we love you guys” is one I hear quite often. I have found my happy place, and look forward to working with everyone for a long time to come.



Sue Josoff
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The Diversity Committee would like to share with you a past recipient who has made a commitment to be successful, Neosha Broadway.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Los Angeles, California and graduated high school there as well. My parents decided to move us to Grand Island, Nebraska right after. I relocated to the Omaha area and have lived here for about three years now.

What Brokerage do you work for? Are you a member of any other organizations in your community?

I just joined Nebraska Realty in July and am very excited to be part of their team.

What did you do before you became a REALTOR®?

Before I became a REALTOR®, I worked for ServiceOne in the Home Warranty Department as an Administrator.

When did you get your real estate license and what inspired you to become a REALTOR®?

I passed both exams at the end of June and received my license in July. What inspired me to become a REALTOR® was the communication I had with agents when working for ServiceOne.

What is the most rewarding part of your job as a REALTOR®?

I have not sold my first home yet, but have potential future clients that would like me to be their agent. I'm excited to help them get into their future home. I think that will be the most rewarding part of the job.

What else would you like us to know about you?

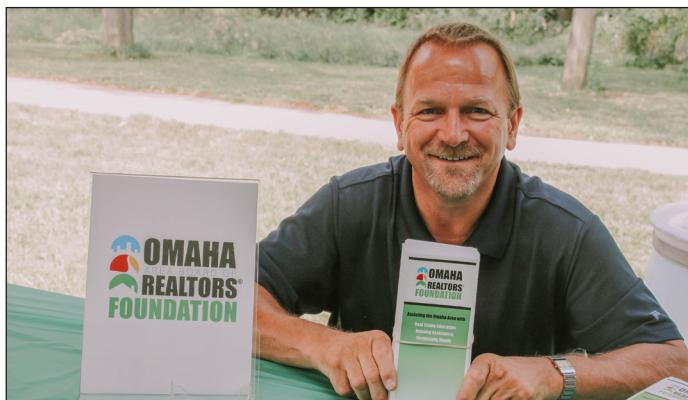
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OABR Annual Picnic



As part of Placemaking, a new initiative by the National Association of REALTORS®, OABR adopted Crosskey Villages Park in 2015 with the goal of attracting people to a little used park to gather and play. The park now features a new gazebo-shelter and a saucer swing. OABR received a hand-written thank you from a passerby in the park at the 19th Annual OABR Summer Picnic on Wednesday, August 8 regarding the newest additions to the park. It read, *"Thank you for the swing which is enjoyed by many of all ages on a regular basis. People love it - it's a HIT! The shelter is appreciated as well. As soon as the tables were added, people began using the shelter. It is a great addition to the park. As a regular trail user, I see first-hand that your contributions are gratefully received."*

Those members who attended the picnic had the opportunity to network with 30 different Affiliate companies who sponsored tables under the big-top tents. We couldn't have asked for better weather to accompany our picnic in the park. Members enjoyed a delicious grilled lunch in the park provided by Hy-Vee.

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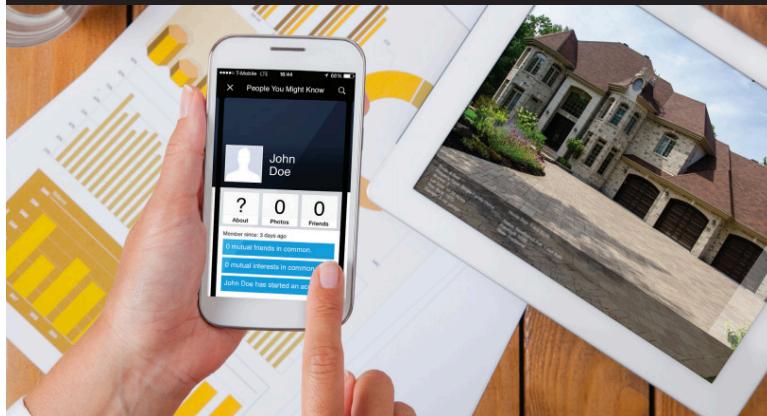
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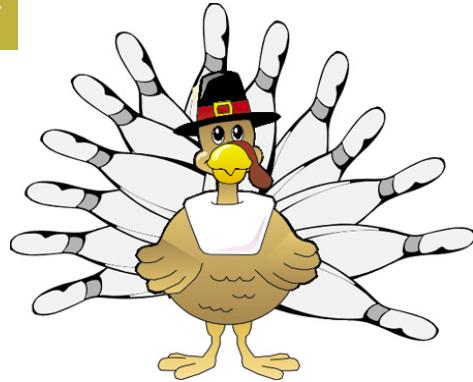
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