A Historic Day for Missouri!

On Friday, July 13, Governor Mike Parson signed into law House Bill 1796, also referred to as The First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account Act. The creation of this specialized savings account will better prepare first-time homebuyers, giving them financial advantage in the process of buying their first home.

The First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account Act goes into law on January 1, 2019. Between now and January 1, the Missouri Department of Revenue will broadcast rules regarding the implementation of this program. Once rules are established, Missouri REALTORS® will prepare members and the public on how to best utilize the program.
For now, we celebrate by thanking Missouri Representative Becky Ruth of District 114 and Senator Caleb Rowden of District 19 for their hard work in moving this important legislation to the Governor’s desk. We would especially like to thank Governor Mike Parson for signing the First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account Act into law!

**EVENTS**

This year’s September Business Conference (SBC) will take place at the Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza! Come early for our Commercial / Economic / Global Day on Tuesday. We’ll officially kick off SBC with an Opening Session on Wednesday afternoon. Test your knowledge while networking at YPN Dare-aoke and Trivia!

Thursday gets started with the WCR Fun-Cake Fun-draiser and then the day is packed with meetings, educational opportunities and our Annual Meeting! Join us for Inaugural Night as we install our 2019 Missouri REALTORS® President, Brenda Oliver, and 2019 Women’s Council of REALTORS® President, Kathy Clark. We will conclude with our Board of Directors meeting on Friday. Check out the full schedule and make plans to join us at the September Business Conference in Kansas City!

REGISTER NOW!
Missouri REALTORS® President, Nate Johnson, gives a quick recap regarding THE SUMMIT, which recently took place at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, Lodge of Four Seasons. [Photos here!]

In addition, President Johnson speaks on behalf of the upcoming September Business Conference, including the inauguration of 2019 Missouri REALTORS® President, Brenda Oliver. Take a look!

**AWARDS**

The Missouri REALTORS® [Good Neighbor Award](https://www.missouri-realtors.org/good-neighbor-award) program was created to recognize and reward REALTORS® across the state for their dedication to volunteer service. This program was modeled after REALTOR® Magazine’s [Good Neighbor Awards](https://www.realtormag.com/rm/wellness/good-neighbor-awards).

The winner of the annual Missouri Good Neighbor Award receives $2,500 for his or her charity, as well as statewide recognition.  

**The Good Neighbor Award nomination deadline is September 1, 2018.**
The Missouri real estate market continues to see record setting numbers with the number of homes sold and sales prices compared to previous years. To review statewide market statistics, watch this most recent edition of Missouri REALTORS® Market Statistics!

FEATURED MEMBER

This month, we are shining the Member Spotlight on Forrest Stodghill, a member of Ozark Gateway Association of REALTORS®.

Forrest recently started a new program, Read With a REALTOR®, which provides opportunities for REALTORS® to read to classrooms in local schools.
Realtor.com® is a trusted resource for home buyers, sellers and dreamers, offering comprehensive sources of for-sale properties, among competing national sites, and the information, tools and professional expertise to help people move confidently through every step of their home journey.

It pioneered the world of digital real estate 20 years ago, and today helps make all things home simple, efficient and enjoyable.

ADVOCACY

Missouri REALTORS® Regional Advocacy Coordinators have been traveling across the state this summer visiting offices to increase RPAC education and participation. August will be the last full month of the RPAC All-Star Office Challenge. Remember, as a local board, you can get a Local President's Cup credit if you help the Regional Advocacy Coordinators set up office visits.

Offices, be sure to post a picture with your All-Star baseballs to the Missouri REALTORS® Facebook page with the hashtag #MORealtorParty. By doing this, your office could win a drawing for one of the following prizes!

Large offices: $1,000 - Medium offices: $500 - Small offices: $100