#### The REALTOR® REPORT

#### **President's Message**

All local associations must have a Government Affairs Director in order to be in compliance with NAR's Core Standards. Currently BCAR utilizes the services of Veronica Cardello through PAR's Field Rep Program.

Initially this program came without any cost to our association. At the PAR Winter Business Meetings, we were informed that PAR would be instituting an assessment for this program at \$5 per member beginning in 2019. This assessment will escalate to \$10 in 2020 and \$15 in 2021, at which time PAR will re-evaluate the cost.

After careful review and consideration, the BCAR Board voted at our April meeting to absorb the cost of this assessment for 2019 by making shifts in our budget rather than passing along the increase in 2019 Local Dues to our membership. We are happy to provide another great benefit to our REALTOR members!

Lorraine Ross 2018 BCAR President

724-624-4528

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 9@9am—BOD Meeting,
Huntington Bank Bldg. Room 208

May 16@9am—REALTOR Round Table
First Presbyterian Church, Beaver
May 18@9:30am-Affiliate Meeting
Huntington Bank Bldg,. Room 208

May 23 8am@Noon Smart Growth Course
Fairfield Inn, Monaca

June 4-6 PAR Business Meetings, Harrisburg

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June 20 6:30-8:30 pm-REALTOR Bowling-Mania

Sheffield Lanes, Aliquippa

July 4—Midland Parade

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 4 BCAR MYSTERY EVENT



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#### 2018 Officers & Directors

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Association Exec: Rose DeWeese









#### **SOUTHWEST FIELD REPORT**

The Field Report is published by the PAR Field Program which provides 28 local associations across the state with government affairs representation.

#### Veronica Cardello— vcardello@parealtor.org

**Call-to-Action: Contact your legislators now** – House Bill 1981, introduced by Reps. Ryan Bizzarro (D-Erie) and Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe), passed the PA House Urban Affairs Committee recently. Senate Bill 1066, introduced by Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny) and Bob Mensch (R-Montgomery), is slated for a committee vote in the coming weeks. But we still have a long way to go to make first-time homebuyers savings accounts a reality in Pennsylvania.

**Breakfast with U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus** – A breakfast sponsored by Comcast, Heritage Valley Health Systems and **BCAR** was held with Rep. Keith Rothfus. Rothfus gave an update on federal issues that concerned infrastructure, jobs, data safety and information security. Audience members asked questions to the congressman and provided feedback on the effects each topic has in the Beaver County area.



Pictured: Lorraine Ross, president of Beaver County Association, with Congressman Keith Rothfus.

Smart Growth for the 21st Century – In an effort to advocate on behalf of smart growth principles, the Beaver County Association, Butler County Association, Greater Allegheny-Kiski Area Board and Realtors® of Westmoreland, Indiana & Mon Valley are hosting NAR's Smart Growth for the 21st Century course. The course focuses on existing assets of the community, the long-term

implications of various development patterns and their fiscal impacts. Attendees will include Realtors®, municipal officials, county officials, revitalization groups and state legislators. Realtors® needing continuing education credit will be able to receive four credit hours. Strategies being taught are how to introduce smart growth principles into their communities and county/municipal comprehensive plans. If you would like to register for one of these events, please contact me at <a href="mailto:vcardello@parealtor.org">vcardello@parealtor.org</a>.



HELP PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMUNITIES THRIVE WITH FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Please contact your legislators NOW and show your support for Pennsylvania's communities and homebuyers!

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# BEAVER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® BCAR AFFILIATES PRESENT 2018 REALTOR® ROUND TABLE

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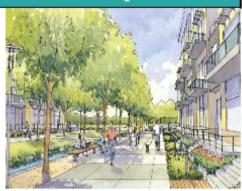
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Registration: 8:30 am \$10.00 - Pre-registration required First Presbyterian Church of Beaver, 252 College Ave.

Scrambled Eggs \* Bacon \* Sausage \* Home Fries \* Biscuits
Coffee \* Juice

RSVP: bcar3@mybcar.net \* 724.774.4126 by Wednesday, May 9, 2018

#### The Beaver County Association of REALTORS® presents..





#### Breakfast Included

\$10 General Admission \$15 additional if CE is needed



Date/Location

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

8 am - 12 noon

Fairfield Inn

1438 Brodhead Rd

Monaca PA 15061

By the end of this class, you should be able to:

- Describe and discuss the 10 key principles of smart growth
- Compare smart growth precepts to other planning approaches in use
- List how smart growth benefits various constituencies
- Conduct a compelling conversation that explains and advocates implementation of smart growth policies

Acquire the knowledge and tools needed to make our community a better place to live, work, play and do business.

Register by contacting the Beaver County Association of REALTORS® at <u>bcar3@mybcar.net</u> or 724-774-4126 by May 16, 2018

#### BCAR Affiliates present ....



## REALTOR® BOWLING-MANIA!

When: Wednesday, June 20 ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Sheffield Lanes, 818 Racoon St., Aliquippa

\$25.00 Registration includes

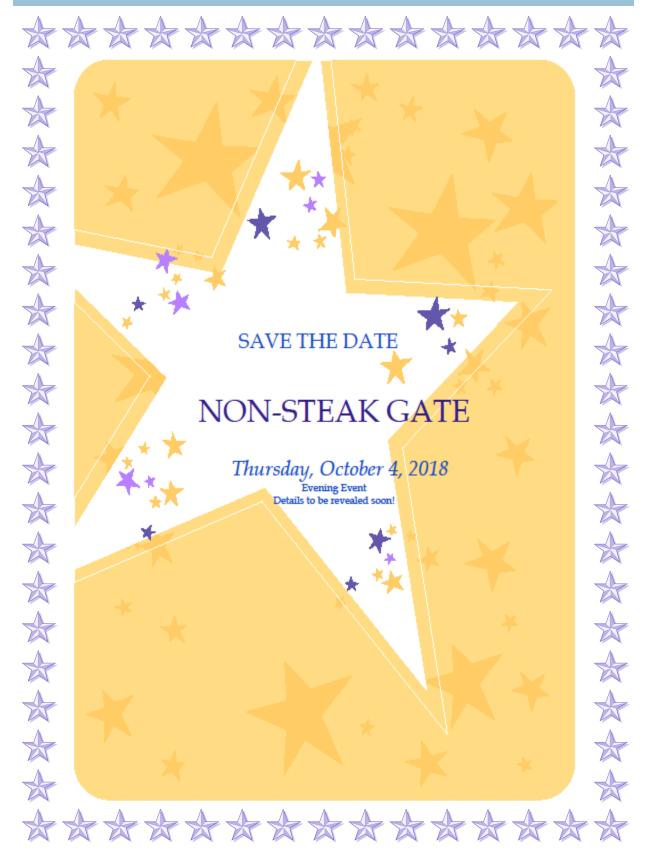
2 hours or 2 games (whichever comes first)

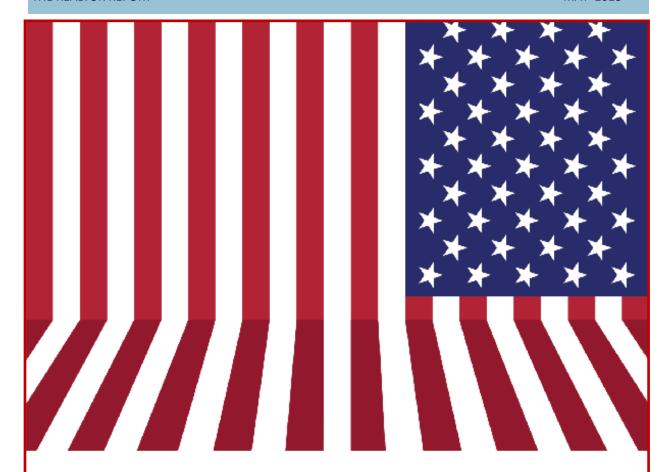
Pizza, Wings, Hoagies, Water & Soda

Shoes

RSVP by Friday, June 1 724.774.4126 or bcar3@mybcar.net







## Midland 4th of July Parade

Climb on board the BCAR Float!

Meet us at 8:00 am at the far end of Midland that day to decorate.

Parade starts at 10am

Wear your company colors and throw candy along the one-mile route!

Call Rose DeWeese if you want to bring your Step In Sign (\$25 per sign)



## MANDATORY BIENNIAL CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING! DUE DECEMBER 31, 2018

The National Association of REALTORS® requires that ever two years REALTORS® MUST complete Code of Ethics Training. The current compliance cycle is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Some of you may have taken this as Continuing Ed. If you have taken the Code of Ethics Training that was not sponsored by BCAR then please be sure to supply Rose DeWeese at the association office with a copy of your certification.

#### How can you complete your mandatory ethics requirements?

If you have not taken Code of Ethics as Continuing Ed or received it in New Member Orientation then please review the information below as to how you can complete this mandatory requirement.

- Online Training Course at The CE Shop, www.mybcar.theceshop.com
- Take the online CE or Non-CE version through NAR at: https://learninglibrary.com/COE/A/HOME?affiliateId=10868&affiliateId=10868 Any questions? Please call 724.774.4126



#### The CE Shop

Continuing Ed deadline is right around the corner.

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Did you know that you can find the following info at www.mybcar.com?

- A bio that YOU create!
- A picture that YOU download!
- Upcoming Continuing Education
- Our monthly newsletter, The Realtor® Report
- BCAR Calendar of Events
- AFFILIATE and REALTOR Directories
- Legislative Updates and Voting Locations
- And so much MORE!!!!!!!!

**REALTORS**® can log in by using your Real Estate License number as your username AND your password (be sure to use all capital letters). After you login you can change your username and password if you prefer.

<u>AFFILIATES</u> can log in by using the first name of the main representative for the username and the last name of the main representative for the password.



#### WE Did IT! 2018 RPAC Goal

Thanks to <u>YOU</u> BCAR made history by reaching our RPAC goal for the first time. EVER!

Congratulations to Mary Demas and Cindy McConnell for winning the Amazon Gift Cards

Special Thank you to
Todd Umbenhauer, PAR President
Veronica Cardello, PAR Field Representative
Jeannie Prescan & Leslie Chaklos, RPAC Committee



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#### For more information, please contact:

#### William Stouffer

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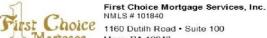
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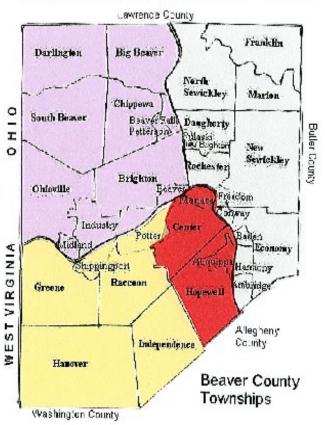


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#### BEAVER COUNTY REALTOR® TOUR



The Beaver County REALTOR $^\alpha$  Tour is every Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The tour is broken up into zones as follows:

- 1st Tuesday of the month
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

NEW LISTINGS: If you have a new listing and would like it to be on the Beaver County Tour you must go to the multi list <u>NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAYS</u> and pull up the listing. There you will find an agent tour. Click the date that corresponds with the schedule listed above for the are your listing is located.