



# The Mid-Fairfield Record

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## President's Letter

### Hi Everyone!

The MFCAR General Meeting held on January 28th was a great success! Many thanks to those brave individuals who attended despite the snow storm. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and State Senator Bob Duff enlightened us on the state of the economy in Connecticut. My heartfelt thanks go to each of them for being there in spite of the miserable weather.

April 1st is **REALTOR® Day at the Capital**. It is important for us as REALTORS® to attend this event because it gives us an opportunity to listen, learn and

communicate with our legislators. Both local and state issues are thoroughly discussed. To make logistics easier, free bus transport will be provided and will leave from Westport (the park-&-ride lot by I95 exit 18) on April 1st for Hartford, CT. You **MUST register in advance** for this event. Visit [www.ctrealtor.com/rac/2009](http://www.ctrealtor.com/rac/2009) to do this.

As added incentive, all MFCAR members who participate are entitled to a free CE class offered by the MFCAR Board. Be sure to mark your calendar and attend so that our voices can be heard. Once you have

registered, call the MFCAR office (227-4418) to make your bus reservation.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on April 1st in Hartford!

- Stu Svirsky



Stuart Svirsky- MFCAR Board President, 2008-09

## BUS SCHEDULE

### **New Canaan 6:15 A.M.**

*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*

REALTOR® 682 South Avenue/North of exit 37 Merritt Parkway

### DAY **Westport 6:45 A.M.**

AT THE *Commuter Parking Lot/Sherwood Island Connector*  
CAPITAL Exit 18/Turnpike

### **Greater Fairfield Board Office 7:15 A.M.**

*Exit 22 Connecticut Turnpike*  
156 Round Hill Road, Fairfield

## Help With Health Insurance

If you would like to know more about:

- **CT Health Insurance plans for the self employed**
- **Alternatives to COBRA**
- **HSA's**

The MFCAR office will have Gary Antonello and Rita Stein of *The Morgan Group* (an MFCAR Affiliate Member) available on scheduled days to help our members with any questions they have regarding health insurance. Gary and Rita are local independent consultants specializing in benefit solutions for the self employed. They will be available in our office on **2/23, 2/27, 3/2, 3/9, 3/13** and **3/16** starting at 2:00 PM. If you would like a complimentary consultation or if you would just like to ask a question about health insurance or benefits, stop by. Also, they can be reached at (203) 434-7411 or [info@themorgangroup.com](mailto:info@themorgangroup.com) to schedule reviews at your convenience.

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### **CALENDAR**

#### February

**20<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting:**  
9am @ Board

**25<sup>th</sup> Affiliate Breakfast:**  
9am @ Board

#### March

**6<sup>th</sup> N.M. Orientation**  
9am @ Board

**8-10<sup>th</sup> NERC Conference**  
Portsmouth NH

**18<sup>th</sup> CMLS Class (REX)**  
10am @ Board

**27<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting:**  
9am @ Board

### MFCAR Member Events - 2009

**4/29/09**  
Green Meeting

**8/5/09**  
Clambake

**9/30/09**  
Horror Stories

**10/28/09**  
Annual Meeting

**12/9/09**  
Holiday party

## Your Dues' Dollar

What **YOUR VOLUNTARY Contribution** to the **GATES SCHOLARSHIP** provides:

Over the past 32 years, approximately 457 students (children of REALTORS®) have been awarded scholarships totaling over **\$520,500** from the *Raymond F. Gates Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund*. Specifically, over the last several years, 14 children of REALTORS® from the Mid-Fairfield County Association have been awarded scholarships totaling **\$15,750.00**.

This is one of the many benefits that CAR makes available to their members. The Mid-Fairfield Board lists a voluntary fee of \$2.00 on your yearly invoice which we send to CAR in support of these scholarships, as do all other REALTOR® Boards in the state. We encourage all of our members to take advantage of these scholarships with the ever-rising cost of college today.

Application packages are now available for this year's scholarships. They can be obtained by contacting the CAR office or through the Members Only section of CAR's website [www.ctrealtor.com](http://www.ctrealtor.com). Copies are also available at the Board Office.

- Carol Heins, MFCAR AE.

### New Members January

Bob Boles; Joanne Bosshardt; Stephanie Coleman; Linda Coveny; Carlos Gonzales; Gail Harris; Patricia Harter; Jeanne Howell; Jeffrey Kaplan; Darrell Kern; Frank Lucibella Jr.; Kristi Lugossy; Kathy Morrissey; Teresa Nilla; Christine O'Day; Dwayne Reede; Rochelle Staiano; Sandra Wilmot

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The Following are statistics taken from CMLS records for Single Family properties currently listed as:

**CTS (on February 20, 2009)**  
**PENDING (from Jan 28—Feb 20)**

These figures were compiled for the towns of Norwalk, Weston, Westport, Wilton and Fairfield.

<b>Norwalk</b>	Population: 84,925 approx.
<b>Weston</b>	Population: 10,000 approx.
<b>Westport</b>	Population: 28,000 approx.
<b>Wilton</b>	Population: 18,000 approx.
<b>Fairfield</b>	Population: 57,861 approx.

### CTS Listings: Single Family Homes

For February 20

Norwalk	26	avg. mkt. time 102
Weston	3	avg. mkt. time 144
Westport	9	avg. mkt. time 104
Wilton	9	avg. mkt. time 133
Fairfield	28	avg. mkt. time 110

### Pending Listings: Single Family Homes

For Jan 28 through Feb 20

Norwalk	18	avg. mkt. time 113
Weston	2	avg. mkt. time 198
Westport	5	avg. mkt. time 211
Wilton	4	avg. mkt. time 189
Fairfield	18	avg. mkt. time 100

## Housing Statistics: According to the CMLS

	Town	Property Type	Jan 09		Jan 08	
			Units	Avg. Price	Units	Avg. Price
The Average <b>SELLING</b> <b>PRICE</b>  for Houses & Condominiums <b>SOLD</b>	<b>Norwalk</b>	Single Family	23	724,219	24	645,938
		Condominium	13	266,192	24	325,503
	<b>Weston</b>	Single Family	5	887,500	3	1,208,583
		<b>Westport</b>	Single Family	5	688,212	18
	Condominium		1	777,500	1	350,000
	<b>Wilton</b>	Single Family	2	1,185,000	10	1,165,200
		Condominium	0	————	0	————
	<b>Fairfield</b>	Single Family	17	548,634	36	761,806
		Condominium	7	472,000	5	612,000