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**Subject:** March News and Notes

Attached: Trade Show Admission Form

NEW MEMBER: Fred Bates, Secondary-LPT Realty, LLC.

TRANSFERS: Gabrielle Swann-RE/MAX Advantage, Wbo; Dwayne Caricofe and Kaycee Fridley-LPT Realty, LLC; Chase Killingsworth-1<sup>st</sup> Choice Real Estate

Current Primary Membership: 399

Check out the Calendar on the GAAR website for all Committee meetings and Events.

YPN Coffee event on April 11 9:00-11:00 at HAPP Coffee Roasters in Waynesboro.

Trade Show on April 24 at Best Western. Theme is "It's a Carnival". Admission form is attached. Register with Eventbrite. No charge. Open to GAAR REALTOR members only, no guests or staff. There will also be a One Hour CE course by Old Republic Title on Avoiding Fraud for Agents. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gaar-trade-show-its-a-carnival-tickets-847136436887?aff=oddtcreator>

MLS Reminder: Be sure to use the "Commission Minus Closing Costs Y/N" field in the MLS. If Commission is not being paid on Closing Costs, this should be answered with a Y for Yes.

We've noticed agents putting the statement in Remarks, but you should also use the field provided.

MLS Committee reminds everyone to not use "GPS" for directions. You need to put a main highway/road as a starting point.

The MLS Committee reminds everyone to make your Sold-Comp Only listings as complete as possible, beyond what is required to enter the listing. The information is needed by Appraisers as well as Agents.

MLS Policy update on Unpaid/Late MLS payments starting April 1 billing:  
Late fee will be added after due date.

MLS firm and agents will be cut off MLS and SentiLock when account is past due. After 30 days past due, notice will be sent that GAAR membership may be suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 4 of the Association ByLaws. After 60 days past due, the MLS account of a suspended firm/member must be paid semi-annual or annual from that date forward. For reference, see current Article X, Section 4 of ByLaws

Community Service Ruckus will be on Thursday, Sept 12 from 5:00-8:00 at Red August Farm. Brokers will be asked to donate a basket/box of items and/or a donation of \$100. Agents may donate \$ as well. Tickets will again be \$50 each, which will include 2 drinks and unlimited Food Trucks. Affiliates will be asked for sponsors at \$500/\$750 or \$1,000. Beneficiaries this year are Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Details to follow.

**GAAR is sponsoring a bus to NAR Mid-Year Meetings in D.C. on Tuesday, May 7.** Bus will depart Verona Park N Ride (in front of the Antique Mall) at 7:00 a.m. and return to same location at approximately 7:00 p.m. You will be dropped off and picked up at the Walter Washington Convention Center in D.C. The bus is open at this time to GAAR members only, but will open to adjacent Association members if not filled by April 15. Bus will not be open to nonREALTORS or guests. This will be a chartered Quicks 55 passenger tour bus. Call or email GAAR to reserve a seat.

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