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Dear MCAR GAD,

Welcome to the "Stone Report", a publication brought to you by the Government & Community Affairs Department of the Monterey County Association of REALTORS®

Local Government Relations

After numerous REALTORS® had voiced concern over the Seaside inspection process, the MCAR Local Government Relations Committee (LGR) decided it was within the best interests of the membership to see if there was a way by which we might assist in facilitating some level of change.

Subsequently, the City of Seaside is no longer requiring interior inspections as part of the City Report process. A "drive-by" exterior inspection will be performed with only "blatant" garage conversions and/or illegally added units being flagged on the report.

This is but one example of how important REALTOR® involvement is within the association. MCAR LGR members set aside time every month to discuss, evaluate and consider action on issues that impact homeowners, home-sellers and **YOUR** ability to do business within the real estate field. Sometimes a thankless job, their efforts have produced tangible results that all of us within the real estate field benefit from.

Thank you LGR members for your countless hours, service and devotion to our industry. Next year will certainly produce a number of challenges to face, and I look forward to addressing them with you all as they arise.

If you have an interest in participating in this dynamic committee, please consider attending one of the monthly meetings which are held in the MCAR conference room every second Thursday of the month. Our next scheduled meeting will take place January 14th at 3:00 pm.

MPWMD Rebate Program Update

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) recently updated its rebate program. The California Public Utilities Commission desired to see an increase in the water conservation efforts on the Monterey Peninsula and subsequently approved funding for an aggressive 3-year conservation program designed to save 400-800 acre feet annually. The updated Rebate Program (Ordinance 140) is a result of that initiative.

I will have a more detailed matrix of the program within a couple of weeks. A brief summary of the program update is included below.

Ordinance No. 140 Summary

- Deletes Rebate for Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (1.6 gpf)
- Increases amount of Rebate for High Efficiency Toilets (1.28 gpf), high efficiency clothes washers and Zero Water Consumption Urinals.
- New Rebates for:
 - Lawn removal and replacement,
 - Synthetic Turf installation
 - High Efficiency Urinals and Pint Urinals
 - Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles
 - High Efficiency Commercial Clothes Washers
 - Cooling Tower Conductivity Controllers
 - Water Efficient Ice Machines
 - X-Ray film processor recirculation systems
 - Water Brooms

The program will take effect January 1, 2010

**Event is filling up and seating is limited
Reserve Today!**

2009 GAD Holiday Luncheon

You are cordially invited
To the 27th Annual

Monterey County Association of REALTORS®

Government Affairs Holiday Luncheon

A Special Afternoon with Local REALTORS®
And Local Elected Officials

Sponsored By:
The Monterey County Herald

Doug Lanzaro, CSA ®
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Michael Rachel
Peninsula Home Inspections

Donna Bomarito
Bank of Commerce Mortgage

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Social Begins at 11:30 A.M.
Lunch Will Be Served at 12:30 P.M.

\$40.00 Per Person

Monterey Peninsula Country Club

Pebble Beach, CA

Reservations Are Required and Seating is Limited

Please Respond Upon Receipt of this Invitation

Call the MCAR Office at: (831) 393-8660 with your reservation and menu choice (listed below) or click [HERE](#) to register and pay online.

Menu Choices:

1. Lemon-Chive Seared Salmon with Artichoke-Chanterelle Butter Sauce or
2. Sage Grilled Chicken Breast with Pomegranate-Orange Beurre Blanc

Vegetarian Dish Available Upon Request

Entrees served with Butternut Squash Risotto and Seasonal Vegetables

Until next time,

Kevin Stone
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