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IT'S APRIL!

It's spring...finally!

Slowly, we are making progress on vaccinations with more groups being added to the eligibility list, more schools planning on how to safely open for all students, discussions about music festivals and county fairs doing the same and universities welcoming back their student bodies this fall.

All tempered by new variants in the COVID-19 disease that could slow or derail some or all of these plans. Or, the current rounds of vaccines will be enough to do the job so we can again meet in large groups, go to the movies and hang out with the neighbors. Time will tell but information that is timely and accurate will continue to rule the day and that falls on you to stay up to date on happenings in your communities. By the way, Governor Evers announced that everyone in Wisconsin 16 years and older will be able to get a COVID shot beginning on April 5th.

The spring election is here. Not many contested races in this cycle but those men and women who have stepped up to run for office deserve your vote. Ask questions on their positions and vote accordingly on April 6th.

While it has not always been referred to as the REALTORS® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin, the charter that formed us will celebrate its 100th anniversary on April 27th.

RPAC was formed in 1969, and the association's PAC was chartered on January 19, 1979.

That tidbit of information was a not-so-subtle hint that we are in the middle of RPAC investment season and while we are off to a very good start, in order to support the legislators and policy makers at the local and state level that supports your business, we need your investment. Direct Giver investments start at \$100, Large Donor Council investments begin at \$1000 with 70% going to Direct Giver and 30% going to RPAC. You can use WRAs secure website to make your investment, wra.org/dgcontribution and use your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. With over 1000 members in the association and in honor of our 100th anniversary, perhaps today is the day you make that commitment to RPAC.

REALTOR® & Government Day happens on Wednesday, April 14th from 1 to 3pm. While the format is virtual and may not be perfect because we are used to a more free-range program that afforded conversation with legislators and other REALTORS®. Regardless, we need your participation as we will be joined by the Lake Superior Area REALTORS® and the Western Wisconsin REALTORS® Association.

Your association is here to help you, support you and provide the tools you need to be successful. After 100 years, we've got this!

Bruce

It is very Important for you to stay up-to-date on the latest orders from the county health departments in our jurisdiction:

www.ranww.org

You will find updates at the local, state and national level regarding the coronavirus.

As vaccines roll out, there will be changes to the current restrictions. Be sure you know the rules in your area.

Stay safe, and stay informed with your Association.

**Bruce King — Government Affairs
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Spring Elections
- R & G Day Attendance
- Broadband Plans
- Capitol Insights
- RPAC Investment
- Eviction Moratorium

KNOW WHO IS ON YOUR BALLOT ON APRIL 6TH

There is one statewide race for state Superintendent of Public Instruction and a race for Court of Appeals in District 2 which covers our jurisdiction along and north of Highway 29 and District 3 along and south of Highway 29. The rest of the races for the spring election are local races for City Council, school board and the like.

Know who is on your ballot. Go to www.myvotewi.gov and enter your address where prompted to find out who you will be voting for.



“Just Because You Do Not Take An Interest In Politics, Doesn’t Mean That Politics Won’t Take An Interest In You.” —Pericles (430 B.C)

Join us on Wednesday, April 14th for the very first virtual REALTOR® & Government Day. This year’s event has been condensed into a two hour program that you can participate in from your home or office. Each segment is 20 to 30 minutes in length so it will be a fast-paced afternoon.

We will be joined by members of the Lake Superior Area REALTORS® and the Western Wisconsin REALTORS® Association.

Go to this webpage on WRAs site to learn about the issues:

[REALTOR and Government Day 2021 \(wra.org\)](http://www.wra.org)

FEW RACES ON AREA BALLOTS

Another quiet spring election cycle as many incumbents will run unopposed for their offices. Take Menomonie. The odd numbered Wards are up this cycle and all incumbents are running unopposed. Which opens a possibility for someone who would want to run in Ward 5. This seat has been open for some time. During the time nomination papers were circulated, no one took out papers meaning a write in could pick up the seat.

In Eau Claire, there are five district seats up for election, all five incumbents are running along with three newcomers. Emily Berge is along in District 1, Emily Anderson and Kyle Woodman in District 2, Jeremy Gragert and Josh Stanley in District 3, incumbent Jill Christopherson in District 4 and Andrew Werthmann and Gabriel Schlieve in District 5. There are no contested races in the City of Chippewa Falls or the City of Altoona. The Eau Claire School Board will have four candidates running for three seats, including incumbents Joshua Clements, Marquell Johnson and Erica Zerr and newcomer Kathleen Kivlin.

In Rice Lake, three of the four City Council seats will be contested with Keith Moffat and Bruce Willers in District 1, Gina Sookiayak and Robert Brueggen in District 2, Harlan Dodge unopposed in District 3 and Doug Edwardsen and James Muller in District 4.

To know who is on your ballot, go to www.myvotewi.gov and be sure to vote on April 6.



Take a detailed look at the American Rescue Plan's funding assistance for landlords and tenants. Heiner Giese with the Apartment Association of Southeast Wisconsin discusses the new COVID-19 relief legislation with the WRA's EVP Tom Larson. Listen here: <https://youtu.be/VT8zevd58uo>

REGISTER NOW FOR REALTOR® & GOVERNMENT DAY-YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!!

This year's REALTOR® & Government Day will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, this year's virtual event (for the first time ever) will also be shorter. Just two hours. But plenty will be happening during that two hour period.

We'll begin with a welcome and remarks from WRA leadership. Then at 1:15, we'll hear from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. At 1:35, WRA lobby team will update you on the issues that will be discussed with our legislators and their staffs. Due to the constraints of time and a need to be concise during the meetings, we will be discussing three to four issues only. Our topics will be broadband, workforce housing, property taxes and landlord tenant issues.

Our Legislative briefings will occur at 2:20 and will last for 35 minutes. Our legislators and their staffs will already have our position papers well in advance and will have an understanding of why the issues we will present are important to us. We will have one or two people that will be assigned to give testimony to back up our position. The Zoom platform will allow you to text message our legislators with your thoughts, or WRA staff can take your information and get your questions/comments to the appropriate legislator.

Again, we will have 35 minutes for our discussion. At 2:55, we will again electronically gather to wrap up the day and at 3pm, the event concludes. The event is free, and we are looking for a very large representation from our Association. We will be joined by members of the Lake Superior Area REALTORS® and the Western Wisconsin REALTORS® Association for our meeting. Sign up on WRA's website. Go to <https://www.rgd.wra.org>

RPAC AND YOU

Did you know that you can make your RPAC investment securely online using your Visa, Mastercard and now American Express card? And, you can set up monthly payments!

Go to <https://www.wra.org/dgcontribution/>

If REALTORS® do not speak out, get involved and help shape the discussion, someone else will.

Nobody knows a community better than a REALTOR®. You are on the front line as defenders of real estate issues.

Investing in RPAC assures you a seat at the table when critical decisions are made for homeowners and private property owners.

Supporting vetted candidates and incumbents at all levels of elective governance is part of what RPAC is about.

Now more than ever, we need your financial investment in RPAC thru the Large Donor Council or Direct Giver.



MARK THE DATE



Tell your story. Collaborate. Advocate. Protect.

Wisconsin real estate was deemed essential. And your participation in the WRA's annual lobbying event is your chance to keep it that way.

With the all-new virtual format, you can attend and visit lawmakers virtually, all from the comfort of home. Advocating for a brighter tomorrow has never been easier.

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BREAKING NEWS: CDC EXTENDS EVICTION MORATORIUM

Under the terms of the CDC order, residents must declare that they have pursued all appropriate government assistance; met certain income and employment requirements; and are using best efforts to make timely partial payments, among other qualifications. Today's announcement expands the order to include people "who are confirmed to have, who have been exposed to, or who might have been exposed to COVID-19 and take reasonable precautions to spread the disease."

Covered persons must now provide their housing provider with a copy of a signed declaration form stating that they meet the requirements to be a "covered person."

As with previous CDC orders, property owners may still evict tenants due to criminal activity, damaging property, or for violating other contractual obligations.



[Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.](#) - Groucho Marx

BROADBAND COMING TO RURAL WISCONSIN

A number of initiatives have recently surfaced in order to bring high speed internet service to underserved areas of rural Wisconsin.

Governor Evers has set aside \$200 million in this year's budget for broadband expansion in the state. Charter Spectrum announced last week that they will invest nearly \$700 million in rural broadband across Wisconsin beginning with small areas of central Douglas and northern Bayfield counties that should be completed next year. A company in central Minnesota was awarded over \$300 million to bring high speed internet to parts of eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin including a few communities in our jurisdiction and Eau Claire County is working on a collabora-



tion with Starlink satellite to test run internet in parts of the county.

Finally, U.S. Senator and Congressman Ron Kind have introduced legislation to spend \$94 billion on broadband internet for underserved parts of the country with could bring hundreds of millions of dollars to Wisconsin.

In addition to the various broadband projects in discussion around the state, as part of the COVID-19 relief package adopted by Congress, Wisconsin local governments will see \$2.3 billion which can be used for infrastructure projects such as roads, water, sewer and broadband projects. Eau Claire County stands to pick up \$20.3 million with Chippewa receiving \$12.54 million.

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COMMUNITIES.”

RANWW GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The REALTORS® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin is the largest association in terms of area, stretching from Millston, Whitehall and Fountain City to the south all the way to central Bayfield and southern Ashland county to the north. We are the fourth largest of the 19 Associations in terms of membership. Your Association covers 385 units of local government, monitoring a wide variety of issues that can and do affect you. In addition to local government, your GAD also monitors issues at the state and national level that will have a direct or indirect impact on housing and the industry, as well as legislation that can affect the consumer. Your Government Affairs Director works with members and affiliates to raise investment dollars for RPAC that help to support elected officials that support your business. RANWW is one of only three REALTOR® Association's in Wisconsin that have their own PAC, which was started 41 years ago to support candidates at the local and state level. We maintain a Facebook page, called “The GADabouts”, that aims to keep you up to date on political issues that will affect your business. Your GAD also produces a periodic government affairs program posted on our YouTube channel, RANWWTV. And be watching for a podcast called “The Chair” coming soon.

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