

# BRIGHAM TREMONTON BOARD OF REALTORS®

*“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.”* Fred Devito

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 12 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 12 – Affiliate Committee Meeting at 10:30am**
- 13 – Brigham Home Tour
- 14 – Membership Luncheon noon at Maddox Lodge Golden Spike 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- 14 – BOD meeting 1:00pm**
- 18 – Presidents Day Board Office Closed**
- 19 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 20 – Brigham Home Tour
- 20 – UAR REALTOR DAY Board Office Closed**
- 26 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 27 – Brigham Home Tour

### MARCH

- 5 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 6 – Brigham Home Tour
- 12 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 13 – Brigham Home Tour
- 14 – Membership Luncheon noon at Maddox Lodge Sponsored by IBEX Home Warranty**
- 14 – BOD meeting 1:00pm**
- 19 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 20 – Brigham Home Tour
- 26 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 27 – Brigham Home Tour
- 28 – AE Institute, Austin TX Board Office Closed through April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please **RSVP** now for the Membership Luncheon next Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Maddox Lodge. Joan Hammer, with Box Elder County Tourism, will speak about the Golden Spike Sesquicentennial Celebration.

### NAR Framing Fannie, Freddie Debate

NAR hosts a policy forum in Washington this week to frame [next steps for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac](#), the two secondary mortgage market companies under conservatorship since the financial meltdown a decade ago.

The forum brings together policymakers, industry experts, and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to discuss the continued availability of affordable 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages after conservatorship ends

### Rules Boost Private Flood Insurance

The federal government has released rules requiring lenders to accept private flood insurance as an alternative to federal insurance if the policy meets requirements. The rules include useful clarifications and lender compliance help, but there remain areas that need further clarification, [NAR says](#).

### NAR: Expedite FHA Condo Rules

NAR President John Smaby urged HUD Secretary Ben Carson to [release final rules](#) making FHA a more realistic financing option for consumers trying to buy condominium units. NAR wants the rules to ease owner-occupancy restrictions, allow more commercial space, and allow for longer board certification periods, among other things.

### Website Accessibility Case to Proceed

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed a trial court’s decision to delay consideration of whether a website [violated the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) because the U.S. Department of Justice failed to issue rules on how to apply ADA to websites. The court found that the website operator had ample notice that websites were covered by the ADA and so returned the case to the trial court for further proceedings.

### Scam Using NAR Name

In case you missed it: An email scam circulating last week used NAR’s name to get recipients to click on a dangerous link. You should alert [NAR Member Support](#) if you received an email that appears to be from NAR with the subject line, “Signature requested by National Association of REALTORS®.” The email spoofs a Citrix ShareFile site and asks for signature on an “important file.” After alerting NAR, [the email should be deleted](#).

### Video: Risk Management Hot Topics

NAR General Counsel Katie Johnson walks through copyright violations and other risk areas to real estate industry professionals in a [video](#).