

# BRIGHAM TREMONTON BOARD OF REALTORS®

*“Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present.”* Jim Rohn

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 14 – RPAC Committee meeting at 11:00am
- 14 – Membership Luncheon noon at Maddox Lodge  
Sponsored by IBEX Home Warranty – Legislative Update
- 14 – BOD meeting 1:00pm
- 19 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 20 – Brigham Home Tour
- 20 – New Member Orientation at 2:30pm
- 26 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 27 – Brigham Home Tour
- 28 – AE Institute, Austin TX  
Board Office Closed through April 1<sup>st</sup>

### APRIL

- 8 – CE Class-11:30 to 1:30  
Reverse Mortgage
- 9 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 9 – Member Services Committee meeting 11:00am
- 10 – Brigham Home Tour
- 10 – Community Outreach Committee meeting 4:30pm
- 11 – Membership Luncheon noon at Maddox Lodge sponsored by Beam Lending
- 11 – BOD meeting 1:15pm
- 16 – Tremonton Home Tour
- 17 – Brigham Home Tour
- 18 – Government Affairs Committee meeting 10:00am

We would like to welcome Randy Ottley with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Morgan Dodson & Braxton Bennett with Besst Realty Group, and Troy Thompson with Nook & Kranny Home Inspections as the newest members of the Board. Also, Becky Martinez is now with Prime Lending.

### Lower Rates Mean More Signings

The Federal Reserve's [latest monetary policy](#) is saving homebuyers more than \$80 a month in mortgage costs, which in turn has led to a sizable increase in contract signings. That points to strengthening home sales this spring. An update is in the latest [Voice for Real Estate](#) news video from NAR. Also covered is the new national ad campaign, called “[That’s Who We R®](#),” recent testimony in Congress by a REALTOR® [on housing challenges](#) confronting the middle class, and how to determine [if an email is a scam](#).

### Anti-Trust Lawsuit is Baseless

NAR issued the following statement in response to a class-action lawsuit filed last week in the Northern District of Illinois against the association and 4 large brokerage companies alleging that they conspired to restrain price competition among buyer brokers via promulgation of NAR’s MLS rules: “The complaint is baseless and contains an abundance of false claims. The U.S. courts have routinely found that multiple listing services are pro-competitive and benefit consumers by creating great efficiencies in the home buying and selling process. NAR looks forward to obtaining a similar precedent regarding this filing.”

### NAR: Reform Flood Insurance Program

NAR [supports efforts](#) by Congress to update the National Flood Insurance Program’s mapping and mitigation components, REALTOR® Mabel Guzmán testified during a March 13<sup>th</sup> hearing of the House Financial Service Committee, emphasizing that lawmakers should reform and reauthorize the critical program before its authority expires May 31<sup>st</sup>. NAR is also continuing to working with Congress and FEMA to establish a private flood insurance market to augment the NFIP.

### Bill Would Broaden Fair Housing Law

NAR [supports legislation](#) introduced in both chambers of Congress Wednesday to extend protections under the Fair Housing Act to the LGBT community. “REALTORS® have worked for [nearly] a decade to ensure the American dream of homeownership is not unfairly denied to those in the LGBT community,” NAR President John Smaby said in a statement.

### Promote NAR’s New Ad Campaign

The spotlight is on REALTORS® with the launch of NAR’s [new national advertising campaign](#), “That’s Who We R®” Watch it, share it, and post it everywhere to spread the word and promote REALTOR® pride.