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"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." Seneca

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PBBR Board Office will be closed
November 22-23 for Thanksgiving.



2008 ELECTIONS FOR PBBR AND PB MLS LEADERSHIP

e-Ballot voting ends today, November 16th.
The result will be retained in a hermetically
sealed mayonnaise jar at Funk and
Wagnells until November 29th, when the
contents will be revealed and tallied with
the votes by voters who will be using the
paper ballots at the meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS THURSDAY, 11/29/2007

Mr. John's Restaurant, Lake City
**\$11.00 per person (Pot roast, carrots,
potatoes, dessert & soft beverage)**

- Paper Ballot Voting: 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: Noon
- Axe the Tax Petitions, Doug Merriam
- Short Annual meeting, if a quorum is present, beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- Brian Westrin, Legal Affairs Manager for Michigan Association of REALTORS®, will be presenting Common Legal Hotline Issues immediately following. (30 minutes)

PAUL BUNYAN MLS

Paul Bunyan MLS Committee

Rick Lantz, Committee Chair ; Keith Johnson, Judy Greeley, Jim Meier and Barry Fall Jo Ellen Serum, Dave Becker, Mike McCullough, Mark Hacker, Sandy Keezer

Here's a n excerpt from a press release by FNIS that was prepared for release prior to the National Association of REALTORS® convention in Las Vegas beginning today.

Paragon Desktop MLS v4

The release of the Paragon MLS Desktop 4, which also benefits from direct customer feedback, includes several key enhancements, the most important of which is the replacement of the Microsoft Database Engine (MSDE) with Microsoft Access 2000.

In addition, Desktop 4 is compatible with Microsoft Vista and Internet Explorer 7.0, and has an improved workflow thanks to a redesigned user interface, Home Page and navigation.

The Paragon Desktop 4 workflow now incorporates tab menus to allow users to multi-task, moving quickly from one module to another module through simple navigation that keeps both modules operating and accessible simultaneously.

"This is exclusive to Paragon Desktop 4," said Fidelity National MLS Systems and Solutions Vice President of Product Development Marty Reed. "We have chosen to integrate the tab approach and multi-tasking capability in Desktop, but not online, where Web standards are limited. This is actually a turning point for Fidelity MLS and, with this release, we have positioned Desktop to follow its own path so we can take advantage of the features that a desktop application affords."



Deployment of Paragon 4 online for Paul Bunyan MLS has been moved back to November 27th & online the 28th

MLS ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd:

Paragon Desktop MLS v4

Additional improvements include: increased speed and performance, Smart Updater, integration with SAFEMLS, and an enhanced listing maintenance feature. The improved installation process includes a simplified transition to the new version with easy transfer of existing pictures and contacts from older versions.

"We have listened to our customers and appreciate all they have told us about the product and how to make it work even better for them," said F aull. "In response, we have given them two powerful new tools that not only keep them in the game, but make them more competitive than ever before. We feel that Fidelity has hit a home run with Paragon 4, and it's a whole new game."

The MLS committee urges you to take the opportunity to view the **Paragon 4** flash demos and training videos in order to be ready to use the new program when it is deployed and ready to use on November 28th. <http://p4help.fnismls.com/training-videos.htm>

As long as you are a basic user, you can probably get away with viewing **Home Page Overview, Navigation Bar** (due to changes), **Quick Search, Search Screen, Basic Search, Hot Sheet and Other Views.**

If you are a more advanced user, make sure you view the **Home Page Overview, Navigation Bar** (due to changes), **Quick Search, Search Screen, Market Monitor, Other Views**

Office Staff/Input people should view as many training videos as you can, but most especially **Home Page Overview, Navigation Bar** (due to changes), **Quick Search, Search Screen, Basic Search, Hot Sheet, Other Views, Basic Input, Shortcuts, Add/Maintain pictures, Geo Code Search, Validate Map and Associated Documents.**

PROPOSED SENTRILOCK LOCKBOX SERVICE FOR PBBR AND PBMLS MEMBERS

Opt in Opt out letter responses are due back to the board office by Friday, November 16th. The form letter was included in a letter to the DRs or brokers of each firm from President Bill Alderden.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Get Well Wishes are in order for **Tom Borton of Land 'n' Lakes Realty** in Houghton Lake. Tom is recovering from recent surgery.

Get Well Wishes are in order for **Mark Benjamin of Century 21 Benjamin** in St. Helen. Mark is recovering from recent surgery.

Condolences to **Tom Taylor, Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors**, on the death of his father, Robert Taylor, on November 10th, 2007 in Ohio. Tom and his family would appreciate memorials in Robert Taylor's name in lieu of flowers:

Stein Hospice
1200 Sycamore Line
Sandusky, Ohio 44870



GOOD LUCK TO OUR HUNTING MEMBERS. HUNT SAFE.

Send in your photos and statistical information to place on our virtual buck pole roster for 2008!

REPORTS:

- ❖ Barry Fall, ERA Greater North Properties, Cadillac reports he got a 7 pt buck on opening day

RPAC

What have you done for ME lately?



The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) keeps you informed, involved and influential in legislative decisions that are important to your business. RPAC I, your individual, personal contribution, is dedicated to the election of candidates who support your profession. Contributions by corporate check are dedicated to RPAC II, for issues affecting the real estate industry and lobbying efforts on your behalf. 70% of your dollars stay right here in Michigan with 30% supporting efforts in Washington DC with NAR. 100% of your RPAC I dollars go toward supporting political candidates that support REALTOR® friendly regulations, policies and legislation.

<http://www.mirealtors.com/news/realtor/documents/oct07coverstory.pdf>



ERMA BOMBECK ON THANKSGIVING: Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.