

PAUL BUNYAN BOARD OF REALTORS®/PAUL BUNYAN MLS



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FRIDAY FLASH - Friday, November 19th, 2010

The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest. Wm. Blake

LEADERSHIP 2010

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 RENEWAL DUES ARE DUE 11/30/2010. \$25 LATE FINE WILL BE APPLIED AFTER THAT DATE.

NEW MEMBERS:

Desiree Paquette, Appraiser – Houghton Lake

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

FOR MEMBERS OF PAUL BUNYAN BOARD OF REALTORS®
AND
PAUL BUNYAN MLS



NOON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2010

MR. JOHN'S RESTAURANT ON M-55 IN LAKE CITY

GUEST SPEAKER IS BEING FINALIZED

DOOR PRIZES AND 50/50 DRAWING

\$10 PER PERSON INCLUSIVE

Roast Pork Tenderloin w/cranberry glaze

Dutchess Potatoes

Scalloped Apples

Green Beans

Salad buffet

Holiday Dessert

Dinner Rolls

Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

GRIEVANCE AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE RECRUITING CALL

We need your involvement – we are **still** looking for members for the Paul Bunyan Board of Realtors® Grievance and Pro Standards committees for 2011-2013. Let us know if you are interested.

PARAGON 5 IS HERE AND READY TO USE

Are you MAC user? Would you like to use another browser than Internet Explorer?
Did you know you can with Paragon 5?

UPDATED LOG IN AREA

<http://pbmls.paragonrels.com> is the new log in area and URL for the Paragon 5 product.

- Paragon 4 will remain operational for several more months until completion of the MLS Administration sections of the program.

[Webinar Registration](#) Recorded Webinars

[Training Videos](#)

[FAQ's](#) Supporting documents that can be viewed and directly downloaded.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMINDER: ARE YOU USING MONGO FAX? <http://www.mongonet.net>

A **COMPLETELY FREE** service for members of the Michigan Association of REALTORS® and Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS®. Unlimited Toll Free Scanning from ANY Fax Machine to ANY Email Address. Your documents will instantly be converted and routed to your desired recipient's email address by MongoFAX's secure, automated systems. No sign ups, registrations or passwords required. Instantly fax paper-based documents to the MLS and other documents you use on a regular basis (disclosure packages, signed contracts, et cetera) directly to any email addresses in the world. All you need is an ordinary fax machine and MAR's designated MongoFAX Cover Page.

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5. **FAX** the cover Page with your hardcopy documents through the Toll Free Number located at the bottom of the cover page.

The Board Office uses this service regularly, and there are offices who use it regularly to fax their daily MLS documents to us.

EDUCATION

LOOKING FOR BROKER'S PREP? WE'VE GOT IT COMING TO YOU IN THE SPRING OF 2011!

Gwyn Besner, Acme Institute and Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS® present spring 2011 education: Law 101, March 28 - 30 - 8:00 - 5:30 Thirty hours of broker education covering, in depth: History of Law, Occupational Code, Auction, Water Rights, Environment, Income Tax, Property Management and Fair Housing. \$295

Law 102, April 11 - 13 - 8:00 - 5:30 Thirty hours of broker education covering, in depth, Business Startup, Practical Brokerage Practices, Contract Law, Finance and Affiliated Business, Real Estate Rights and Restrictions, Real Property Descriptions and Fair Housing. \$295

Broker Preparation, May 2 - 5 9:00 - 5:00 Thirty hours of intense preparation on the fundamental of real estate for the examination. \$295

RESCHEDULED CON ED – FREE TO OUR MEMBERS

**PAUL BUNYAN BOARD OF REALTORS® in partnership with
AYERS BASEMENT SYSTEMS INVITES YOU TO 3 HOURS OF CON ED FREE OF CHARGE!
Complimentary Continental Breakfast and Lunch**

“Dry Basement Science” – approved Con Ed #L-1221 - Instructor: Tim Doyle

8:30 a.m. check in - 9:00 a.m. class begins

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010

Lake Superior Room - Wexford/Missaukee CTC/ISD Center

At the bend of Crosby Rd. and 13th Street - Cadillac, MI

[Registration form](#) is available on the board website and on Paragon bulletin board.



Shopping on Black Friday (after Thanksgiving) and during the holiday season

Safety in Parking Lots

- * Thieves will be watching to see what you lock in your trunk. Move your vehicle to the other side of the mall after you put packages in your trunk.
- * Do not park next to vans, trucks, campers or cars with tinted windows you cannot see into.
- * Do not park next to shrubs or walls where someone could hide.
- * Never leave anything of value visible in your car. This includes briefcases, GPS systems, phones, iPods and packages.
- * Always park in a well-lit area, even if it's light outside when you get there. It may be dark when you leave. And take notice of where you parked.
- * Try to never walk alone. Be alert and aware of everything going on around you.
 - Always have your keys ready in your hand before you leave a store and try not to shop until the store closes when there are fewer people around.

Safety at Malls and Stores

- * Stay alert to your surroundings and never shop alone. Take a friend!
- * Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

- * Carry only your driver's license, a small amount of personal checks and only the necessary credit and debit cards.
- * If you must carry a purse, carry it tightly under your arm.
- * When walking in a parking lot, carry your purse on the side closest to parked cars, not traffic.
- * Carry your wallet in a front pocket, not in a a back pocket.
- * Always have your hand on your wallet when it's out. Never leave it laying on a counter.
- * Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts. Also, put high dollar shopping bags into plain, non descriptive bags.

Safety at ATMs

- * It's best to use ATMs inside buildings.
- * If you must use an outside ATM...
Only use well-lit locations, free of shrubbery and partitions or dividers. Avoid ATMs that are located at a corner of a building. Use an ATM located near the center of a building.
- * Avoid drive-through ATMs. You can easily be blocked in.
- * Always pay close attention to the ATM and to anyone around.
- * Memorize your PIN.
 - After using ATMs, closely monitor your bank statements and balances. Watch for undocumented withdraws or transactions. If you see anything suspicious, report it immediately to your bank.

Safety on the Road

- * Pack your patience! Holiday traffic can be stressful.
- * Wearing a seatbelt and ensuring all passengers are also wearing safety belts is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision.
- * Children under the age of 12 years old should be placed in the back seat on trips.
- * Infants and small children should always be in approved, size appropriate child car restraint systems.
- * Keep all car doors locked and windows closed when in or out of the car.
- * Be sure your car is in top condition and carry a vehicle safety kit.
 - Keep your cell phone charged at all times.

About Us

Andrew Wooten is a Crime Prevention Practitioner, certified by the Attorney General. He has been providing companies, associations, government agencies and individuals practical advice on safety and security for over 25 years. Andrew travels all over the country teaching people how to do their everyday jobs more safely. We do full day or half day programs customized to fit your needs. [Click here](#) to see a list of current programs. Please visit our website at www.justbesafe.com for more information. [Read our blog!](#)