



PAAR July 2026 NEWSLETTER



President's Message **REALTORS® Making a Difference—From Main Street to Capitol Hill**

One of the questions I occasionally hear is, **"What does the National Association of REALTORS® actually do for us?"**

This month, we have one of the strongest answers we've seen in years.

After nearly two years of collaboration, research, and relentless advocacy, the National Association of REALTORS®, alongside more than 1.4 million REALTORS® across the country, helped champion the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, which has now officially become law.

REALTORS® met with lawmakers, shared real-world experiences from their local markets, provided policy expertise, and advocated for meaningful housing solutions that would expand housing opportunities and strengthen communities nationwide.

Only a few weeks ago, many of us traveled to Washington, D.C., where we joined thousands of REALTORS® from across the nation to advocate for homeownership, private property rights, and housing affordability. We had the opportunity to meet with Senator Shelley Moore Capito to discuss the housing challenges facing West Virginia and the families we serve every day.

Today, we celebrate seeing those efforts produce real results.

While this legislation will benefit communities across the country by increasing housing opportunities, reducing barriers to development, strengthening community lending, and helping more Americans achieve homeownership, it also serves as a reminder that REALTOR® advocacy truly makes a difference. When we invest our time, our voices, and our RPAC support, we help shape policies that affect homeowners, buyers, sellers, and our profession for generations to come.

But making a difference doesn't stop in Washington.

Just recently, our Community Services Chair, Jamie Kirk, demonstrated what it means to be a REALTOR® when a devastating fire disrupted the Wood County Summer Feed Program. She recognized an immediate need and mobilized **our Community Services Committee**, REALTORS®,



community leaders, volunteers, and local organizations. Together, they ensured hundreds of children continued receiving meals they depended on.

That response wasn't about real estate; it was about people.

Whether we're advocating for better housing policy on Capitol Hill, serving meals at the homeless shelter, raising funds for local nonprofits, participating in community events, or responding when our neighbors need us most, REALTORS® continue to prove that our profession is about far more than buying and selling homes.

It is about building stronger communities.

As I reflect on these past several weeks, I couldn't be prouder to serve an association whose members lead through service, compassion, and advocacy. **Together, we are proving that REALTORS® make a difference—from our own neighborhoods to our nation's capital.**

Thank you for everything you do to serve your clients, your communities, and our profession.

With gratitude,

Stephanie Walls, 2026-2027 PAAR President, ABR, PSA, SRS

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Speaking of REALTORS® Making a Difference

As mentioned in the President's message, the PAAR Community Service rallied together in response to the recent Warehouse fire. On July 6th, the Vienna Mayor Chad Emrick generously provided Cornerstone Gospel Church in Vienna to serve as the staging, meal preparation, and primary distribution site. Lisa Ball also provided The Pizza Place as an additional meal distribution and pick-up location. With help from the PAAR Public Relations Committee and the incredible support of REALTORS®, brokerages and local businesses, volunteers, and community members, more than 800 lunches were prepared and distributed to children throughout Wood County. A fitting example of how REALTORS® make a difference!



Welcome new members:

New Affiliates: Made for More Media-Joseph Cottrill
 Frontline Home Inspections-Jeremy Newlon

Upcoming Events

August 12th-Latrobe Street Mission Spaghetti Dinner 4PM

August 18th-PAAR office at 9AM Ed Fair Meeting

August 19th-Board of directors meeting at PAAR office at 9AM

September 17th-Membership meeting/political forum at 12PM at Grand Pointe

September 21st-23rd-WVAR Convention-Oglebay Resort



NEW SUMMER HOURS

The PAAR office will be physically closed on Fridays except by pre-planned appointment if needed. The Executive Officer will be working remotely on Fridays and will be available by phone and email during regular business hours. These hours are in effect from July 24 through August 28th. The office will remain open Monday through Thursday as usual during this time.

Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!





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CoreLogic Answerlink (help with Matrix Related questions on weekends for MLS) 8:30AM-3:30PM
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