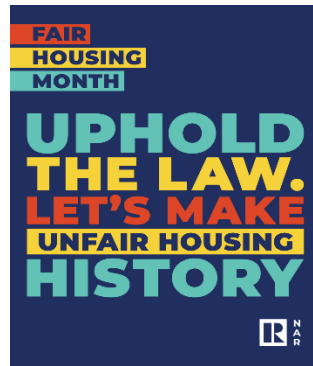




PAAR April 2025 NEWSLETTER



President's Letter:

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all the vendors, exhibitors, and sponsors who helped make our 28th Annual Ed Fair a great success! Your support is genuinely appreciated.

A special thank you goes to Robert Plume and Chase Fisher from the West Virginia Real Estate Commission for sharing such valuable information during the event.

We are also incredibly grateful to the Ed Fair Committee members who volunteered their time and energy to make everything run smoothly — your dedication does not go unnoticed!

Welcome Our Newest Board Member

We are excited to announce the introduction of our newest board member to the PAAR Board of Directors. Please join us in congratulating Will Richmond of BHHS for stepping up to serve on this vibrant and dedicated team.

For a full list of board members, please visit our website:

www.parkersburgareaassociationofrealtorswv.com

We are just getting started with our spring and summer events! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

2nd Annual CRUISE-IN- Spencer's Landing

June 1, 2025, Begins at 4:00 PM

This "Fill the Truck" event will benefit the Parkersburg Humane Society. Visit our website for more details.

Parkersburg Pride in the Park- Parkersburg City Park

June 14, 2025, 12:00PM-4:00PM



Membership Meeting/Luncheon
Grand Pointe Conference Center
June 17, 2025, 12:00 PM

RSVPs will be sent out as the date approaches — we hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support! If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please reach out to Tammy at 304-485-6626 or feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
Melary Banziger,
2025 President
740-440-0193

Community Service Committee in Action

On April 23, our Community Service Committee graciously prepared and served a spaghetti dinner to Jon Six Ministries on Latrobe Street. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies or monetary donations to make this event possible, including:

Scout MOV
WesBanco
Jackson Realty
The Pizza Place
First Mutual Bank
Pleasants County Bank
Huntington Bank
SWC Realty
Outback Steakhouse

The dinner was well received and enjoyed by all — a great example of the impact we can have when we come together.

There's still time to join the *Battle of the Boards* contest with WVAR! Let us show everyone what P.A.A.R. is made of by completing the **FREE** NAR Fairhaven 2.0 course. Deadline is April 30, 2025.

Access the course here: <https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing/fairhaven>



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Delaney Parsons-Scout MOV
Brandon Cumberledge-Appalachian Realty

Upcoming Events

May 8, 2025, at 9:30AM at the PAAR Office-Community Service Meeting
May 15, 2025, Board of Directors meeting at the PAAR Office at 9:00AM
May 26-Memorial Day-PAAR Office Closed
June 14, 2025, Pride in the Park-Parkersburg City Park 12:00PM-4:00PM
June 15, 2025-Father's Day
June 17, 2025-Membership Lunch at 12:00PM at Grand Pointe Conference Center

Instant Reaction: Mortgage Rates April 17, 2025

Facts: The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate from Freddie Mac increased to 6.83%, up from 6.62% last week. At this rate, with a 20% down payment, the monthly mortgage payment amounts to \$2,093 for a home priced at \$400,000. With a 10% down payment, the typical payment would be \$2,354.

Level set: The 30-year fixed settled some from the bounce-house activity in the week prior. Spring buyers are in a better position with more inventory in many markets. While some are cautious in the face of uncertainty, others will jump at better opportunities.

Watch: Economists are currently eyeing any potential changes in the bond market that would impact the mortgage market. China holds about \$760 billion in U.S. bonds, raising eyebrows given the trade war. Japan is currently the largest holder of U.S. bonds.



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5 small backyard ideas to make your cramped outdoor space feel like Versailles from HouseLogic-

- 1.DIVIDE THE SPACE
- 2.PLANT A PRIVACY SCREEN
- 3.ADD A WATER FEATURE
- 4.USE VERTICAL SPACE

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Go to https://www.houselogic.com/by-room/yard-patio/backyard-ideas/?site_ref=mosaic for more details.

Important Numbers to Have:

Supra Help Line: 877-699-6787

MLS Now: 216-485-4100 ext. 412

CoreLogic Answerlink (help with Matrix Related questions on weekends for MLS) 8:30AM-3:30PM
888-549-5003

PAAR Board Office: 304-485-6626

P.A.A.R Office Hours

M-F 8AM-4PM

(M-TH Lunch 12PM-12:30PM)

(F-Lunch 12PM-1PM)