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Commercial Council

GHAR Commercial E-News

Welcome to the GHAR Commercial E-News! This newsletter is designed to keep the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS® commercial agents and Affiliate members updated on important developments in government affairs. The E-News publishes Tuesdays and will highlight government affairs issues relating to commercial real estate at the local, state and national levels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 31: COMMERCIAL COUNCIL SPEAKERS' SERIES

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the second Commercial Council Speakers' Series of 2017. **Save the date** for **Thursday, August 31** from **8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** here at the Association.

There will be **TWO** topics at this Speakers' Series! The first is **1031 Like-Kind Exchanges Legislative Update**, presented by **State Rep. Steve Bloom, R-199**. He will discuss progress on his HB 331, which would allow for 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges in Pennsylvania. The second topic is **Lease Defaults: Issues and Remedies**, presented by **Steve Williams, Esq.**, of **Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall and Furman, PC**. The session will examine what happens when commercial tenants don't pay their rent or otherwise conform to the lease terms. Come learn about lease defaults, issues and remedies from both the landlord's and the tenant's perspective.

[Click here to view the flyer!](#)

SEPTEMBER 7: COMMERCIAL COUNCIL BREAKFAST

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the next Commercial Council Breakfast of 2017. **Save the date** for **Thursday, September 7**, from **7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** The breakfast is sponsored by **Landmark Commercial Realty, Inc.** The speaker is Greg Calosso,

Director of Strategy for Penn State Health, and his topic is, “Forecasted Future of Healthcare Real Estate in Pennsylvania.”

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SAVE THE DATE

FUTURE PROGRAMMING:

- September 28: Tailgating Social! ([More info HERE!](#))
- October 26: Speakers’ Series ([More info HERE!](#))
- November 9: Breakfast and Annual Commercial Council Meeting

LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

2018 COMMERCIAL COUNCIL SPONSORSHIPS

The GHAR Board of Directors is now seeking sponsorships for 2018 programming, including breakfasts and social events. There will be four breakfasts – **Thursday, March 8; Thursday, May 10; Thursday, October 4; and Thursday, November 8** – and three Social events – **Thursday, February 8; Thursday, February 14; and Thursday, September 13.**

If you are interested in sponsoring either type of event, [please click here to download the form](#). The deadline to return this form to GHAR for consideration is **Friday, August 11.**

[Please click here](#) for a list of sponsor responsibilities.

2018 COMMERCIAL COUNCIL SPEAKERS’ SERIES

Do you have an idea for a Commercial Council Speakers’ Series? The Commercial Council wants to hear from you!

[Click here for more information!](#)

STATE ASSOCIATION NEWS

PAR MONITORING LEGISLATION

PAR has an on-going list of legislation it is monitoring on behalf of members state-wide.

[Click here to see the list!](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

CHANGES TO 1031 LIKE-KIND EXCHANGES

Potential changes to tax reforms could weaken the opportunity for homeowners to use the mortgage interest deduction and eliminate 1031 like-kind exchanges for commercial property owners, says NAR Senior Policy Representative Evan Liddiard in an Illinois REALTORS® video.

[Click here to view the full video.](#)

RPAC



PENNSYLVANIA

HAVE YOU INVESTED IN RPAC YET?

This year, one of PAR's Legislative Priorities is HB 331, sponsored by Rep. Steve Bloom, R-199. The bill, which was re-committed to the House Appropriations Committee on May 10, would amend Pennsylvania's tax code regarding 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges, treating them at the state level the way they are currently treated at the federal level.

[You can read more about Rep. Bloom's bill here.](#)

Protecting like-kind exchanges, a core component of commercial real estate, is just one of both NAR's and PAR's legislative priorities. When you invest in RPAC, you invest in your industry.

[You can invest in RPAC here!](#)

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