

Unity in our Community



Springfield Board of REALTORS®

The SBOR Letter Box

September/October, 2017

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Monday – Thursday
9 AM to 3 PM
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87 CENTS...

By Lisa Smedley,
President of the Springfield Board of Realtors

What can you do these days for less than \$1.00? Take it a step farther, pay less than this once a month and offer tremendous value to your entire community. If you vote for issue 3 this is what you are doing! It is a vote to save our Heritage Center. Think about this for a moment, there are over 60,000 objects in this Heritage center. Objects that unite you and your community to our collective past. There are artifacts from various wars dating back to the war of 1812, the Civil War, WW1 & II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. The collection continues right through Afghanistan. Springfield is home to more than 13,000 veterans and countless family members of those who have served. In 2016 more than 20,000 people made their way through the center and since its opening in 2001 more than 84,000 students. How awesome is that?

Have you ever had the computer crash or lost a phone with your pictures? I often wonder what would happen if that great cloud in cyber space should dissolve, what would we be left with? The Heritage Center holds over 14,000 photographs! Time pauses for no one, It just keeps creating change. I was thinking about how sometimes change happens right before our eyes and we don't even see it, like phone booths. I tell you they were everywhere! I did not see one disappear but one day realized they were all gone. It will be harder and harder to tell our stories if we don't start preserving our memories. I love the fact that you can freeze a moment in time with the use of photography, you can revisit a day in your past or relate a story to someone younger as you attempt to bridge the past to your future. Our Heritage Center is a broad and varied collection that illustrates and shares the stories of Clark County and its people, us! It involves displays regarding the early settlers and settlements, immigrants, early industry as well as archaeology to name a few. It talks about the early forms of transportation, the development and growth, even the response of our community in relation to the various social changes/political changes over

time. There's a section devoted to the Native Americans and early pioneers. It shows unique historical locations, businesses and more! It is a link to our past that needs to be a part of our present and the story for our future!

On November 7th find your way to your polling booth and vote yes on issue 3. Stand tall and proud for our history and preserve it for our future. The average citizen will pay approximately 87cents a month to preserve our history. Plus make plans to go check it out, re discover what made us who we are, it is here for you! We need to promote unity in our community, there is strength in unity! Be a part of what makes Springfield strong! On November 7th vote yes on issue 3!

NAR CALL to ACTION.....

Reform our tax code AND protect middle class homeowners

As a REALTOR you have no doubt heard about tax reform plans from Washington, DC. Now Congress is threatening tax incentives for homeowners, like the mortgage interest deduction and the state and local property tax deduction. These incentives are critical for a strong housing market that creates jobs and builds stable communities.

Take action to tell Congress to reform our tax code AND protect middle class homeowners.

More information:

[NAR Tax Reform Portal](https://www.nar.realtor/tax-reform) <https://www.nar.realtor/tax-reform>



Board Update:

Approved:

2018 Budget

Investing Funds in an Asset Preservation Account

Reviewed:

Financial Reviewed prepared by RL Ring & Associates, LTD

Committee Reports:

Affiliate, Education, Programs, RPAC and WRIST

New Members:

Gwendalyn Marcum- Lagonda Creek Real Estate

Sonja Jenkins – HER (transfer from Dayton)

James Gray – Home Experts Realty

**Get out and Vote!
November 7, 2017**

To find your local polling place to the Board Elections of your County!

You can vote early through November 6!



Meet your Directors Jeff Horne, Real Estate II



Jeff Horne has been in Real Estate for 30 years. His team is made up of his wife Dee and Brock Bowen.

His work makes him feel accomplished, but the biggest challenging is dealing with negative people. The hardest professional lesson Jeff has learned is “Don’t worry about things that I can’t change or control.” The best advice he receives and gives is “Always do what’s right & honest, and the money will come.” Clark and Champaign Counties is a great place to business because there is increased the opportunity to list and sell more properties.

Jeff believes every member should work to keep a strong Board and presence in our community. “many hands make light work” Everyone should participate and help with SBOR needs!

The funniest or strangest thing a client has asked “Will you reduce your commission since you sold it so quickly? Me: Would you have paid me a bonus if it took longer?” :->

When Jeff is not doing Real Estate, he is hunting and fishing. If he had another job, he would have a Professional Hunting and Video Show!

People might be surprised to learn about Jeff is that he just a Hillbilly at heart, and the Lord blessed me with great wife, wonderful family and friends and a successful real estate business.

A hot cup of good rich coffee in the morning is a favorite, and guilty pleasure is pizza and potato chips.

The last thing Jeff has read is the Bible and advice on achieving work/family balance is God first, family second and work third, then self.

Calendar

November 1 – Wake up Wednesday – 9 AM SBOR Conference Room

November 7 –Vote! Vote! Vote!

November 7 – Food Packaging at Second Harvest Food Bank 9:00 AM (Flyer Attached)

November 15 – Board of Directors

November 23 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed

December 5 - Food Packaging at Second Harvest Food Bank 9:00 AM

December 6 – Christmas Gala/Awards/Installation of Officers 6 PM Happy Hour, 7 PM Dinner

In and Around our Community



Neighborhood Housing Partnership received a \$12,000 Donation from Wells Fargo. The donation will be used for their mission to create and preserve home ownership.

Neighborhood Housing Partnership
OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD



RPAC checks were given out at the last Board Meeting. At total of \$8000.00



Northeastern Schools

Springfield City Schools



Graham Schools



Urbana City Schools



Clark County Historical Society



Champaign County Museum



Come One or Come All

Food Packaging Sessions (Two Dates)

Second Harvest Food Bank

701 E Columbia St

November 7th and December 5th

Starting time is 9 AM

The group will be going out afterwards for eats.

RSVP to Karen at 323-6489 or email sbor605@bizwoh.rr.com

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Springfield Board of REALTORS®



Philanthropic Committee sponsored a Painting Party last month. Members and friends enjoyed an evening of fun. They raised over \$400 to go toward their projects this year.

Wine was supplied by committee members and food provided by Team Title.

Wake up Wednesday

November 1, 2017
9 AM



Springfield Board of Realtors Conference Room
Attention Brokers and Members
(Important Information will shared!)

Find out what is going on.....

Local - Statewide - National

Guests: Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland
Clark County Health Department
Tim Foley - President, Springfield Township

Coffee Bar and donuts will be provided.

