

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS!

2009 REALTOR® of the Year



Mike Baribeau
CENTURY 21 Baribeau Agency

2009 Affiliate of the Year



Keith Koehler
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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HELEN FOX:

I saw a sign the other day that seems to sum it all up - "Summer 2009, The Summer that Never Was"! We can hope that August will be warmer with less rain!

I was so pleased to hear about the changes in MSHA's Gift of Green Program for our area! This will certainly help!

In our own area, you **do not** need to be a first-time home buyer to qualify for the First Home program. These exceptions will be granted only for the first \$10 million in mortgages, and only in the cities and towns most affected by the closing of the Brunswick Naval Air Station. These cities and towns are Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Dresden, Georgetown, Harpswell, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Westport, Wiscasset and Woolwich. A list of lenders is available at www.mainehousing.org, along with details about the Gift of Green and First Home programs.

I gave a presentation to the Military Community Council on July 7th regarding the current conditions of the Bath, Brunswick, Topsham real estate market. Presentations were given by the Southern Maine Midcoast Chamber of Commerce, Bill Hall, Co., USAF (ret), Health Plan Marketing Manger of Martins's point regarding the health care needs of base civilian, veteran and retirees. Mr. Marty McMahon gave a BRAC update on the time lines of the base closing. Mr. Steve Levesque, gave some great news regarding MRRA's progress with the re-development of the base and the base housing. (FMI go to <http://www.mrra.us/>). The Rear Admiral Mark S. Boensel (Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic) was in attendance to give an update on the over all progress of the closure process. Please contact me if you would like further information on any of the reports given.

I would like to thank all our Committee Chairs and members. I am always amazed at the energy and enthusiasm that they put forth! I know that they are always looking for volunteers to help. Please consider giving something back to *your* Merrymeeting REALTOR® Board. It is extremely rewarding!

If you would like to contact me, please do so at helen@foxrealestateagency.com or call me 666-5605.

AUGUST 4, 2009



Helen Fox, President

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UPCOMING ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE:

Our Annual Lobster Bake is scheduled for Thursday, August 20. Social begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$28 per person. This event is sponsored by MetLife Home Loans. A registration form is enclosed.

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

As a reminder, please remember that the 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament & BBQ will be held on Friday, September 18 at the Bath Country Club in Bath. This year's tournament will be benefiting Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine and Tedford Housing. Registration and sponsorship information are posted at <http://merrymeetingboardofrealtors.com>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE/2010 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

The Merrymeeting Board Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider candidates for Officer and Director positions. If you would like to be considered or would like to suggest a name, please e-mail Linda Dupuis at linda@allenselig.com.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

August 20	Dinner	Cook's Lobster House	Annual Lobster Bake
September 18		Bath Country Club	Annual Charity Golf Tournament
September 24		Bath Country Club	Day of Education
October 22	Dinner	Brunswick Golf Club	Annual Membership Meeting
December 3	Dinner	Holiday Inn Bath	Holiday Party & Fundraising Auction

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~ Plan to Attend the Annual Lobster Bake on Thursday, August 20 ~