**DAAR Ambassador Talking Points**

***Week of January 7th, 2019***

***Industry Updates***

***Topic #1: Bright MLS Work Group Needs Your Feedback*** As part of the effort to move forward with issues that need to be addressed with Bright MLS, the DAAR Board of Directors appointed a Bright MLS Work Group last month. As part of that effort, all REALTOR® members are asked to provide feedback on changes with the system that need to be made via this form <https://dullesarea.wufoo.com/forms/m1hmy3ve0osmknx/>. The information collected will be used to advocate for changes with Bright MLS leadership moving forward. For more information, contact Christine Windle, CEO, DAAR, cwindle@dullesarea.com.

***Topic #2: National Flood Insurance Program Re-Opens for Business*** As a result of the economic impact data provided by many REALTORS® around the country, and with the help of Congress and the White House, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it will resume the sale of new flood insurance policies and the renewal of expiring policies late last month. For more information visit <https://dullesarea.com/2018/12/30/national-flood-insurance-program-re-opens-for-business/>

***Topic #3: What a Government Shutdown Means for REALTORS®*** A Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the federal government was not approved on Friday, December 21st, 2018 leading to a partial shutdown of some government operations. This partial shutdown, which includes some federal housing and mortgage programs, could cause settlement and financing delays. For more information visit <https://dullesarea.com/2018/12/27/what-a-government-shutdown-means-for-realtors/>

***Career Track***

***Topic #4: Bright Launches LIVE YouTube Hands-on Clinics in January*** Bright is launching interactive Training Clinics on YouTube. Join Bright as they host these virtual “hands-on” clinics that will cover time-saving tips and tricks, answers to top support center questions, and a live Q&A from bright instructors:

* Monday, January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 10:00 a.m.
* Wednesday, January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 2:30 p.m.
* Friday, January 11th, 18th, and 25th at 12:30 p.m.

Registration is not required for these events. To participate, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/BrightMLS/live>. For more information visit <https://dullesarea.com/2019/01/04/bright-launches-live-youtube-hands-on-clinics/>

***Topic #5: You’re Invited: Learn About Key Transportation Issues in our Region on Wednesday, January 8th, 9:30AM***Attend the DAAR Government Affairs Committee meeting this month to hear from Jason Stanford, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, who will discuss critical transportation issues in our region important to your business. Registration is not required but please reach out to Brenda Morton, bmorton@dullesarea.com if you plan

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