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GNIAR to host workshop for seniors on housing issues

The Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS® is hosting a free informational workshop for seniors and their family members to discuss the unique housing issues seniors face on Thursday, June 5. The workshop is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will take place at the GNIAR office, located at 800 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410

Topics and speakers to include:

- Pat Pullara, Chief Operating Officer of GNIAR, will cover the changes in the new property tax laws, explain how the changes might impact senior's future property tax bills and what to look for on your tax bill.
- Norm Stangland, Director of the BBB of Northern Indiana, will discuss why contacting the BBB before making any financial decision with a company for goods or services is important and will review scams that target seniors.
- Barbara Noel-VanDerBoegh RN, BSN with A Plus Home Health Care, Inc. in Highland, will inform seniors on home health care services that can be utilized. These services could allow seniors with health issues to keep their homes and avoid entering a healthcare facility.
- John Amatulli, owner of Amatulli & Associates Financial Services in Schererville, will address Medicaid friendly investments that are safe and can provide monthly income. Seniors will be able to avoid some financial pitfalls when informed on the importance of using elder care attorneys and the use of a power of attorney when making financial decisions.
- Druanne Bocek, a Reverse Mortgage Consultant with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in St John, will cover how reverse mortgages can assist seniors with monthly living expenses, without ever making monthly payments, as long as they live in their homes.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. To register, interested individuals can go to www.gniar.com, click on "consumer services" and then click on "Free Informational Housing Workshop for Seniors" or contact Lisa Johnson at 219-795-3600.

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