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GNIAR to offer public educational seminar on property tax reform

MERRILLVILLE – The Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS® is offering an educational seminar for the public to assist them in better understanding the recent legislative reform pertaining to property tax reform.

The seminar is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, 800 East 81st Avenue, Merrillville. Attendees will receive an overview of the property tax reform legislation signed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels as well as information specific to the reform and its impact on Lake and Porter Counties and their local communities. The following government officials will also take part in the seminar serving as panelists:

- Hammond Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr (D)
- Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas (R)
- State Senator Frank Mrvan (D-Hammond)
- State Senator Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso)
- State Representative Chet Dobis (D-Merrillville)
- State Representative Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso)

“Property taxes are already a confusing issue for many people,” said GNIAR CEO Peter Novak. “With the recent reforms, a lot of people are asking questions and trying to figure out how they are going to be affected, as well as how the local governments in Lake and Porter Counties will be affected, especially in Lake County where the reform is different from the rest of the state. We want to help people understand the reform and give them answers to the questions they may be asking.”

The seminar is free and advanced registration is not required.

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The Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS® (GNIAR) is a professional trade association representing REALTORS® in Lake, Porter, Jasper and part of Newton Counties (Indiana). The Northwest Indiana, Duneland, South Lake County and Jasper-Newton Associations of REALTORS®, with original charters dating back to 1921, came together in 1995 and formed GNIAR, which maintains affiliations with both the National and Indiana Associations of REALTORS®, and the many institutes, societies and councils that offer professional accreditation to its members. The Association and its members enforce the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, the first of its kind among professional trade associations. GNIAR includes over 2,800 REALTOR® members, including real estate brokers, agents, appraisers, and affiliate members who provide services to the real estate community. GNIAR is the sole shareholder of its wholly-owned subsidiary corporation, the Multiple Listing Service of the Greater Northwest Indiana Association of REALTORS®, Inc.