

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
4:15 – 5:00 PM



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HAPPY HOUR

A VIRTUAL EVENT TO BENEFIT REALTORS Political Action Committee

HOW IT WORKS

GRAR members can choose to obtain the supplies needed to create the signature drink of your choice listed below. Prepare your refreshment at the beginning of our happy hour with creative, fun, professional instruction! We will enjoy these together while hearing more about how RPAC has worked for you, not the least of which is that the real estate industry was the FIRST – of those who operate primarily indoors – to have re-opened for business on May 7. That was not by chance!

4:15 PM Jennifer, the Bartender, teaches us top-end technique in preparing our crowd-pleasing cocktails. President Mike Childress and President-Elect Jodi Smith will join the bartender to test their skills as they follow along with her!

4:30 PM Receive insight on important industry issues impacting real estate professionals, property owners, buyers, sellers and the transaction.

RSVP Please click [here](#) to register so we can send you the link to participate!

THE DEAL DOCTOR

Manhattan

YOU WILL NEED:

2½ ounces Bourbon Whiskey
1 ounce Sweet Vermouth
2 to 3 dashes Aromatic Bitters
Maraschino Cherry, for garnish
Orange Peel, for garnish

THE CLOSED DEAL

Gin Martini Olive

YOU WILL NEED:

2 ounces Gin
1 ounce Vermouth
Ice
Green Olive or Lemon Twist

THE COLD LEAD

Vodka Soda with an Orange Twist

YOU WILL NEED:

2 ounces Vodka
Club Soda, to top
1 squeeze Lemon
Garnish: lemon wedge

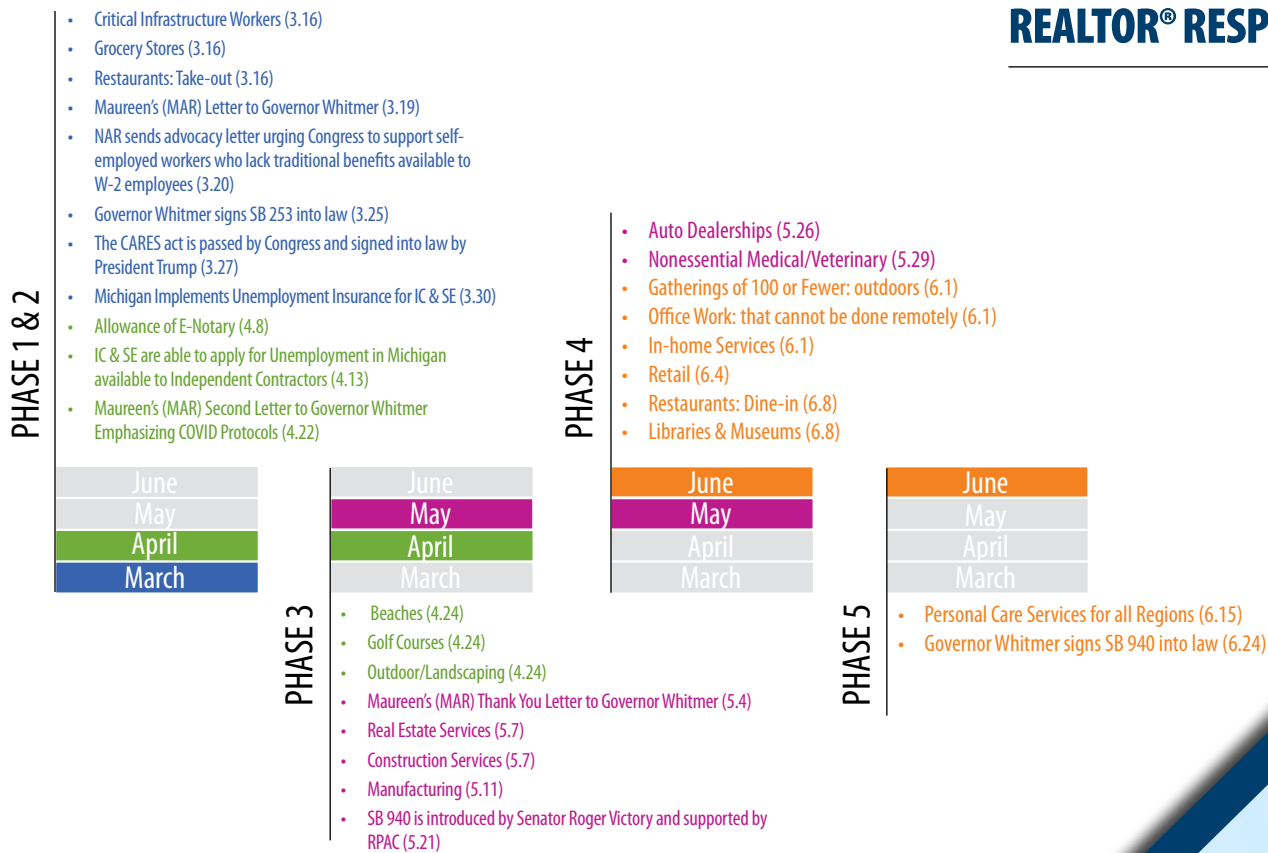
*To make any of the above non-alcoholic,
substitute Soda Water, Sprite or Coke.*



PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

Uncertain times call for strong leadership. RPAC plays a significant role in the promotion and protection of our industry at the local, state and federal levels. RPAC continues to stay the course, to ensure that our industry can continue to operate in a safe manner, while spurring homeownership.

REALTOR® RESPONSE TIMELINE



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRIORITIES

- On the federal level, the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) worked with lawmakers to make sure that our industry can take advantage of both the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Business Loans, and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EDIL).
- Unemployment Benefits/Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for Independent Contractors: The [CARES Act](#) provides PUA benefits of \$600 per week (only through July 31, 2020, called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)), in addition to the amount provided under a state's compensation law through December 31, 2020.
- Michigan Realtors® was in constant communication with the Executive office, members of the legislature, as well as business leaders on how to move real estate forward safely. As one of the first industries to open back up, advocacy efforts helped establish best practices for our industry to get back to work in a new normal.
- Prior to fully opening, real estate closings in our state still moved forward virtually. Legislation enacted in 2018 allowed electronic notary in Michigan. This law provides a framework for voluntary electronic notary and notarial actions utilizing secure e-platforms.
- Earlier this year, a new law enacted extended the time frame to file a 2020 Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) until June 30th.
- Realtor®-supported legislation, enacted into law, clarifies that all commission agreements between a broker and an owner or purchaser of real property must be in writing. This new law is an important measure to protect both buyers and sellers, while reinforcing the importance of the written contract for brokers.

WORK CONTINUES ON

- Establishment of First-Time Homebuyer Savings Accounts –Senate Bills 120 & 121 would create a great tool to spur homeownership, stress financial literacy, retain talent, while investing in Michigan. These tax incentivized savings accounts would allow smart savings and tax-free gain, while excluding from state income tax the contributions for up to 20 years for an account holder.
- Protection of Michigan's Vacation Rental Tradition: RPAC continues to advocate for private property rights – especially the right to rent and maximize the value of first or second homes through short-term rental. Discussions continue with local governments and the tourism and lodging industry on finding a balance between private property rights and reasonable regulation.
- Harmonizing Audio/Visual Surveillance: House Bill 5421, sponsored by Representative Graham Filler (R-Dewitt) clarifies a seller's right to use security monitoring in their home during the real estate marketing process. This bill clarifies that the security exemption for home surveillance includes both use of audio and video.
- House Bills 6030, 6031, 6032, and 6101 create protections for Michigan's private businesses and their employees from COVID-19 liabilities when all regulations, Executive Orders, and public health guidelines are followed. These bills establish liability standards for claims that allege COVID-19 exposure, and limits liability for certain products made, sold, or donated in response to COVID-19.

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