

Your OMCAR Weekly Newsletter is here!



January 18, 2018 Weekly News

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2018 ANNUAL DUES!

Your 2018 membership invoices were due January 1, 2018. As a reminder, if dues are not paid by Friday, January 19, 2018 by 5PM, you will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. To pay invoice, log on to the portal: <https://omcar.getlamps.net>. Click "pay dues online" and log in with your user ID (your NRDS number) and your password (your last name in lower case letters). We also accept check and cash in our Association office or you can mail checks to: OMCAR, 3105 NE 14 ST, Ocala, 34470.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON FEMA FLOOD MAPS

In April 2017 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) produced new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). These maps placed more properties within the City of Ocala in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). The City of Ocala recognizes that the housing market has increased recently and more people are purchasing properties within the city limits. To help you, the City has provided an [FEMA Informational Handout](#) that advises potential buyers to investigate the flood hazards for a property before purchasing it.

[Flood Insurance Informational Handout
About The Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance](#)

If you would like to view the flood zones located within the City of Ocala, you can do so by using the "FEMA Flood Map" located at www.ocalafl.org. Hardcopies of the FEMA FIRM panels (dated 1978 to 2017) are located at the Public Works Department for your convenience. For more information on informing your clients of local flood hazards, please visit the NFIP's website, www.floodsmart.gov, or FEMA's website, <https://www.fema.gov>.

FLORIDA REALTORS GRADUATE REALTOR INSTITUTE (GRI) IS COMING TO OMCAR FEBRUARY 2018!

Registration is open for the GRI 300 series to be held at OMCAR on Feb 27-28 and March 1-2, 2018. Register on or before February 12, 2018 to save!

[GRI 301 Module Flyer](#)
[GRI 302 Module Flyer](#)

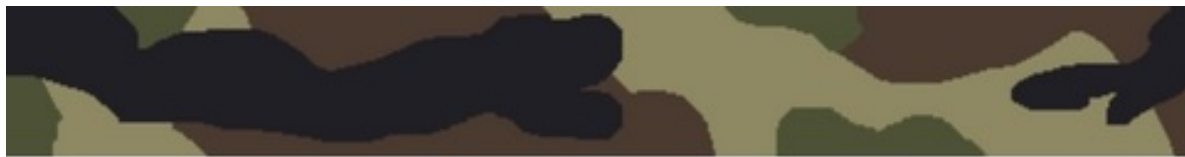
[GRI 300 Series Registration Form](#)
[GRI FAQs](#)



Why Should You Get Your GRI?

FEATURED CLASS-

Join Patti Ketcham for Florida Realtors® Boot Camp on February 7, 2018. 4 hours of CE credit. Register today by logging into your [Member Portal!](#)



Florida REALTORS®

BOOT CAMP

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 2018
1:00PM-5:00PM**

Welcome to Real Estate Boot Camp! This course is great for the newly licensed agent to jump start their career as well as getting long time licensees out of the rut they often fall into. Develop a business plan that will guide you through the next 90 days to 12 months.



Join instructor, Patti Ketcham for this 4 hour CE credit course at OMCAR.

FREE to Passport Members
\$10 Non-Passport/ \$15 Non-Primary Member
\$25 Non-REALTOR Member

Register by logging in to your Member Portal:
<https://omcar.getlamps.net>



View/Print: [2018 Education Passport Schedule](#). As a reminder, you can register for all classes online through your [Member Portal](#).

TAKE A LOOK AT HOW MUCH FUN WE HAD ATTENDING GREAT AMERICAN REALTOR® DAYS (GARD) IN TALLAHASSEE!

GARD is held during Florida's Legislative Session in Tallahassee. OMCAR members visited the Capitol to meet with legislators on pending real estate legislation. Take a look:



FLORIDA REALTORS® HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

The 2017 [Honor Society applications](#) are available online and through Form Simplicity. The deadline for the 2017 Honor Society application, which covers participation from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017, is **Friday, February 9, 2018 by 5PM**. Please email your application to Darlene@omcar.com.

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION- CITY OF OCALA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Effective Monday, Feb. 5, the City of Ocala Building Department will implement new hours of operation. The City Building Department, located at 201 SE Third St., second floor, will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The current hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SAVE THE DATE! BUILDER/REALTOR® SUMMIT- MARCH 6, 2018

Please join us on March 6, 2018 from 7:30am-9:00am at the Elks Lodge located at 702 SE 25th Ave., Ocala for a complimentary breakfast and open forum discussion on how the Ocala/Marion County Association of REALTORS® and Marion County Building Industry Association (MCBIA) can work together to make Marion County the only place to live in Florida! Seating is limited. Please register online through your [Member Portal](#).

SAVE THE DATE! 50TH ANNIVERSARY FAIR HOUSING SUMMIT

Please join us on April 6, 2018 for the 50th Anniversary Fair Housing Summit held at the Marion County Agricultural Center. You don't want to miss this event!

- Guest Speakers
- Learn the latest in Fair Housing regulations

- Fulfill annual Fair Housing Training requirements
- Fair Housing & Diversity Course taught by Chuck Bonamer for 3 CEU credits!

OMCAR will be sponsoring a Fair Housing education course conducted by Chuck Bonamer, free to passport members from 9-12 noon 3 hours of CE. Please register through your [Member Portal](#).

A WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF REALTORS® (WCR) VALENTINES SPECIAL!

Join WCR on February 13, 2018 from 9:00-11:30am at the Elks lodge- 702 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala. OMCAR member, Linda Arvanitis, presents "A WCR Valentines Special- What's in it for me?" How to make networking and Women's Council work for you and your business. View/Print Flyer: [WCR Valentine Event Flyer](#)



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Our Mission Statement:

To advance the local real estate industry by shaping public policy, adhering to the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, and to provide the information and tools our members need to succeed.

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