



February 1, 2010

this week at MHA (2/1-2/5)

2/1	CLOSED	MHA Office Closed for Staff Meeting
2/3	8:30 a.m.	PAC Committee – MHA Training Room
2/3	9:30 a.m.	Economic Task Force – MHA Training Room
2/3	6:00 p.m.	CIC Midwest Board Training – MHA Training Room
2/4	8:00 a.m.	CIC Midwest Education Subcommittee – New Concepts Mgmt
2/4	8:30 a.m.	CRM: Module 2 – MHA Training Room
2/5	8:30 a.m.	CRM: Module 2 – MHA Training Room

upcoming events (2/8-2/12)

2/9	9:00 a.m.	Golf Committee – MHA Training Room
2/9	3:00 p.m.	Young Professional's Committee – Majors, Bloomington
2/10	9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting – MHA Training Room
2/10	2:30 p.m.	MADACS Committee – MHA Training Room
2/11	8:00 a.m.	Certified Renovator – MHA Training Room – SOLD OUT!
2/11	10:00 a.m.	Fair Housing – Faribault
2/11	11:30 a.m.	Independent Owners Committee – MHA Conference Room
2/12	8:30 a.m.	Effective Closing – MHA Training Room
2/12	12:00 p.m.	CRM Management Plans Due

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

STATE UPDATE:

The 2010 Minnesota Legislative Session is set to begin on Thursday, February 4th. The second year of the legislative biennium (which is this year) is a short session year so the last day of session will be Monday, May 17th.

The Minnesota State Bar Association and a number of other interested parties (including some of our CIC members) have been working over the past couple years to develop changes to the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act (MCIOA). Many of the changes are technical in nature but some are more substantive. Here is the information for those of you interested: [full text of the](#)

proposed amendments and summary. If you have any comments on the proposed changes, please direct them to Deanna Price of the CIC Midwest committee at deanna@ncmgi.com by Friday, February 5th at 12:00 noon.

For questions on any legislative issues, please contact Todd Liljenquist, Director of Government Relations, at (952) 548-2204 or todd.liljenquist@mmha.com.

MUNICIPAL UPDATE:

BROOKLYN CENTER: The Brooklyn Center City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to its rental licensing ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2010. Adoption of the ordinance is scheduled to follow the public hearing.

MINNEAPOLIS: The Public Safety and Health Committee will hold a public hearing on a proposed social host ordinance on Wednesday, February 3, 2010. The Committee meeting begins at 1:30PM in room 317 of Minneapolis City Hall.

Please contact Lisa Peilen, Director of Municipal Affairs, with any comments or questions on local government issues. She can be reached at 952.548.2217 or lisa.peilen@mmha.com

EDUCATION

CERTIFIED RENOVATOR – LEAD SAFETY FOR RENOVATIONS, REPAIR & PAINTING: Starting in April, new federal laws regarding lead safe work practices will come into effect that will dramatically impact your pre-1978 properties. This EPA/HUD joint course trains individuals to become Certified Lead-Based Paint Renovators with proper lead safe work practices. *February 11th class is **SOLD OUT and only 4 spaces remain** for April 6th.* Class size is limited to 24. Click [here](#) for details and registration.

EFFECTIVE CLOSING: *Brand New!* Specifically devoted to increasing your closing skills. February 12th. Click [here](#) for details and registration

ASSISTED HOUSING MANAGER: Must have training for all project-based Section 8 communities. February 17 – 19th. Act quickly as this class always sells out early. Click [here](#) for details and registration

WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE: The 14th Annual Working Together Conference is scheduled for March 17th – 18th. Click [here](#) for the full conference brochure.

CERTIFIED RESIDENT MANAGER: Now accepting applications for the Spring 2010 program. Don't be left out! Click [here](#) for details and registration.

BOILER SEMINAR AND EXAM: Gain crucial understanding of the material for the Special and Second Class Engineer License exams for the State of Minnesota then take your exam the same day. Offered monthly. Click [here](#) for full class description and registration

GREATER MINNESOTA

Check out what we're offering and where we'll be in greater Minnesota in the month of February at [our site](#).

FAIR HOUSING – FAIRBAULT – FEBRUARY 11

Don't miss this opportunity to gain practical knowledge on the intricacies of Fair Housing laws, learn which behaviors are prohibited and gain an understanding of penalties. Protect your company and yourself from costly discrimination claims by learning how to play fair in every interaction you have with a current or prospective resident. Presented by **Elaine Swenson**. Click [here](#) for registration form.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

INVESTORS CLUB, February 16th, **2010 Rental Property Market Forecast for Independent Owners**, [Click here for registration](#).

CIC MIDWEST LUNCH & LEARN February 24th, “**2010 Association Reserves, New FHA Requirements, and Case Studies.**” [Click here for registration](#).

CIC MIDWEST BOARD TRAINING, “[The Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Officers.](#)” February 3rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at MHA. [Click here for registration](#).

WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE - VENDORS: *Only 15 tables remain!*
The 15th Annual Working Together Conference is scheduled for March 17th & 18th. Reserve your space now! Click [here](#) for information and registration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MHA'S 2010 PRESIDENTIAL GALA: Save the date! The 2010 Presidential Gala will be held on Thursday, March 11th at the Town & Country Club in St. Paul at 6:00 p.m. Invites will be mailed early February. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. Contact Stacey at (952) 548-2211.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE for [Investors Club](#), and [Orientation Receptions](#). For more information, call 952-548-2214.

CIC Midwest Advertising Packages Now Available for 2010. Go to www.cicmidwest.com and click on “Advertising.”

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the Membership “Super” Committee for hosting a great Orientation last night: Melissa Shockey, Renovation Systems; Michelle Jakobs, Renovation Systems; Jerry Lindeen, National Real Estate Recruiting; Mark Jossart, Kleinman Realty; and Nancy Pogue, Oaks Properties. Thank you to our

sponsors: Bob Solstad, Dorglass, Inc.; and Rob Jenkins, Elliott's Painting & Decorating. It was a terrific event and the house was packed!

Are you part of an MHA committee? Committee work is a key component of your professional development. It's an opportunity to learn from, and work with your peers in the multi housing industry. [Click here to see the list of committees and their descriptions](#). Visit several before you decide which one to join. Make 2010 your year to get involved!

The membership goal for January is \$8,682. To date, we have brought in \$11,278. Thank you to everyone who recruited new members this month: Mark Jossart, Kleinman Realty; Tom Backstrom, Pinnacle; Jerry Krech, Fantastic Floors; and Michele Myers, Real Estate Equities; Frank French, The Goodman Group; and Michael Adrian, Sears Commercial.

Do you know someone who would benefit from MHA membership? Then send them an application (click on the links below). They will thank you for it!

[Owner/Manager Application](#)

[Product/Service Application](#)

[CIC Midwest Manager Application](#)

[CIC Midwest Homeowner Association Application](#)

Did you miss last week's update? If so, click [here](#) to view.



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