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News Brief

Residential Sector

Home Sales Strong Despite Headwinds

Weak home inventories have kept home prices rising; a testament to the strength of the U.S. economy—and consumer confidence in that strength.

By: Bill Streeter, Banking Exchange, May 11, 2018

Read more: www.bankingexchange.com/news-feed/item/7554

Protect Your Devices Over Public Wi-Fi

You likely conduct a lot of business from your phone, but when using public Wi-Fi, you may be putting your and your clients' personal information at risk.

By: Daily Real Estate News, REALTOR® Magazine, May 18, 2018

Read more: <http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2018/05/18/protect-your-devices-over-public-wi-fi>

Hurricane Season Bears Down — with 7 Million Homes at Risk and a Flood Insurance Program Set to Expire

Millions of homes across the U.S. sit in harm's way, and the resulting damage could be in the trillions of dollars, according to a recent report.

By: Andrea Riquier, MarketWatch, June 1, 2018

Read more: www.marketwatch.com/story/hurricane-season-bears-down-with-7-million-homes-at-risk-and-a-flood-insurance-program-set-to-expire-2018-05-31

These 95 Apartments Promised Affordable Rent in San Francisco. Then 6,580 People Applied.

The nation's housing policy for the poor can feel like a giant lottery; sometimes it actually is a lottery.

By: Emily Badger, The New York Times, May 12, 2018

Read more: www.nytimes.com/2018/05/12/upshot/these-95-apartments-promised-affordable-rent-in-san-francisco-then-6580-people-applied.html

Protect Your Company by Knowing How to Identify Valid and Suspicious Email

Seven tips to identify a suspicious email that you should keep in mind.

By: American Land Title Association, Title News Online, May 10, 2018

Read more: www.alta.org/news/news.cfm?20180510-Protect-Your-Company-by-Knowing-How-to-Identify-Valid-and-Suspicious-Email

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Commercial Sector

REALTORS® Say Commercial Market on the Upswing, Construction Activity Sluggish

A strengthening economy and job growth nearing historic levels have given REALTORS® confidence in future commercial real estate market conditions.

By: Cole Henry, National Association of REALTORS®, May 18, 2018

Read more: www.nar.realtor/newsroom/realtors-say-commercial-market-on-the-upswing-construction-activity-sluggish

Why Foreign Investors Love U.S. Commercial Real Estate, and Why More Will Follow

Despite fears of trade wars and increased protectionism, foreign investment in the United States remains robust.

By: Evan Gentry, Forbes Council member and contributor, May 30, 2018

Read more: www.forbes.com/sites/forbesrealestatecouncil/2018/05/30/why-foreign-investors-love-u-s-commercial-real-estate-and-why-more-will-follow

Boosting Distributed Solar, Distributed Clean Energy Investment among Institutional Real Estate Investors

Densely packed commercial, residential and mixed-use buildings and real estate predominate and define cities the world over.

By: Andrew Burger, Solar Magazine, May 28, 2018

Read more: solarmagazine.com/boosting-distributed-solar-distributed-clean-energy-investment-among-institutional-real-estate-investors

U.S. Regulatory Bodies and Cryptocurrencies: SEC, CFTC, IRS, FINCEN Outlook

The road to regulation for cryptocurrencies in the United States has been a long and rocky one.

By: BitcoinExchangeGuide.com, May 29, 2018

Read more: bitcoinexchangeguide.com/u-s-regulatory-bodies-and-cryptocurrencies-sec-cftc-irs-fincen-outlook

For First Time in 3 Years, Banks Ease Lending Standards for Commercial Real Estate Loans

U.S. banks are reporting that they have loosened their lending spigots for some types of commercial real estate loans during the first quarter of this year.

By: Mark Heschmeyer, CoStar, May 16, 2018

Read more: www.costar.com/News/Article/For-First-Time-in-3-Years-Banks-Ease-Lending-Standards-for-Commercial-Real-Estate-Loans/201057