

## NAREB-Memphis Celebrates Realtist Week by Building Black Wealth Through Real Estate

NAREB-Memphis has a week full of events that are designed to increase knowledge of the home buying process and how home ownership can help increase wealth.

MEMPHIS, TN, UNITED STATES, April 4, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- NAREB-Memphis is hosting the 2024 Realtist Week & Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour April 7-13 2024. Real estate professionals and potential homebuyers are invited to attend and learn how homeownership is the key to closing the wealth gap among Black Americans. The theme for the week is "Leveraging Community Partnerships." Several FREE events are being held throughout the Memphis area to promote the financial benefits of homeownership, and to bolster



Daryl Lewis is the President of NAREB-Memphis

confidence among Black American residents to let them know that homeownership is possible, desirable, and the best way to begin building wealth. Those interested in attending can learn more at nareb-memphis.com.

According to NAREB, homeownership among Black Americans dwindled nationally from a high of 49.1% in 2004 to 40.6% today compared to the current non-Hispanic and White homeownership rate of 73.8%. In Memphis, the homeownership rate is approximately 34%.

Daryl Lewis, President of NAREB-Memphis, says several factors have contributed to this decline. "The low home buying rates among Black Americans are often the result of misinformation or misunderstanding of the mortgage process, a lack of affordable inventory in some markets, along with disparate, institutionalized credit scoring models that reward consumer credit borrowers and penalize borrowers with optimum alternate credit history that should be

considered for a mortgage loan such as cell phones, utility bills and insurance payments." NAREB Realtists believe that education helps. "Members of NAREB work with potential home buyers to make sure they have a clear understanding of the process and connects them with other licensed professionals to help eliminate any challenges or hurdles they may have such as credit, lending, home inspections, etc.," added Lewis.

NAREB has also found that young would-be homeowners are experiencing their own set of challenges. The weight of school loans carried by recent graduates, GenX-ers, and Millennials appears to be



The NAREB Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour is Saturday, April 13th

dampening interest in pursuing homeownership among younger prospective buyers which shortens the time wealth-building equity can be accumulated when a home is finally purchased. These topics and more will be addressed during the NAREB-Memphis 2024 Realtist Week and

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Low rates of home buying among Black Americans are often the result of a misunderstanding of the process, lack of affordable inventory and disparate, institutionalized credit scoring models." NAREB-Memphis President the Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour which occurs on the last day. The Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour is a national initiative of NAREB and will feature classes such as The ABC's of Homebuying, What to Do with Big Mamma's House, Investing in Real Estate: Buying Back the Block and more. NAREB National President Dr. Courtney Johnson-Rose will be in attendance as well. The events for the week are as follows:

Sunday, April 7, 2024 Day of Worship and Prayer Greater Community Temple C.O.G.I.C. 5151 Winchester Rd., Memphis, TN 38118

9:30 a.m. FREE

Monday, April 8, 2024 NAREB-Memphis Membership Onboarding & Mixer Raleigh Library 3452 Austin Peay Highway, Memphis, TN 38128

Daryl Lewis

12 Noon – 1:00 p.m. FREE

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Women's Council of NAREB (WCN): Creating Multiple Streams of Income In Real Estate Universal Life Building 480 MLK Blvd., Memphis, TN 38103 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m, FREE

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 Political Advocacy Day

Alpha Memphis Education Foundation, Inc. 4122 Barton Drive, Memphis, TN 38116 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. FREE



Thursday, April 11, 2024 Young Realtist Division: Multiple Ways To Secure The Bag In Real Estate Inkwell 631 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. FREE

Friday, April 12, 2024 NAREB Memphis Inaugural Golf & Spades Tournament Historic Pine Hill Golf Course 930 Mallory Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour Greater Community Temple C.O.G.I.C. 5151 Winchester Rd., Memphis, TN 38118 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. FREE

For more information and to register for the various events during the 2024 Realtist Week &

Building Black Wealth 100 City Tour, visit nareb-memphis.com.

About NAREB:

The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) was formed in 1947 out of a need to secure the right to equal housing opportunities regardless of race, creed, or color. NAREB has 90 chapters located nationwide and publishes annually The State of Housing in Black America (SHIBA) Report. Visit <u>www.nareb.com</u> for more information.

The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) Memphis Board was formed in 1969 to perpetuate the mission of the national body and affect change in the Memphis – Tristate Area. NAREB has grown to approximately 238 members, affiliated, and allied partners seeking to restore, rebuild, and renew the community with an influx of new homebuyers and housing stock; making Memphis a city of choice for all. Visit <u>www.nareb-memphis.com</u> for more information.

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