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**OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN
September 2007**

What's new at the Oregon Real Estate Agency?

NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SELECTED

Commissioner Bentley recently announced that Dean Owens, who has been the Administrative Services Manager at the agency since 2006, will be the new deputy commissioner following Katie Cannon's retirement the end of November.

NEW REAL ESTATE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED

The new Real Estate Board members effective October 16, 2007, are Bob LeFeber, Lake Oswego OR ; Byron Hendricks, Salem OR; Chris Hermanski, Lake Oswego OR; Lee Dunn, Portland OR; and Kim Medford, public member from Bend OR. Current board members returning are Art Kegler, Boardman OR; Marianne Wood, Eugene OR; Mike Graeper, Portland OR; and Troy Costales, public member, Salem OR.

INCREASE IN UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

The Agency has seen a rise in unlicensed Escrow Agent activity. If you are unfamiliar with a particular Escrow Agent, please use the "Licensee Search" function on our website at www.rea.state.or.us or contact us at (503) 378-4170 ext. 258 and make sure they are licensed.

FREE CUSTOMER PARKING SPACES NOW AVAILABLE

For your convenience, five parking spaces directly in front of the office have been designated as free 30-minute parking spaces while conducting business at the agency.

REPORT ON REA BOARD MEETING IN ASTORIA

The August 20 board meeting was held in Astoria, followed by a luncheon with members of the Clatsop Association of Realtors. Several association members attended the board meeting and participated in a question and answer period with the board members and the commissioner during lunch. We were glad to have visitors from the industry and encourage attendance at any of the board meetings.

OCTOBER 15 REAL ESTATE BOARD MEETING

The October 15, 2007, Real Estate Board meeting will be held in Medford beginning at 10 a.m. Location to be announced. Watch our website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the agenda and meeting location. Questions may be directed to Louann Rahmig, Board Liaison, at louann.p.rahmig@state.or.us.

If you have any questions, please call us at 503-378-4170 or email us at orea.info@state.or.us.

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