

NEWS brief



BIPARTISAN DEAL IN U.S. CONGRESS TO DELAY FLOOD INSURANCE HIKE

U.S. House and Senate members have reached a bipartisan agreement to delay by at least four years a flood insurance rate hike that would impact more than a million homeowners, according to congressional sources.

By: David Adams, Reuters, October 28, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/29/usa-flood-insurance-idUSL1N01120120131029>

BRILLIANT MAP SHOWS WHEN MOST OF THE HOMES IN YOUR AREA WERE BUILT

This is a fascinating way to visualize when various regions across the U.S. first got developed.

By: Joe Weisenthal, Business Insider, October 27, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: http://www.slate.com/blogs/business_insider/2013/10/27/u_s_housing_map_when_most_homes_were_built_by_county.html

THE CLOCK IS TICKING: NEW POINTS AND FEES ON MORTGAGES COMING SOON

Dodd-Frank's ability-to-repay rule strikes the market in January, bringing new standards for calculating points and fees on newly originated mortgages with it.

By: Kerri Ann Panchuk, HousingWire, October 22, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.housingwire.com/articles/27580-the-clock-is-ticking-industry-pushes-for-dodd-frank-rule-changes>

FORGET AFFORDABILITY -- HOUSING'S TRENDS SIGNAL A BRIGHT FUTURE

It seems that whenever something happens in the housing market, a flock of articles pop up explaining why the signs are ominous and housing is destined to flounder.

By: John S. Tobey, Contributor to Forbes, October 27, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/johntobey/2013/10/27/forget-affordability-housings-trends-signal-a-bright-future/>

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN REAL ESTATE

Whether it be mobile tools, social media, or the expanding role technology in the real estate transaction, agents and brokers have been at the cusp of emerging technologies over the past decade.

By: Daily Real Estate News, Friday, October 25, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://realtomag.realtor.org/daily-news/2013/10/25/leveraging-technology-in-real-estate>

HALF OF NATION'S FORECLOSED HOMES STILL OCCUPIED

Foreclosure sounds like the end of the line, but actual eviction can take months or years -- even after the bank has repossessed a home.

By: Les Christie, CNN Money, October 24, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: http://money.cnn.com/2013/10/24/real_estate/occupied-foreclosures/index.html?section=money_realestate&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fmoney_realestate+%28Real+Estate%2

HOME LOANS BECOME A LITTLE EASIER TO GET

Mortgage lenders are starting to accept lower credit scores and smaller down payments.

By: Julie Schmit, USA Today, October 23, 2013 | To read the article in full, please visit: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2013/10/23/home-loan-lending-standards/3151915/>

