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## Free Homebuyer Fairs August 22 at Northshore Mall and Solomon Pond Mall

***MassHousing, Massachusetts Division of Banks and Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® will host the fairs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.***

BOSTON – August 7, 2015 – MassHousing, the Massachusetts Division of Banks and the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® will host two free home buying fairs on Saturday, August 22 at the Solomon Pond Mall in Marlborough and the Northshore Mall in Peabody.

The events will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature representatives from MassHousing, the Division of Banks and REALTORS® who will provide information and answer questions about the home buying process.

"The Division of Banks is pleased to partner with MassHousing and the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® for these events," said Commissioner of Banks David Cotney. "Our staff will provide financial education information and resources to assist consumers as they navigate the home buying process."

"An educated homebuyer has a much greater chance of being a successful homeowner and these two homebuyer fairs will be a good start for people looking to own their own home," said MassHousing Executive Director Thomas R. Gleason. "Staff from MassHousing, the Division of Banks and the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® will provide their expertise and advice to help ensure consumers get the information they need to not only buy a home but to live there affordably for the long term."

"Home buying fairs are a great place for people who are interested in owning a home to get acquainted with the process," said Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® President Corinne Fitzgerald, broker-owner of Fitzgerald Real Estate in Greenfield. "A buyer who understands the financial resources available from the Division of Banks, what safe and affordable loan products MassHousing has to offer and how a REALTOR® works with buyers and sellers will have the necessary tools to confidently and successfully buy a home."

For more information about the two home fairs please visit [www.masshomefair.com](http://www.masshomefair.com).

For directions and information about the Northshore Mall and Solomon Pond Mall please visit:

- <http://www.simon.com/mall/northshore-mall>
- <http://www.simon.com/mall/solomon-pond-mall>

#### ***About the Division of Banks***

The Division of Banks is an agency within the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation which oversees state-chartered banks and credit unions, check sellers, debt collectors, foreign transmittal agencies, mortgage lenders and brokers. For more information visit the Division's website at [www.mass.gov/dob](http://www.mass.gov/dob) or contact the Division of Bank's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-495-BANK (2265).

***About MassHousing***

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$18.5 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at [www.masshousing.com](http://www.masshousing.com), follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to [our blog](#) and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

***About the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®***

The Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® is a professional trade association for licensed real estate practitioners and serves in a federated relationship with the state's 16 local REALTOR® associations. Membership in the organization is voluntary and consists of both residential and commercial agents and brokers as well as industry affiliates. MAR's membership currently consists of approximately 20,500 real estate licensees, and only MAR members are authorized to use the trademark term, REALTOR®. The state association's headquarters is located in Waltham, MA. To contact us you may call 781-890-3700, visit [www.marealtor.com](http://www.marealtor.com), or write us at 1400 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451.

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