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Residential

Can Robots Solve the Affordable Housing Crisis?

3D-printing has revolutionized manufacturing, but changing an industry that still clings to sticks and nails might be harder.

By: Shawna Chen, Politico, July 11, 2019

Read more: <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/07/11/robots-solve-affordable-housing-crisis-227276>

8 Key 'E' Definitions

Trying to explain electronic mortgages and closings to your customers and staff can be difficult. Use these definitions to help aid the conversation and discussion.

By: American Land Title Association, July 23, 2019

Read more: <https://www.alta.org/news/news.cfm?20190723-8-Key-E-Definitions>

HUD Formally Suspends Downpayment Documentation Rule

The controversial regulation was first announced this past April and required new documentation for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) borrowers receiving downpayment assistance.

By: Arnie Aurellana, Scotsman Guide, July 24, 2019

Read more: <https://www.scotsmanguide.com/News/2019/07/HUD-formally-suspends-downpayment-documentation-rule>

Beat Facebook at its Own Algorithm Game

Strategies to expand your reach on the social network as its latest redesign hits real estate pros.

By: Stacey Freed, REALTOR® Magazine, July 26, 2019

Read more: <https://magazine.realtor/technology/feature/article/2019/06/beat-facebook-at-its-own-algorithm-game>

More Homes for First-Timers Are On the Way, Builders Vow

Homebuilders say they are stretching their focus beyond higher-priced homes for move-up buyers; a greater inventory of affordable homes that cater to newbie buyers is coming.

By: REALTOR® Magazine, Daily News, July 22, 2019

Read more: <https://magazine.realtor/daily-news/2019/07/22/more-homes-for-first-timers-are-on-the-way-builders-vow>

Commercial

Tax Law Makes Cost Segregation Favorable for Real Estate Owners

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) passed in late 2017 made commercial real estate ownership even more favorable by expanding cost segregation and reducing income taxes and increasing after-tax cash flow.

By: David H. Trahan, contributor Houston Business Journal, July 25, 2019

Read more: <https://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2019/07/25/op-ed-tax-law-makes-cost-segregation-favorable-for.html>

How to Grow to a National Level: 3 Tips to Growing in Commercial Real Estate

As they acquire and enhance properties, Longfellow Real Estate Partners shared three key lessons they've learned.

By: Business Journal, July 19, 2019

Read more: <https://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/news/2019/07/19/how-to-grow-to-a-national-level-longfellow-s.html>

Tokenizing Commercial Real Estate and the Promise of Liquidity

The commercial real estate sector is squarely in the sights of the blockchain industry.

By: Alexander Kanen, Cointelegraph, July 18, 2019

Read more: <https://cointelegraph.com/news/tokenizing-commercial-real-estate-and-the-promise-of-liquidity>

Beige Book July 2019 Edition

Each Federal Reserve Bank gathers anecdotal information on current economic conditions in its District through reports from Bank and Branch directors and interviews with key business contacts, economists, market experts, and other sources.

By: The Federal Reserve, July 17, 2019

Read more: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/BeigeBook_20190717.pdf

A New Take on Commercial Real Estate Marketplaces

Knowledge is power; regardless of your role, access to information is what separates the winners from the losers.

By: Logan Nagel, Propmodo, July 17, 2019

Read more: <https://www.propmodo.com/a-new-take-on-commercial-real-estate-marketplaces>

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