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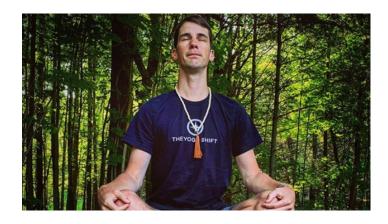
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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





#### ESSENTIAL YOGA EXPERIENCE WITH LUKE SASEK (VIRTUAL)

DATE: Thursday, November 12

TIME: 4 PM - 5 PM **REGISTER HERE!** 

Join other GMAR members as we follow Yogi and 2019 Affiliate of the Year, Luke Sasek, in an essential yoga virtual class where we can release stress, increase awareness, and EXHALE in more ways than one.

This one-hour special class is free and open to GMAR members



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Don't miss out on the fun and join us on November 19th for our Global Holiday Celebration as we raise funds to benefit the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.

**WATCH THIS TUTORIAL** on how to easily register for an account for the new GMAR Events hub. Download the GMAR Events app and learn how easy and simple it is to register and stay up to date with GMAR events!



#### GLOBAL HOLIDAY PARTY (VIRTUAL)

DATE: Tuesday November 17 – Thursday, November 19 **REGISTER HERE!** 

Join us as we raise funds to go towards Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs through the Greater Realtor Foundation's 5-5-5 Campaign! Our goal is to bring in \$25,000 to sponsor another dog. This Global Holiday Party is not only a chance for you to support a great cause, but also a chance to take a small trip around the world without leaving your home. 2020 has caused us all to stay in and stay home much more, so why not explore and experience something different to kick off this holiday season?

We will be honoring five holidays from around the world in our global celebration. Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Las Posadas. We will share recipes, music, and more with you, and during our fundraiser, we will peek in on an artist who will be creating a unique piece to fit our theme.

Our exclusive GMAR holiday shopping mall is FULL of gift items - whether you are shopping for loved ones or yourself! From unique and exotic experiences, to decorative items, to a family meal that gives back to another family in need, you can kick off your shopping here and help a good cause while you're at it.

Your ticket to join us will include access to a fun global holiday party event on November 19th, access to our exclusive global holiday shopping mall for three days, and entry into our Ugly Sweater Contest. All proceeds from the shopping purchases and donations will go directly to the cause. Get ready to have some holiday fun with us!



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By JAMES CRISTBROOK - 2020 GMAR President President@gmaronline.com

ONLY IN THE DARKNESS I am Grateful For... STARS - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During this month of Thanksgiving I am grateful for my brothers and sisters who show true compassion, kindness, hope, peace and love.

I am grateful for our first responders, nurses, doctors, public safety personnel, teachers and all people who have continued to serve throughout the pandemic.

I am grateful for our government leaders who have bravely made decisions to keep us all safe and healthy. Even when those decisions have put the lives of themselves and their families in

I am grateful for peaceful protestors who have courageously raised their voices in the name of justice and equality.

I am grateful for the countless volunteers who have given of themselves selflessly sharing their time, treasure and talent.

They are the stars that I see shining brightly in the darkness. They inspire me with hope for a better tomorrow for us all.



# Congratulate GMAR Member, **Sarah Maiga**, On Being Named Realtor® Magazine's 30 Under 30

#### The Business of Service

Growing up, Sarah Maiga aspired to be an international human rights lawyer. When she hit a logistical speed bump, she pursued real estate as another way to have an impact. Maiga specializes in "moving coordination" to help people who must sell and buy at the same time. Her Maiga Moves Concierge Program connects clients to a list of contractors who offer discounts and a stress-free moving experience. Maiga, 29, has also hosted monthly real estate seminars, attended by more than 100 people, at a community college. Those led to eight transactions. She started a collection effort to gather furnishings and other household items to donate to smaller charities. Last year she joined the Government Affairs committee of her local REALTOR® association. "I try to be more than just an agent," Maiga says. "I want to do what I love, which is service."



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By VICKEY LIVERNOIS Chief Executive Officer

# There is a lot to be Thankful for this Year!



Can you believe we are about to close out 2020? When we were all humming along with our daily tasks at the beginning of this year - who would have thought 2020 would have presented us with so many challenges and uncertainties.

When we look back this year – we have two options. We can either think of the good that came from this pandemic or we can focus on all of the bad things and let that continue to bleed into the world that is already in a state of dismay. People are angrier than usual; people are more stressed and unsure of what choice is the right decision. In my own life, I feel the same way, but I choose to focus on the good. To acknowledge that I have been able to spend more time with my husband and two young kids that I would never have had the opportunity to do otherwise. To spend more time outdoors, enjoying the simple things... more bike rides and walks, backyard campouts and movie nights, hiking through trails to see what treasures we can find. Far too often we take for granted the little things, those very things that memories are made of.

On the business side, while our staff is still working remotely, and yes, it has its challenges from time to time, we have adapted and are doing an outstanding job servicing our almost 10,000 members. Our classes are virtual, our events are virtual, and we have not skipped a beat.

While we do hear that some of our members prefer an in-classroom learning experience, we also hear that the virtual option saves on drive time, opens up more opportunities to hop on a class in between appointments, and you can do that from the comfort of your own home.

Our meetings continue to be virtual at least through the end of the year. This too has been very helpful to our leadership team to be able to still accomplish what we set out to do this year. My kids shoot me funny looks somedays because I usually have on sneakers and yoga pants, with a suit coat, when attending these virtual meetings.

While we miss the small talk before or after in-person meetings, we continue to take care of the business needs... and then some. With Zoom becoming a daily staple in our lives, we found that we meet more often.

It's very easy to say, "Hey let's hop on a Zoom call and discuss this face to face". We adapted, not just us as an Association, but our members, our families, and many other businesses along the way. Those who were able to be leaders and develop innovative ways to continue to service their members have shined this year. I want to personally thank our leadership who has pushed us to do more in 2020, our members who have helped us grow and showed patience while we too continue to learn, to those who have participated in our online events, to our Affiliates who have continued to support us this year, and to our staff who continues to be innovative, patient and helpful.

Last but not least, I want to thank our President, James Cristbrook who has pushed us to try new things, who promotes the value of GMAR in all he does, and who has given countless hours away from his family and his business to help lead our Association to accomplish all we have this year we are Greater because of you - all of you!

Our number one goal at GMAR is to always ensure the safety of our staff, our members, and our families.

We will continue to provide new and innovative options to ensure that you have the tools you need to be successful.

We continue to be available for our members to answer questions, whether it is a phone call, an email, or a chat please never hesitate to reach out.

Again, here we are in November. While this year has not been easy for anyone, I encourage you to find the good and to remember all that we have to be thankful for.



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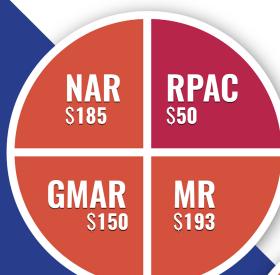
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# REALCOMP MONTHLY HOUSING STATISTICS REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Here are the monthly real estate statistics for the month of August for the Tri-County area. The PDF of housing statistics can also be located in our knowledge library here: <a href="mailto:gmaronline.com/resources/library">gmaronline.com/resources/library</a>

# SEPTEMBER 2020 QUICK TAKES

**4,470**Homes Sold



45.7%
Inventory Decrease since August

\$256,465 Average Sales Price

**2** Months Supply of Inventory



# OAKLAND, WAYNE & MACOMB AUGUST 2020 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY QUICK TAKES

**OAKLAND** 

**WAYNE** 

**MACOMB** 

**1,803**Homes Sold

**1,766**Homes Sold

**1,480**Homes Sold

\$356,837 Average Sales Price **\$199,775**Average Sales Price

\$200,000 Average Sales Price

# **Local Market Update – September 2020**A Research Tool Provided by Realcomp



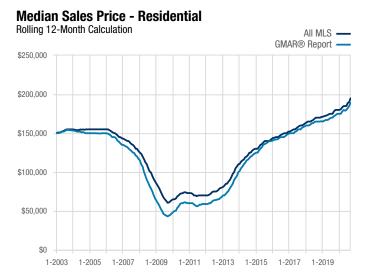
# **GMAR® Report**

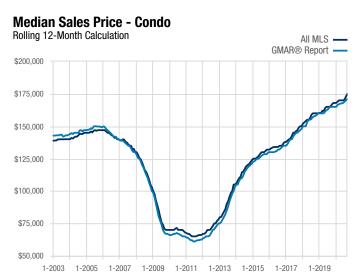
Covers the Greater Metropolitan Area of Detroit, including but not limited to locales in Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

Residential		September		Year to Date				
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 9-2019	Thru 9-2020	% Change		
New Listings	6,031	5,554	- 7.9%	53,938	43,636	- 19.1%		
Pending Sales	3,542	4,581	+ 29.3%	34,334	33,631	- 2.0%		
Closed Sales	3,769	4,470	+ 18.6%	32,939	29,963	- 9.0%		
Days on Market Until Sale	32	29	- 9.4%	35	39	+ 11.4%		
Median Sales Price*	\$182,000	\$215,000	+ 18.1%	\$175,000	\$195,000	+ 11.4%		
Average Sales Price*	\$222,605	\$255,195	+ 14.6%	\$219,552	\$237,195	+ 8.0%		
Percent of List Price Received*	97.3%	99.2%	+ 2.0%	97.4%	98.0%	+ 0.6%		
Inventory of Homes for Sale	13,177	7,153	- 45.7%		_	_		
Months Supply of Inventory	3.6	2.0	- 44.4%	_				

Condo		September		Year to Date				
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 9-2019	Thru 9-2020	% Change		
New Listings	1,159	1,060	- 8.5%	9,623	8,564	- 11.0%		
Pending Sales	704	870	+ 23.6%	6,431	6,286	- 2.3%		
Closed Sales	698	886	+ 26.9%	6,197	5,716	- 7.8%		
Days on Market Until Sale	33	35	+ 6.1%	35	43	+ 22.9%		
Median Sales Price*	\$169,000	\$183,000	+ 8.3%	\$166,250	\$174,000	+ 4.7%		
Average Sales Price*	\$194,109	\$214,001	+ 10.2%	\$199,273	\$203,767	+ 2.3%		
Percent of List Price Received*	97.8%	98.0%	+ 0.2%	97.6%	97.6%	0.0%		
Inventory of Homes for Sale	2,335	1,727	- 26.0%	_	_	_		
Months Supply of Inventory	3.5	2.6	- 25.7%			_		

<sup>\*</sup> Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.





A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point. Current as of October 7, 2020. All data from Realcomp II Ltd. Report © 2020 ShowingTime.

# Single-Family Real Estate Market Statistics

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Statistics Contact:** 

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## **SEPTEMBER'S STRONG SURGE:**

# Closed Sales Finish 19% Higher, Pending 21% Higher than 2019

Median Sales Price Continues Climb Amidst Lower Inventory

## **Ouick Facts**

+ 19.1%

+ 13.4% - 41.9%

Closed Sales Residental and Condo

Median Sales Price Residental and Condo

Year-Over-Year Change in Year-Over-Year Change in Year-Over-Year Change in Homes for Sale Residental and Condo

This research tool provided by Realcomp covers the residential real estate market in Southeast Michigan. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.

#### **September Real Estate Market Commentary**

Strong buyer activity has continued into the fall, which is normally the start of the seasonal slowing of the housing market. With stronger buyer activity in the market this year and the continued constrained supply of homes for sale, speedy sales and multiple offers are likely to remain a common occurrence and will keep the housing market hot even when the weather is cooling.

Closed Sales increased 18.1 percent for Residential homes and 26.5 percent for Condo homes. Pending Sales increased 21.4 percent for Residential homes and 23.9 percent for Condo homes. Inventory decreased 44.2 percent for Residential homes and 24.4 percent for Condo homes.

The Median Sales Price increased 13.2 percent to \$215,000 for Residential homes and 6.7 percent to \$182,000 for Condo homes. Days on Market decreased 5.4 percent for Residential homes but increased 11.4 percent for Condo homes. Month's Supply of Inventory decreased 43.2 percent for Residential homes and 20.6 percent for Condo homes.

While mortgage rates remain near record lows, The Mortgage Bankers Association reports that lending standards are tightening, which makes it a bit more difficult for some buyers to qualify. At the same time, unemployment remains substantially higher than a year ago due to COVID-19. Despite all this, buyers are out in full force this fall, showing amazing resilience in the middle of a pandemic.



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#### **All Residential and Condos Combined Overview REALCOMP Key Metrics Historical Sparkbars** 9-2019 9-2020 YTD 2019 YTD 2020 11,980 - 5.4% - 17.5% **New Listings** 11,337 107,666 88,827 Pending Sales 7,541 9,176 + 21.7% 71,242 69,868 - 1.9% Closed Sales 7,883 + 19.1% 67,830 9,392 - 7.4% 62,835 + 9.8% 37 - 5.4% Days on Market Until Sale 41 45 35 \$185,200 **\$210,000** + 13.4% Median Sales Price \$179,000 \$195,000 + 8.9% Average Sales Price \$221,977 **\$248,079** + 11.8% \$216,943 **\$232,924** + 7.4% 97.6% Percent of List Price Received + 1.5% 97.6% + 0.5% 99.1% 98.1% 174 - 8.0% 180 - 3.9% **Housing Affordability Index** 160 173 Inventory of Homes for Sale 27,660 16,083 - 41.9% Months Supply of Inventory 3.7 - 40.5% 2.2

## **Listing and Sales Summary Report**

September 2020



	Total Sales (Units)			Median Sales Prices			Average DOM			On-Market Listings (Ending Inventory)		
	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change
All MLS (All Inclusive)	9,392	7,883	+19.1%	\$210,000	\$185,200	+13.4%	35	37	-5.4%	16,083	27,660	-41.9%
City of Detroit*	377	317	+18.9%	\$55,000	\$49,950	+10.1%	54	45	+20.0%	1,528	2,781	-45.1%
Dearborn/Dearborn Heights*	240	214	+12.1%	\$171,250	\$145,550	+17.7%	25	26	-3.8%	324	610	-46.9%
Downriver Area*	454	432	+5.1%	\$150,000	\$134,500	+11.5%	24	27	-11.1%	562	1,166	-51.8%
Genesee County	577	486	+18.7%	\$168,000	\$150,000	+12.0%	33	35	-5.7%	790	1,682	-53.0%
Greater Wayne*	1,616	1,495	+8.1%	\$180,000	\$160,000	+12.5%	26	28	-7.1%	2,288	4,047	-43.5%
Grosse Pointe Areas*	78	70	+11.4%	\$342,750	\$302,450	+13.3%	30	38	-21.1%	179	270	-33.7%
Hillsdale County	67	40	+67.5%	\$143,500	\$130,000	+10.4%	73	72	+1.4%	146	239	-38.9%
Huron County	16	15	+6.7%	\$106,950	\$139,500	-23.3%	112	87	+28.7%	45	83	-45.8%
Jackson County	228	174	+31.0%	\$158,500	\$160,500	-1.2%	74	74	0.0%	538	605	-11.1%
Lapeer County	131	111	+18.0%	\$225,000	\$175,000	+28.6%	38	43	-11.6%	220	501	-56.1%
Lenawee County	154	118	+30.5%	\$173,250	\$163,500	+6.0%	69	66	+4.5%	320	458	-30.1%
Livingston County	349	279	+25.1%	\$300,000	\$279,000	+7.5%	37	35	+5.7%	510	950	-46.3%
Macomb County	1,480	1,211	+22.2%	\$200,000	\$180,000	+11.1%	24	30	-20.0%	1,814	3,463	-47.6%
Metro Detroit Area*	6,001	5,062	+18.5%	\$228,000	\$199,900	+14.1%	30	32	-6.3%	9,707	17,481	-44.5%
Monroe County	193	178	+8.4%	\$214,000	\$192,500	+11.2%	43	54	-20.4%	336	557	-39.7%
Montcalm County	19	19	0.0%	\$180,000	\$102,900	+74.9%	59	45	+31.1%	34	58	-41.4%
Oakland County	2,179	1,760	+23.8%	\$285,000	\$255,550	+11.5%	32	34	-5.9%	3,567	6,240	-42.8%
Saginaw County	196	171	+14.6%	\$130,000	\$103,000	+26.2%	37	43	-14.0%	282	582	-51.5%
Sanilac County	48	37	+29.7%	\$136,000	\$119,900	+13.4%	95	79	+20.3%	111	231	-51.9%
Shiawassee County	116	103	+12.6%	\$148,500	\$141,500	+4.9%	47	40	+17.5%	133	250	-46.8%
St. Clair County	254	207	+22.7%	\$190,500	\$180,000	+5.8%	37	40	-7.5%	371	735	-49.5%
Tuscola County	36	38	-5.3%	\$149,500	\$134,000	+11.6%	36	59	-39.0%	48	152	-68.4%
Washtenaw County	459	382	+20.2%	\$290,000	\$285,000	+1.8%	37	37	0.0%	1,284	1,596	-19.5%
Wayne County	1,993	1,812	+10.0%	\$168,000	\$145,000	+15.9%	31	31	0.0%	3,816	6,828	-44.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Included in county numbers.

Michigan State Police & GMAR Come Together to Sponsor a Medical Service Dog





In February 2019, Sqt. McRae of the Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School set a goal. To honor Michigan State Trooper Craig A. Scott; a military veteran who was killed in the line of duty after 7 years on the force in 1982.

Each recruit class creates a Hero WOD (workout of the day) for a fellow trooper and performs the Hero WOD at the gym. This 135th trooper recruit school added a fundraiser with an ambitious goal. To raise \$25,000 to sponsor the training of a medical service dog for a deserving recipient.

The members of the 135th Trooper Recruit School were well on their way to that goal, raising \$9,200 during a Hero WOD. That's when GMAR (The Greater Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®), reached out to help them complete their goal. GMAR has already been involved in raising funds for service dogs for several years, with their "5 Years, 5 Dogs, 5 Lives Saved" campaign and they have previously completed sponsorship of Service Dogs Cobalt REALTOR® Blue, and Thor, and have future Service Dog Independence, currently in training.

On Monday, August 12, 2019, the two came together, and GMAR presented a check to The Michigan State Police for \$15,725 - covering the balance of the Trooper Recruit School's sponsorship.

The funds raised and contributed will be sent to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, a 501(C)3 non-profit organization, that has raised and trained more than 320 service dogs for deserving individuals in need nationwide, predominantly for veterans and first-responders.

To date, Guardian Angels have paired more than 20 dogs in the State of Michigan. But the waiting list continues to grow. The number of both veterans and first-responders facing issues such as PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Seizure, and Diabetic disorders and mobility issues is steadily increasing, and it is the hope of the Michigan State Police and GMAR that this individually-trained medical service dog, yet named will greatly improve life for its future recipient.

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