

January 2010

HOUSING TIPS

2010 Free Home Buying and Selling Seminars for Staff

Harvard Real Estate Services' (HRES) free home buying seminars help demystify the home buying and mortgage processes. Available to all Harvard University employees, the seminars include information about the:

- mortgage application
- home buying process
- cash back through Harvard's Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP)

Now is the time to take advantage of the \$8,000 homebuyer tax credit that has been extended into 2010! Please visit the HRES website for more details and to find out how to get cash back when you buy or sell your home:

<http://www.facultyrealestate.harvard.edu/reap.htm>

To learn more and register for upcoming seminars see the attached supplement and visit:

<http://www.facultyrealestate.harvard.edu/seminars.htm>

Call 617-495-8840 or email fres@harvard.edu if you have questions or require further assistance.



TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Quad Bikes

Have you heard about Quad Bikes? Located at 51 Shepherd Street, QB is a non-profit bicycle shop for the Harvard Community. They sell refurbished bikes, provide bike repair services, and hold classes on bike maintenance.

For more details, see their web site:

<http://www.quadbikes.org/>



Harvard Walks Map

Need some exercise after all that holiday eating? Bundle up and find the Harvard Walks map in one of 18 Commuter Choice kiosks around campus. Don't know where to find a kiosk? Send an e-mail to Commuter Choice, and they will mail you the walking map:

commuterchoice@harvard.edu

RECENT EVENTS

Workshops

The Harvard-HUCTW Joint Housing and Transportation Committee recently sponsored two workshops called "Save Money. Save Energy. Be Comfortable. Be Greener." on the Cambridge and LMA campuses. Our presenter, Michael Berry from MA Energy Star Homes, discussed ways in which homeowners and renters can make their homes more energy efficient and save money in the process. He stressed the importance of getting a free home energy audit through www.masssave.com. The first 35 attendees were given gift bags containing energy efficiency items such as hot water testers, outlet draft blockers, and shower timers and all attendees received energy efficiency guides. Stay tuned for more events sponsored by the Joint Housing and Transportation Committee!



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HOUSING TIPS SUPPLEMENT (continued from first page)

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Please come to one of the Harvard Real Estate Services' (HRES) free home buying seminars to help demystify the home buying and mortgage processes. You can either attend a traditional seminar at one of the locations listed below OR you can attend a virtual seminar (webinar) from the comfort of your desk. Both the seminars and webinars will answer questions, such as:

- How do I sell my home in a competitive market?
- How much can I really afford to pay?
- How does the Homebuyer Tax Credit work?
- What type of mortgage makes the most sense?
- How can I get a copy of my credit report?
- What is a Purchase and Sale Agreement?
- What happens at the closing?

For the answers to these and other important questions, please join us at one of our regularly scheduled home buying and selling seminars or register for webinar. Dates are below.

To register for a seminar in **Cambridge** or a **virtual seminar (webinar)**, please go to <http://www.facultyrealestate.harvard.edu/seminars.htm>. Call 617-495-8840 or email fres@harvard.edu if you have questions or require further assistance. Internet log-on and phone dial-in provided to webinar registrants prior to seminar date.

To register for a **Longwood Medical Area (LMA)** seminar, please contact Barbara Wolf at 617-432-1615 or email barbara_wolf@hms.harvard.edu.

SEMINAR TYPE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Home Buying Seminar	Wed, Jan 13, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	124 Mt Auburn, Room 3311, 3rd Fl. Cambridge
Home Buying Seminar	Wed, Jan 27, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	Harvard Business Publishing, 300 North Beacon St, Board Room, 5th fl. Watertown
Home Selling Seminar	Thu, Jan 28, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	124 Mt Auburn, Room 3311, 3rd Fl. Cambridge
Home Buying Seminar	Thu, Feb 4, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	124 Mt Auburn, Room 3311, 3rd Fl. Cambridge
Home Buying Webinar	Thu, Feb 25, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	At your desk, registration required
Home Selling Seminar	Thu, Mar 4, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	Harvard Business School, Aldrich 010
Home Buying Seminar	Tue, Mar 9, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	Harvard Business School, Aldrich 010
Home Buying Seminar	Thu, Mar 18, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	124 Mt Auburn, Room 3311, 3rd Fl. Cambridge
Home Buying Seminar	Thu, Apr 1, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	124 Mt Auburn, Room 3311, 3rd Fl. Cambridge
Home Buying Webinar	Tue, Apr 20, 2010	12:00 pm -1:30 pm	At your desk, registration required