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SCAOR OFFICE HOURS
8:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday
Every Thursday the office is closed from
9:00am-10:30am for a staff meeting



Message from the Santa Cruz County Assessor-Recorder

Beginning Monday, May 5, 2008 the Santa Cruz County Recorders Office will be closed during the noon hour (12:00 to 1:00) daily, but will remain open until 4:00pm. Document recording will stop at 3:00pm each business day. Documents received after 3:00pm will be recorded the next business day.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR SPRING FLING TICKETS



You are invited to the Annual Spring Fling BBQ & Baking Contest on Wednesday May 7th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. For only \$10 you will enjoy a tasty BBQ lunch, delicious desserts, margaritas and welcome SCAOR's new CEO, Kathy Hartman. If you are planning to enter the baking contest the deadline to enter your treat is Friday, May 2nd . Also featured at the BBQ is our own local favorite musician, Mighty Mike Schermer. Call SCAOR at 831-464-2000 for tickets.

SCAOR Education Highlight

Housing Assistance Programs

In partnership with the Santa Cruz Association of REALTORS® Housing Foundation

Tuesday, May 13th 10:00am-12:00pm at SCAOR

Tuition is FREE— pre-registration is a must to reserve your seat

Call SCAOR at 831-464-2000 to register

Topics include: CALHFA; SCAORHF Closing Cost Assistance Grants; New Pilot programs for grants to Mobile Home in parks; Measure J & Measure J Opportunities; and more!



A big thanks to all who attended our first in a series of five Brown Bag Lunch seminars on the subject of Microsoft Outlook. It met with such great success that most of the attendees who had only registered for the first class actually signed up for the entire series following the class. Instructor & CEO of Exceedio Managed Services, Mat Gafke did a wonderful job getting everyone excited about Outlook and all are looking forward to the next class. Great job Mat! This Brown Bag Lunch Series on Outlook consists of a total of five classes at \$20 per class or \$69 for the series. SCAOR members still have time take advantage of the special series price if they register before May 28th. For more information about this series or to register [here](#) or call the

COMING UP IN EDUCATION:

May 12th [MLS: Advanced CMA 10:00am-12:00pm](#)

May 16th [Fiscal Fitness: How to Prevent Mortgage Transmitted Diseases 11:30am-1:00pm](#)

May 22 & 23 [Resort & Second Home Markets RSPS certification core class 8:30am-4:00pm](#)

May 28th [Effective Use of Email 12:00pm-1:00pm](#)

May 30th [How to Handle an Upside/Underwater Sale 9:00am-12:30pm](#)

[How to Analyze and Price Small Rental Properties 1:00pm-4:30pm](#)

For a complete list of classes being offered at SCAOR click [here](#).

Tips to save energy and your cell phone!

Do you find that your cell phone just won't hold a charge for very long?

Here's some tips that may help:

1. Stop charging overnight! The longer a battery is charging, the longer it's exposed to heat, which can wear it down. Most cell phone batteries fully charge in under two hours, so as soon as all bars have been restored, unplug your phone. And while you're at it, unplug the charger, which constantly drains power even when it's not juicing up your phone.
2. All heat sources--not just the charger--can damage the battery, so whenever possible, keep your phone out of the heat. Put it in your pocket instead of on the picnic table on hot days. Avoid parking it on the dashboard of your vehicle.
3. Adjust to power-saving settings. Lighting the screen drains the most battery power, so cut the LCD brightness down as far as you can without causing eye strain, and, if your eyes can take it, turn down the backlight setting so that it dims in just a few seconds.
4. During periods when you'd rather not be bothered, like in the movie theater or while sleeping, turn the phone off completely.

And keep in mind that power is draining whenever the phone is in use, even if it's not for a phone call, so only play Tetris when you absolutely have to.

Suggestions? Comments?

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